Key Findings of the Task Force Minority Report

Immigration and Security

1. **ICE's Crackdown Cast a Large Shadow over the World Cup**: More than 167,000 people were arrested by ICE in and around host cities between January 2025 and March 2026. The Trump administration's enforcement may have discouraged domestic and international participation, undermining the promise of a welcoming tournament.
2. **Federal Officials Refused to Rule Out Immigration Enforcement at Events**: ICE leadership told Congress that the agency would play a major security role but refused to rule out civil immigration enforcement at matches and fan festivals. Without clear restrictions, similar uncertainty could undermine public confidence in the 2028 Olympics.
3. **Confusion Over ICE's Role Exposed Security Gaps**: A Miami World Cup official testified that he had no coordination with ICE. Democratic Task Force members' questions went unanswered and requests for hearings were ignored.
4. **Immigration Enforcement Fears Threatened Tourism and Local Businesses**: Over 120 organizations warned international visitors about U.S. immigration enforcement risks, while reports indicated weaker-than-expected hotel bookings. DHS Secretary Mullin threatened to withdraw customs personnel from host-city airports. This uncertainty risks discouraging tourism and harming local economies.

Federal Security Funding

5. **DHS Missed Its Own Deadline for Delivering $625 Million in Security Funding**: Congress appropriated $625 million for World Cup security, but DHS missed its grant deadline by nearly seven weeks. The delay complicated critical preparation in host cities.
6. **Funding Delays Put Local Security Operations at Risk**: In Foxborough, Massachusetts, officials threatened to withhold match permits without assurances of federal reimbursement. Miami officials warned their fan festival could be canceled, while Kansas City police warned that funding uncertainty imperiled their security operations. These delays left local governments facing financial risks and possible security cutbacks.
7. **DHS Failed to Explain How Hundreds of Millions Were Allocated**: FEMA announced the grant program without eligibility criteria or application instructions. The DHS Secretary held sole discretion over awards, without providing public explanations. Miami received approximately $7 million more than New Jersey despite hosting seven matches compared with New Jersey's eight, including the final. Without transparent rules, Congress cannot determine whether awards reflected security needs.
8. **The Administration Weakened FEMA While Diverting Personnel to Immigration Enforcement**: DHS carried out mass firings, encouraged resignations, and diverted personnel from their primary responsibilities to support ICE and CBP operations. President Trump repeatedly called for eliminating FEMA, even as the agency administered World Cup security money. These decisions potentially threaten FEMA's ability to deliver the $1 billion in security funding for the 2028 Olympics.

Looking Ahead: Recommendations for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics

This report calls for clear restrictions on civil immigration enforcement at Olympic events, transparent security grants with enforceable deadlines, protection of FEMA resources, and stronger congressional oversight to help prevent a repeat of the World Cup's security issues.