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[T]he publication of Jos Jorge Mendoza's book is particularly timely.... Mendoza's engagement with issues of immigration enforcement is a welcome contribution to the ethics of immigration literature. Mendoza's book should be of interest to scholars and policymakers concerned to reflect on the policies states may employ to enforce their immigration laws, and has important lessons for current U.S. enforcement policy. (Notre Dame Philosophical s) This book is a groundbreaking work in moral and political philosophy that treats the issue of immigration not merely as an applied issue, but rather as an issue that demands an overhaul and radical rethinking of liberal theory. In very general terms, it argues for the necessity of situating the public debate on immigration at the center of philosophical debates on liberty, security, and equality. (Carlos Alberto Sanchez, San Jose State University) A timely and much needed work that challenges philosophers to grapple with the moral and political issues surrounding immigration enforcement the first book-length philosophical treatment to do so. It also makes an excellent case for the invaluable role philosophy plays in debates surrounding immigration reform. At last, a Latino philosophers voice on this important issue! (Grant J. Silva, Marquette University) About the Author Jos Jorge Mendoza is assistant professor of philosophy at University of Massachusetts, Lowell.