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Papers Please: Immigration, Enforcement, and Remittances

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How does remittance activity change in immigrant communities in the context of a change in law enforcement jurisdiction, as seen by the SB. 1070 law enacted in Arizona?

**RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

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Analysis of population percentages.

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**UNDERSTANDING OF IMMIGRANT INFLUENCES IN LOCAL ECONOMIES**

**WHAT IS SB.1070?**

SB. 1070, the Arizona ‘Stop and Identify Law’, added this violation as a state misdemeanor crime to be an alien in Arizona without carrying the above-mentioned documents. It also required that state law enforcement to determine an individual’s immigrant status during any ‘lawful stop, detention or arrest’, within reasonable suspicion on behalf of the law enforcement officer.

**IMMIGRANT CHARACTERISTICS & DATA**

- Arrest Rate
- Remittance Rate
- Immigration Rate

**REMITTANCE EFFECTS**

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**INSTITUTIONAL MISTRUST**

With certainty being removed, behavior goes through unintended changes. Immigrants that are in a position of danger, and a necessity to remit to their household back in their community of origin, will do so. One way or the other. If institutional mistrust sets in, there are economic consequences from the lack of use of institutions, that will spillover in to the macro-environment.