

Target Faces Pressure Amid Expanding Anti-ICE Protests

Description

Activists planned protests at over 25 Target stores across the United States to urge the retailer to oppose an immigration crackdown in Minnesota. The coalition known as ICE Out Minnesota has called for sit-ins and demonstrations at Target locations for one week, following recent events in Minneapolis where two residents died during anti-ICE protests.

Elan Axelbank, from the Minnesota chapter of Socialist Alternative, expressed frustration that Target, while claiming to support the community, has not confronted the actions of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Protests are also expected in cities including Boston, Chicago, and Philadelphia, but Target has not yet commented on these events.

Target became a focus for criticism after a video showed federal agents detaining two employees in Richfield, Minneapolis. Unidos Minnesota, part of the ICE Out Minnesota coalition, is targeting the Richfield store with their protests. One key demand from demonstrators is that Target should require federal agents to present court-approved warrants before entering their stores.

However, legal experts assert that ICE agents can access public areas of businesses without such warrants. Neil Saunders, a market research director, added that Target must comply with the law, which limits its ability to prevent ICE operations.

Target's new CEO, Michael Fiddelke, condemned violence in the community following the deaths of two residents but did not directly address the immigration crackdown. Recent protests come just a year after previous boycotts against the company's diversity initiatives. The situation remains a concern for Target as it faces other business challenges, with demonstrators organising events, including singing, to express their support for vulnerable immigrant communities.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Protests** /'prəʊ.təsts/ (noun): Public demonstrations expressing strong objections to policies or actions.
2. **Demonstrations** /,dəmən'streɪʃənz/ (noun): Public displays of group opinion often through marches or rallies.
3. **Immigration** /,ɪmɪ'grɛʃən/ (noun): The action of coming to live permanently in a foreign country.
4. **Coalition** /,kəʊ.ə'lɪʃ.ən/ (noun): A group formed for a specific purpose often involving multiple parties or organizations.
5. **Confronted** /kən'frən.tid/ (verb): To face someone or something in a challenging way typically regarding an issue or problem.
6. **Condemned** /kən'dəmnd/ (verb): Expressed strong disapproval or denunciation of something.



Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What form of public expression focuses on raising awareness about social issues?

- Option: Protests
- Option: Immigration
- Option: Coalition
- Option: Healthcare

2. What is a tax imposed on imported goods?

- Option: Frustration
- Option: Tariffs
- Option: Collaboration
- Option: Decline

3. Which industry produces electronic components?

- Option: Mitigate
- Option: Semiconductor
- Option: Complex
- Option: Significance

4. What term describes a decrease or reduction in progress or quality?

- Option: Commute
- Option: Progress
- Option: Decline
- Option: Coalition

5. What is the advancement towards achieving a goal or improving a situation?

- Option: Stressed
- Option: Progress
- Option: Condemned
- Option: Opulent

6. Which term means to make something less severe or painful?

- Option: Mitigate
- Option: Autonomy
- Option: Complex
- Option: Fluctuations

7. What is a formal decision or commitment made between two or more parties?

Option: Collaboration
Option: Agreement
Option: Frustration
Option: Commute

8. Which word describes something that is composed of many interconnected parts?

Option: Dynamics
Option: Complex
Option: Commute
Option: Coalition

9. What refers to the contamination of the environment with harmful substances?

Option: Import
Option: Pollution
Option: Agreement
Option: Opulent

10. Which sector provides medical services to individuals?

Option: Healthcare
Option: Cost of living
Option: Condemned
Option: Stressed

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The protesters were _____ by the authorities during the demonstration.

12. The city faced heavy _____ due to the road construction.

13. The agreement was non-_____ meaning it did not hold parties to specific actions.

14. The industry sector involved in production is known as _____.

15. There was widespread _____ regarding the feasibility of the new policy.

16. The daily _____ to work often takes a toll on one's energy and time.

17. The palace was a symbol of wealth and _____ design.

18. The stock market experiences regular _____ in prices.

19. Teamwork and _____ are crucial for the success of the project.

20. The company granted its employees more _____ in decision-making.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The workers were due to the tight deadlines and high workload.

22. The political parties formed a to gain majority support in parliament.

23. The discovery of a new species in the forest has great ecological .

24. The repeated delays in project completion led to widespread among the team.

25. The country introduced new policies to control and regulate the influx of foreign nationals.

26. Efforts are being made to the impact of climate change through sustainable practices.

27. The country heavily relies on goods to meet consumer demands.

28. Understanding the social is essential for effective community engagement.

29. Access to affordable and quality remains a major concern for citizens.

30. The nature of the situation required a comprehensive analysis before making a decision.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Protests 2. Tariffs 3. Semiconductor 4. Decline 5. Progress 6. Mitigate 7. Agreement 8. Complex 9. Pollution 10. Healthcare

Gap-Fill: 11. confronted 12. congestion 13. binding 14. manufacturing 15. skepticism 16. commute 17. opulent 18. fluctuations 19. collaboration 20. autonomy

Matching sentence: 1. stressed 2. coalition 3. significance 4. frustration 5. immigration 6. mitigate 7. import 8. dynamics 9. healthcare 10. complex

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