

The 6 motion to proceed pseudonymously is denied. The plaintiffs may well fear retaliation, but this is not a case where their identities are irrelevant to the public's interest in scrutinizing the important issues in the case. See *Does I thru XXIII v. Advanced Textile Corp.*, 214 F.3d 1058, 1072-73 (9th Cir. 2000). To the contrary, the potentially identifying information about research topics that would have to be sealed in order to protect anonymity, see Dkt. No. 11, is central to important issues in this case such as whether the government is engaging in viewpoint discrimination. Accordingly, the plaintiffs are ordered to file an amended complaint within 7 days that either reveals the names of the Doe plaintiffs or drops them from this suit. For the same reasons, the 11 motion to file supporting declarations of the Doe plaintiffs under seal is also denied. The plaintiffs are permitted to withdraw this information rather than file it publicly. Signed by Judge Vince Chhabria on October 8, 2026. (This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.) (vclc2, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 10/8/2026) (Entered: 10/08/2026)