

U.S. House Latino Democrats Denounce Trump Immigration Orders

By Nate Tinner-Williams

Latino Democrats in the House of Representatives spoke out Thursday on a flurry of first-day executive orders from President Donald Trump encouraging increased scrutiny of immigrants' legal status and rollbacks of paths to citizenship.

At the U.S. Capitol, members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) directly addressed the new policies—including a freeze on new asylum cases, an attempted repeal of birthright citizenship, an emergency declaration on the U.S.-Mexico border, and a lifting of restrictions on Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids at schools, churches, and other sensitive locations.

The various orders are an upshot of Trump's long-running campaign promise to carry out widespread deportations in cities across the country, a move Democratic lawmakers have opposed as unconstitutional.

"Whether we are progressive, moderate, or a little bit more moderate, I think that Dreamers, farm workers, and families bring us together," said Rep. Adriano Espaillat of New York, the first Black chair of the CHC, during the hourlong livestreamed event on Thursday.

"There are other issues such as birthright citizenship, (Temporary Protected Status), and others that

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Demócratas latinos de la Cámara de Representantes de EE.UU. denuncian órdenes de inmigración de Trump

Por Nate Tinner-Williams

Los demócratas latinos en la Cámara de Representantes se pronunciaron el jueves sobre una serie de órdenes ejecutivas del primer día del presidente Donald Trump que alientan un mayor escrutinio del estatus legal de los inmigrantes y retrocesos en los caminos hacia la ciudadanía.

En el Capitolio de Estados Unidos, los miembros del Caucus Hispano del Congreso (CHC) abordaron directamente las nuevas políticas, incluida la congelación de nuevos casos de asilo, un intento de derogación de la ciudadanía por derecho de nacimiento, una declaración de emergencia en la frontera entre Estados Unidos y México y un levantamiento de las restricciones a las redadas del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) en escuelas, iglesias y otros lugares sensibles.

Las diversas órdenes son el resultado de la promesa de campaña de larga data de Trump de llevar a cabo deportaciones generalizadas en ciudades de todo el país, una medida a la que los legisladores demócratas se han opuesto por considerarla inconstitucional.

"Ya seamos progresistas, moderados o un poco más moderados, creo que los Dreamers, los trabajadores agrícolas y las familias nos unen", dijo el representante Adriano Espaillat de Nueva York, el primer presidente negro del CHC,

durante el evento de una hora transmitido en vivo el jueves.

"Hay otros temas como la ciudadanía por derecho de nacimiento, (el Estatus de Protección Temporal) y otros que (también) son de importancia crítica para nosotros", agregó Espaillat.

El CHC fue uno de los primeros grupos demócratas en denunciar abiertamente las nuevas órdenes de Trump, que llegaron a pocas horas de su toma de posesión el lunes. Su discurso ese día en la Rotonda del Capitolio incluyó comentarios sobre la ciudadanía por nacimiento, la crisis fronteriza y la política de "Permanecer en México", que requiere que los solicitantes de asilo permanezcan fuera de Estados Unidos mientras esperan una decisión en los tribunales de inmigración.

El presidente también sugirió que su administración se centrará en expulsar a los "extranjeros criminales", un término incendiario que se refiere a los inmigrantes convictos que, según él, estaban protegidos por las políticas del expresidente Joe Biden durante su tiempo en la Casa Blanca.

Esa afirmación en particular fue criticada por los líderes del CHC durante sus comentarios del jueves en Washington.

"El presidente Trump afirmó que su

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Las pequeñas empresas propiedad de latinos e hispanos son más optimistas sobre las perspectivas económicas para 2025

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A medida que entramos en 2025, los propietarios de pequeñas empresas están encontrando un aspecto positivo en medio de los desafíos. La última encuesta Business Leaders Outlook de JPMorganChase revela una ola de optimismo que se extiende por todo el sector. Más del 70% de los propietarios de pequeñas empresas expresan confianza, sintiéndose "optimistas" o "muy optimistas" sobre el rendimiento de su industria y su empresa el próximo año.

Cabe destacar que los propietarios de empresas diversas muestran un mayor optimismo sobre el panorama económico a nivel local, nacional y global. Los propi-

etarios latinos e hispanos de pequeñas empresas planean depender más de todos los tipos de financiamiento para sus empresas en comparación con todos los propietarios de empresas este año.

