



Poll: Sanctuary Cities

On Monday, United States Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that Justice Department grants will no longer be available to sanctuary cities or sanctuary states. A “sanctuary” city or state is one that has a policy of refusing to enforce federal immigration laws. At Monday’s press conference, Secretary Sessions stated, “Such policies cannot continue. They make our nation less safe by putting dangerous criminals back on the streets.”

On January 30, 2017, Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley announced that Cincinnati will become a sanctuary city, which means that as a city, Cincinnati will not enforce existing federal immigration laws against people who are in America illegally.

Proponents of sanctuary cities hope to offer residence to undocumented immigrants to help them avoid deportation. Opponents believe that, by refusing to enforce existing law, cities are leaving their inhabitants vulnerable to increased risk of crime.

Question of the Week: Do you believe it is appropriate to withhold federal funds from cities that refuse to obey federal law?