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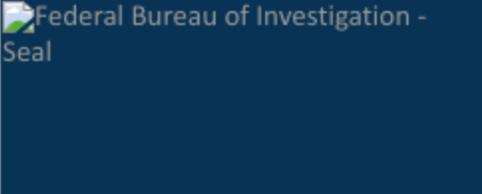
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[REDACTED]ers, with critics accusing them of politicizing the FBI and retaliating against employees who disagree with them.

Continued Reporting: Director Patel, a Longtime Bureau Critic, Begins to Put His Stamp on the Agency

[NPR](#) (06/05, Lucas) reported that Director Patel, a former critic of the agency, has begun to implement changes since taking the helm over 100 days ago, including redeploying agents and analysts from Washington, D.C. to field offices across the country. The article explained that Director Patel and his deputy, Dan Bongino, are shifting the FBI's focus from traditional law enforcement work to immigration enforcement, with most field offices now working on immigration cases. A spokesman for the FBI, Ben Williamson, said the agency does not comment on specific personnel decisions. But he added that the bureau's "agents and support staff are dedicated professionals working around the clock to defend the homeland and crush violent crime — a mission which certainly overlaps with the consequences of the previous administration's open border policies for four years." The article added that the new leadership has also disbanded the premier public corruption squad, which investigated public officials, and is instead prioritizing cases such as the pipe bombs found near the Capitol and the leak of the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision. "We come in in the morning, there's a portfolio of 100 level 10 items. If it's a level nine, which is a pretty big frickin' deal, someone else fixed it," Deputy Director Bongino told Fox's Maria Bartiromo in a joint sit-down interview with Director Patel last month. "The only thing that gets to my desk or his is a level 10. That's the entire day." In that same interview, Director Patel said his priorities for the bureau were crushing violent crime, defending the homeland, rigorous constitutional accountability, and aggressive constitutional oversight with Congress. He also has promised a "wave of transparency," including on the investigation into possible ties between the 2016 Trump campaign and Russia and the death of disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein. [The Daily Mail](#) (06/05, Spiering) reported that Deputy Director Bongino claims to have video evidence proving Jeffrey Epstein's death was a suicide in his cell at the Metropolitan Correctional Center. Bongino says the video shows Epstein was alone in his cell and that guards checked on him regularly, with no one else entering the area. He conceded the Epstein case was "a hot potato for folks" but also cautioned people against putting too much emphasis on the video he was preparing to release. "It's not the greatest video in the world. I don't want to set expectations on fire." Additional reporting on the story was provided by [The Independent](#) (06/05, Bedigan), [New York Post](#) (06/05, Norman), [The Epoch Times](#) (06/05, Phillips), and [Washington Examiner](#) (06/05, Notheis).

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