Estos son cinco hallazgos clave de la encuesta de este año.

1) El optimismo económico crece cada año...

Más de la mitad de los propietarios latinos e hispanos de pequeñas empresas expresaron optimismo sobre el estado de la economía local, nacional y global. Casi el 80% tenía el mismo optimismo sobre el rendimiento de su sector o el rendimiento

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are (also) critically important to us,” added Espailat.

The CHC was one of the first Democratic groups to openly denounce Trump’s new orders, which came within hours of his inauguration on Monday. His speech that day at the Capitol Rotunda included comments on birthright citizenship, the border crisis, and the “Remain in Mexico” policy, which requires asylum seekers to remain outside of the U.S. while awaiting a decision in immigration courts.

The president also suggested that his administration will focus on removing “criminal aliens” — an inflammatory term referring to convicted immigrants he says were protected by the policies of former President Joe Biden during his time in the White House.

That claim in particular took heat from CHC leaders during their comments on Thursday in Washington.

“President Trump claimed that his administration is launching mass deportation campaigns to get criminals off the street. The vast majority of undocumented immigrants are hardworking people who pay taxes and contribute to American society,” said Rep. Joaquin Castro of Texas.

“Trump doesn’t care about keeping Americans safe from crime.

We know this because if he did, he wouldn’t have released nearly 1,600 violent criminals who were involved in the January 6th attack,” Castro added.

In total, a dozen Democratic lawmakers spoke at the CHC event, including representatives from several border states and Rep. Ted Lieu of California, vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus. The CHC previously issued a joint statement on birthright citizenship with the chairpersons of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, of which Lieu is a member, and the Congressional Black Caucus.

In his remarks at the Capitol, Espailat—himself a formerly undocumented person—said his caucus plans to push for a larger voice in the immigration issue at the level of the White House. The changes on the horizon from a reenergized Republican base could affect more than 11 million undocumented Americans and their families.

“In the past, the issue of immigration has been discussed without our presence at the table,” said Espailat. “We intend to change that. We demand that we are at the table when it’s being discussed, because it impacts our communities disproportionately.”

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On Monday, January 27, 2025, an unveiling ceremony naming two streets honoring our own local esteemed Marine Veterans was held at the Richard A. Pittman VA Clinic in French Camp. One of the two streets at the VA Clinic is named after Faustino "Tino" Adame, and the other for Richard A. Pittman, both Stockton natives. Tino Adame, Jr. was born in French Camp on January 27, 1947. At the age of 19, he enlisted in the US Marine Corp and was sent to Vietnam. After his unit came under heavy artillery fire during an ambush, he was shot and later received a Purple Heart for his service.

He completed his service in 1967 and returned home to begin working at the Tracy Defense Depot for the next 35 years, retiring in 1999. In 1998, he became the first Latino Commander of the Karl Ross Post #16 of Stockton's American Legion. As commander, Tino played a crucial role in re-establishing the Post's connection with the Stockton community. He worked tirelessly to get the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors to increase support for the Veterans Service Office and helped to influence the Stockton Unified School District to name a new elementary school in honor of Stockton's only Medal of Honor Recipient - Richard A. Pittman. He also sought to acknowledge female Veterans. As a result of his advocacy, a stretch of CA Highway

99 from Arch Road to Hammer Lane has been dedicated in recognition of Women Veterans.

Tino's enlistment into the Marine Corps should come as no surprise - his father and three brothers all enlisted into the armed forces and proudly served. Tino Adame has been happily married to Mary Hope Lopez Adame for the past 54 years. Mary worked as a registered nurse for 43 years dedicating her life to helping others. She has also been a dedicated advocate involved in the American Legion Auxiliary (Post #16) to positively impact the lives of Veterans, military, and their families through education, resources and support of Veteran causes.

For over 30 years, Tino played an instrumental role in advocating for better health care facilities for Veterans in the San Joaquin Valley. His efforts eventually helped lead to the creation of the new Richard A. Pittman VA Clinic, and the namesake of the other street, Richard A. Pittman Drive.

