The current U.S. immigration crisis is complex. Conflicts at the Texas border pose especially tricky research challenges given the need to study especially vulnerable populations. Such research is needed to guide informed and humane policies; but we lack coherent data collection strategies or policies to shape that research. This presentation will address concerns of immigrants and of law enforcement officers, and examine other ethical issues related to immigration, migration and the rights of vulnerable populations.

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