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**Q&A Guide to *Arizona v. United States*  
How the Supreme Court Ruled on SB 1070 and What It Means for Other States**

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**Washington, D.C.**—One month ago today, the Supreme Court issued its landmark decision in *Arizona v. United States*, which invalidated three provisions of the immigration law known as “SB 1070” and left a fourth open to future challenges. More than any matter in recent history, the case settled a range of important questions regarding the role that states may play in the enforcement of federal immigration law. As a result, the ruling will affect not only SB 1070, but the fate of other state immigration laws being challenged in court and the odds of similar laws passing around the country.

Today, the Immigration Policy Center releases an updated version of its Q&A on *Arizona v. United States*, which discusses how the Supreme Court decided the case and what the ruling means for immigration laws in other states. As debates over the ruling continue, understanding the basis for the Court’s opinion will prove critically important in furthering a rational discussion on the implications of the decision.

**To view the Q&A Guide in its entirety, see:**

- [\*How the Supreme Court Rules on SB 1070 and What it Means for Other States\*](#) (IPC Special Report, July 2012.)

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