In recognition of his relentless efforts for Veterans and to ensure the success of the VA Clinic/Hospital, the dedication of "Tino Adame Road" will forever cement Mr. Adame's unwavering dedication and community advocacy to help secure local Veterans easier access to essential medical care. During the unveiling ceremony, the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce and the Central Valley Association of Realtors also honored him by



Tino Adame with Mary Lopez Adame and Santa Lopez Minatre



TOP: Stockton Chamber's CEO, Timm Quinn presents Stocktonian of the Year Award to Tino Adame.
RIGHT: Street named in honor of Tino Adame at Veterans Hospital



awarding him as Stocktonian of the Year.

The Richard A. Pittman VA Clinic is located in French Camp, CA providing services for Veterans living in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Calaveras, and Tuolumne counties. The 160,000

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de su propia empresa.

2) ...pero existen algunas preocupaciones

Aunque las pequeñas empresas parecen haber dejado atrás la incertidumbre económica de los años de pandemia, las empresas de propiedad diversa siguen siendo más cautelosas con respecto al futuro. Curiosamente, es aún más probable que prevean una recesión en 2025 en comparación con la comunidad empresarial en general. Sin embargo, menos de un tercio de las empresas de propiedad diversa esperan una recesión económica. Entre las pequeñas empresas de latinos e hispanos, el 32% dijo que "sí" a las expectativas de una recesión en 2025. Este optimismo cauteloso refleja una perspectiva matizada, equilibrando la resiliencia con un ojo atento a los posibles cambios económicos.

3) La inflación es la principal preocupación, pero los desafíos de ciberseguridad están creciendo

Dado que la inflación sigue siendo el principal desafío para los propietarios de empresas a partir de 2025, los propietarios de empresas latinos e hispanos están particularmente en sintonía con la amenaza de la ciberseguridad, identificándola como su segundo mayor desafío. Esta preocupación supera la "incertidumbre de las condiciones económicas", que ocupa el segundo lugar entre la comunidad en general. En todos los grupos, el aumento de los impuestos surge como el tercer problema más apremiante. Esto destaca un enfoque distintivo entre los propietarios de empresas

diversas en la importancia de proteger sus operaciones de cualquier amenaza.

4) Encontrar financiación

Las empresas de propiedad diversa se están posicionando estratégicamente para aprovechar una variedad de fuentes de financiación más que las pequeñas empresas en general. Las empresas de los latinos e hispanos, por ejemplo, mostraron una preferencia notable por las tarjetas de crédito comerciales (61%) y los préstamos de bancos/uniones de crédito tradicionales (43%). Una gran mayoría de las empresas de los latinos e hispanos (76%) también tienen más probabilidades que los encuestados empresariales en general (55%) de explorar los préstamos en línea este año.

5) Planes de contratación ambiciosos en medio de desafíos de talento
Las empresas de propiedad diversa están estableciendo ambiciosos objetivos de contratación para 2025. Entre las empresas de los latinos e hispanos, el 63% prevé un aumento en las contrataciones a tiempo completo y el 52% prevé más contrataciones a tiempo parcial. Esto contrasta con el 46% de todos los encuestados que esperan aumentos de contratación a tiempo completo y solo el 38% que planifican contrataciones a tiempo parcial.

Sin embargo, estas empresas se enfrentan a importantes desafíos a la hora de encontrar a los candidatos adecuados. La gran mayoría (91%) de las empresas de los latinos e hispanos expresan inquietudes en torno a la contratación. Las empresas de los latinos e hispanos citan el desafío de

abrir nuevas ubicaciones (34%).

Esta respuesta se hace eco en general, ya que el 79 % de los encuestados está preocupado por encontrar candidatos adecuados.

El resultado final

El optimismo económico está en aumento entre los propietarios de pequeñas empresas de propiedad diversa, y las pequeñas empresas de los latinos e hispanos tienen mayor confianza en las perspectivas económicas locales, nacionales y globales que las respuestas a las encuestas en general.

A pesar de algunos temores sobre una posible recesión y los desafíos de reclutamiento, las pequeñas empresas de propiedad diversa están decididas a ampliar su fuerza laboral y asegurar la financiación para impulsar el crecimiento. Esta determinación subraya su optimismo para 2025 y su preparación para realizar movimientos estratégicos para escalar sus operaciones.

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Immigration protests continue in Downtown LA

Protests against President Donald Trump's crackdown on illegal immigration continued for a fourth straight day in downtown Los Angeles Wednesday, with demonstrators blocking streets and interfering with traffic.

Several hundred people rallied near City Hall on Wednesday, prompting the Los Angeles Police Department to issue a traffic advisory for the area of Spring Street, First Street and Broadway.

That came one day after high school students staged a walkout and marched through downtown Los Angeles. Some students gathered on the Main Street overpass of the Hollywood (101) Freeway and eventually rallied near Olvera Street, then marched toward City Hall.

They marched from their campuses holding Mexican flags, wearing sports jerseys with the respective flag and

holding signs that read "Our School, Our Education, Our Rights," "No one is illegal on stolen land" and much more.

Police reported that the demonstration was peaceful, although students were marching in traffic lanes.

On Monday, an hours-long rally, march and protest in downtown Los Angeles was for the most part peaceful, but turned unruly in the early evening after police declared an unlawful assembly and tried to move the crowd away from the freeway. Roughly 200 people were detained by police.

Since taking office on Jan. 20, Trump has acted on his campaign promise to increase deportations.

As of yesterday, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously passed a series of motions to protect immigrants from the mass deportations.



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administración está lanzando campañas de deportación masiva para sacar a los criminales de las calles. La gran mayoría de los inmigrantes indocumentados son personas trabajadoras que pagan impuestos y contribuyen a la sociedad estadounidense", dijo el representante Joaquín Castro de Texas.

"A Trump no le importa proteger a los estadounidenses de la delincuencia.

Lo sabemos porque, si así fuera, no habría liberado a casi 1.600 delincuentes violentos que participaron en el ataque del 6 de enero", añadió Castro.

En total, una docena de legisladores demócratas hablaron en el evento del CHC, incluidos representantes de varios estados fronterizos y el representante Ted Lieu de California, vicepresidente del Caucus Demócrata de la Cámara

de Representantes. El CHC emitió previamente una declaración conjunta sobre la ciudadanía por derecho de nacimiento con los presidentes del Caucus Asiático-Pacífico Americano del Congreso, del que Lieu es miembro, y el Caucus Negro del Congreso .

En sus comentarios en el Capitolio, Espaillat, que antes era indocumentado, dijo que su grupo parlamentario planea presionar para que se escuche más la voz en el tema de la inmigración a nivel de la Casa Blanca. Los cambios que se

vislumbran en el horizonte, provenientes de una base republicana revitalizada, podrían afectar a más de 11 millones de estadounidenses indocumentados y a sus familias.

"En el pasado, el tema de la inmigración se ha discutido sin nuestra presencia en la mesa", dijo Espaillat. "Tenemos la intención de cambiar eso. Exigimos estar presentes en la mesa cuando se discuta, porque afecta a nuestras comunidades de manera desproporcionada".



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Immigrants Dreams and Challenges Then and Now

By Julia Barnes

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The immigrant's journey is fundamentally about leaving behind the old world to build one anew, often at tremendous cost. No one understood this better than the Founding Fathers of the United States, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton who fought in the American Revolution and Militia.

These men may have died on American soil, but they were all born in the British colonies with the exception of Alexander Hamilton, who was born in the British Isles. With their passion and dedication, these immigrant visionaries helped the United States become the world's leading political, economic, and cultural power.

One of the most influential founding fathers, Alexander Hamilton, was a fierce advocate for American independence, an instrumental promoter of the US Constitution, founder of the nation's financial system and the first Secretary of the Treasury.

Alexander Hamilton's life was so

inspirational to playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda, that he wrote the Broadway Hit, "Hamilton" which is an inspired testament recognizing the founding fathers' immigrant experience. Miranda grew up in the Dominican enclave of Manhattan's Washington Heights, an immigrant community. His play embodies the dream of every immigrant in search of a better life.

As Miranda told the Atlantic, when Hamilton "gets to New York, I felt like, 'I know this guy...it's the guy who comes to this country and says, I am going to work six jobs, if you're only working one. I'm gonna make a life for myself here.' That's a familiar storyline to me, beginning with my father and so many people I grew up with in my neighborhood."

He continued, "Immigrants have been present and necessary since the founding of our country. I think it's also a nice reminder that any fight we're having right now, politically, we already had it 200-some odd years ago."

Hamilton seeks to remind us that, in many ways, the past is just the present and there is nothing new under the sun. The more things change, the more they stay the same. Just as Americans did over 200 years ago, we once again find ourselves divisive over the topic of immigration. Having to protest for recognition as we stand up for changing the status quo.

This year, on Monday, February 3, Businesses around the country went dark and protesters took to the streets



as part of "A Day Without Immigrants" strike to show what life would be like in this country without immigrants and to showcase the importance of their role in the US economy.

The effort, which called for immigrants to skip school and work and withhold spending Monday, was at play in cities large and small across the country, with pronounced demonstrations in immigrant-dense communities in California and Texas. Wendy Guardado, a Los Angeles activist who helped organize the strike, told the Los Angeles Times that she'd counted 250 businesses around the country that had closed in solidarity with the campaign.

"We recognize the invaluable contribution of our immigrant community. Without you, we would not be here,"

Joan's on Third, a popular Los Angeles restaurant that's been open for 30 years, posted on social media. "A day without immigrants is a day for us all to reflect and honor the strength of our community."

The campaign, largely organized over social media, comes as President Donald Trump deploys Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents around the country to round up undocumented immigrants, who economists say play a vital role in the American economy.

Demonstrators also took to the streets in Los Angeles, Tallahassee and Philadelphia. About 400 people assembled in California's Sonoma County, home to an \$8 billion wine

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Otra corte bloquea orden de Trump contra ciudadanía para hijos de indocumentados

Por Jesús García

La jueza federal de Distrito Deborah Boardman bloqueó la orden ejecutiva del presidente Donald Trump para poner fin a la ciudadanía por nacimiento para hijos de inmigrantes indocumentados.

“[La orden de Trump] entra en conflicto con el sencillo lenguaje de la Enmienda 14, contradice un precedente vinculante de la Corte Suprema de 125 años de antigüedad y contradice los 250 años de historia de ciudadanía por nacimiento de nuestra nación”, dijo

Boardman.

Se trata de una orden preliminar, pero complica a la Administración Trump su intención de avanzar con el bloqueo de la ciudadanía por nacimiento.

“Ningún tribunal del país ha respaldado nunca la interpretación del presidente. [...] Este tribunal no será el primero”, adelantó la jueza en la Corte de Distrito en Maryland.

La decisión de Boardman se suma a la decisión de la Corte de Distrito Oeste en el estado Washington, donde

congresistas y fiscales generales republicanos respaldan la orden del presidente Trump.

Hasta el momento hay al menos siete demandas contra la orden ejecutiva, algunas lideradas por 22 estados demócratas y otras por organizaciones civiles. La decisión de la jueza Boardman fue por el caso presentado en Maryland por cinco embarazadas cuyos bebés podrían verse afectados por la orden de Trump y dos grupos de derechos de los inmigrantes. La denuncia fue presentada el 21 de enero por

las embarazadas y las organizaciones CASA, ICAP y ASAP, que defiende los derechos de los inmigrantes.

“Estoy sorprendida de que el gobierno no quiera que mi hijo nacido en los Estados Unidos tenga la ciudadanía estadounidense. Tengo miedo por mi hijo y por nuestra familia, especialmente porque no podemos regresar a nuestro país ni conseguirle otra ciudadanía a nuestro hijo. No sé qué haremos”, dijo Mónica, una de las demandantes, al momento de presentar la demanda. Ella es miembro de ASAP.

Another court blocks Trump's order against citizenship for undocumented children

By Jesús García

Federal District Judge Deborah Boardman blocked President Donald Trump's executive order to end birth citizenship for children of undocumented immigrants.

This is a preliminary order, but it complicates the Trump administration's intention to move forward with blocking citizenship by birth.

No court in the country has ever supported the president's interpreta-

tion. [...] This court will not be the first,” the judge said in the District Court in Maryland.

Boardman's decision adds to the decision of the West District Court in Washington state, where Republican



congressmen and attorneys general back President Trump's order.

So far there have been at least seven lawsuits against the executive order, some led by 22 Democratic states and others by civil organizations. Judge Boardman's decision was for the case brought in Maryland by five pregnant women whose babies could be affected by the order of Trump and two immigrant rights groups.

The complaint was filed on 21 January by pregnant women and CASA, ICAP and ASAP organizations, which defends immigrants' rights.

Am I surprised that the government doesn't want my son born in the United States to have U.S. citizenship. I am afraid for my son and our family, especially because we cannot return to our country or get another citizenship to our son. “I don't know what we're going to do,” Monica, one of the plaintiffs said at the time of filing the lawsuit. She is a member of ASAP.

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industry reliant on immigrant labor. “They came here with nothing, and they gave us everything,” Cesar Espinosa, co-founder and executive director of Fiel, Texas' largest immigrant-led civil rights organization, said to protesters, the outlet reported. “If we march next week, or next month or for the next four years, I need you here. We need you here.”

“We need you here” is the message. We need each other to survive. Our country which was founded by immigrants is today one of the most prosperous and powerful countries in the world. Together, with all our differences and uniqueness is how we shine as the greatest country on this planet.

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Trump's War on Immigrants a Threat to Public Health

By Edward Kissam

President Trump's inaugural speech Monday signaled his continued commitment to characterizing immigrants as criminal invaders and an impediment to his campaign mantra of "making America great again."

Following his speech, Trump signed a slew of executive orders—declaring a national emergency at the southern border and an end to birthright citizenship, as well as ending use of the CBP1 app, among others—that will not only inflict pain on immigrants and their neighbors, but also on thousands of U.S. businesses and families.

Worse yet, these measures will undermine efforts to protect public health just as the country confronts a string of existing and newly emerging threats that put all of us, immigrant and non-immigrant alike, at risk.

One of the lessons learned from COVID-19 is that the best response to a pandemic is to work hard to prevent it from getting started. Public health researchers have, for some decades, warned about the evidence of zoonotic diseases (spillover from animals to humans) such as HIV, SARS-1 (the predecessor to COVID), MERS, Ebola, and many others.

Avian flu (H5N1) is the latest, with 66 confirmed cases and one confirmed death to date in the US, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Systematic persecution of farmworkers, half of whom are unauthorized

immigrants, will greatly ratchet up the risk that this now-smoldering epidemic becomes something far more disastrous.

Research shows that where there is particularly harsh immigration law enforcement, about 25% of unauthorized immigrants (as well as relatives legally in the country) stay away from health care. That alone will undercut efforts to address overall disparities in health access, wiping out at least a decade of progress toward public health equity.

Trump's anti-immigrant campaign will also undermine childhood vaccination campaigns against preventable diseases such as measles, as well as COVID-19 vaccinations for at-risk older farmworkers, a dangerous about face augmented by the choice of an anti-vaccine crusader to head HHS and a vaccine skeptic to head the CDC.

More alarmingly, broad sweeps of CBP and/or ICE detention of non-citizens—as happened earlier this month in parts of California's Central Valley, where there is a state emergency order to combat the avian flu—will inevitably complicate the already-difficult task of identifying and rapidly treating potential avian flu spillovers into the farmworker population.

At present, while the impacts of avian flu remain mostly economic, with no evidence as-yet of human-to-human transmission, genomic analysis has identified a viral mutation that might possibly enhance human infection and, thereby, increase transmission.

Given the risks, a crucial objective

should be to minimize exposure and infections among farmworkers who are in regular contact with infected dairy cows or poultry to head off dangerous mutations.

A second step would be to rapidly identify individuals who have contracted H5N1 and provide them free anti-viral treatment to speed recovery and, by reducing viral load, decrease the risk of transmission.

Other steps should include:

Banning warrantless detentions of individuals suspected of being in the U.S. unlawfully.

Initiating a vigorous public campaign to encourage farmworkers and their families to be vaccinated with currently available seasonal influenza vaccine without collection of personally identifying information.

A 360 degree "surround sound" community campaign to assure farmworkers and their families of the confidentiality of personal information provided to secure health care.

Extending current CDC monitoring of family members and close contacts of farmworkers who contract avian flu broadly throughout farmworker social networks.

And a vigorous public health campaign to encourage farmworkers and their families to seek immediate medical attention for influenza-like respiratory illness—especially with conjunctivitis (a symptom that may be more common in avian flu than in seasonal flu).

Earlier this month, outgoing HHS

Secretary Xavier Becerra announced a \$306 million investment in monitoring and preparedness for avian flu. Another \$590 million is going to the pharmaceutical maker Moderna, given its success in rapidly developing the COVID vaccine. These investments of slightly less than \$1 billion dollars are a drop in the bucket compared to the estimated \$88 billion per year for detention and deportation of unauthorized immigrants.

Proceeding forward with enhanced efforts to protect the U.S. from avian flu is affordable, feasible, and can dramatically reduce the risk of another pandemic. The business-oriented Trump administration would need to focus on the well-being of poultry and dairy workers whose labor is essential to the functioning of these multi-billion-dollar industries.

In a rational social and political environment, these "common-sense"—to borrow a phrase from Trump's inauguration speech—measures would be relatively straightforward. That is not the environment we are in.

Instead, any progress made in terms of technological tools to combat avian flu will be rendered ineffective as Trump's unwarranted campaign against immigrants makes it impossible to identify and treat outbreaks and roll out vaccination initiatives.

Even as we enter an era where anti-immigrant voices are louder than ever, it is important to keep reminding local, state, and federal elected officials that we are all in this together.



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What Happens to My Kids if I'm Deported?

by Yajaira Villarreal

Deportation is one of the most painful experiences for a migrant mother. When someone is deported, they are not only forced to leave the country that became their home, but they also face an uncertain future away from their family and the achievements gained through years of hard work. For mothers, the suffering intensifies when considering the direct impact on their children, especially when those children are U.S. citizens or have an established life in the country.

Family Separation

The reality is that the deportation of a parent is not just a legal process; it's a deeply human one that affects the emotional, psychological, and social well-being of the children. According to studies by organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), children living with deported parents face a series of severe consequences, both immediate and long-term. Many experience stress, anxiety, depression, and a constant feeling of insecurity, not knowing what will happen to them.

In the worst cases, when parents are deported without being able to establish a plan for their children's care, the separation is total. Children may be sent to the child welfare system or even to relatives' homes, who sometimes cannot provide the necessary emotional or financial support to maintain stability. This can lead to family breakdowns, leaving deep scars on the children.

The Uncertain Future of Children of Deported Migrants

For those born in the United States and are citizens, the deportation of a parent can mean facing a moral and emotional dilemma. On one hand, children may want to stay in their birth country to continue their education and daily life, but on the other, they face the pain of separation from their mother or father. In many cases, children are forced to make adult decisions that no one should ask them to make, such as whether to emigrate with the deported parent or stay in the country without them.

From a legal perspective, although some of these children have the right to remain in the United States, many find themselves trapped in a system where immigration laws do not always favor family reunification. Sometimes, the administration of immigration justice prioritizes deportation processes without considering the humanitarian implications for children born in the country.

The Psychological and Emotional Impact

Experts in child psychology and migration agree that prolonged separation from parents has devastating effects on the emotional and psychological development of children. The National Immigration Law Center (NILC) points out that children who experience this type of separation face a high risk of developing mental health issues, such as



anxiety disorders and depression, and may suffer disruptions in their academic performance and ability to interact with other children.

Moreover, the uncertainty many children feel about their parents' future also deeply affects them. The constant fear that the other parent might also be deported adds an additional layer of stress, impacting their overall well-being.

The Fight for Family Reunification
Amidst this tragedy, many immigrant rights organizations advocate for solutions that allow families to stay together. Although immigration policies vary by country and administration, there are calls to reform immigration laws to prioritize family reunification, preventing children from being left in such vulnerable situations.

Meanwhile, some migrants and their children manage to find legal ways to

reunite, although the process is long, costly, and often uncertain. The migrant community has shown resilience, but the scars of deportation, both for parents and children, do not easily fade. The deported migrant mother not only faces the loss of her life built in another country but must live with the anguish of not knowing how to ensure her children's well-being.

The situation reflects a severe humanitarian crisis that demands a change in immigration policies, considering not only legality but also the need to protect minors and preserve family unity.

This is a call to attention for society, governments, and authorities to recognize the impact of deportations on the most vulnerable: the children. Without the guarantee of family reunification, the damage will continue to be irreversible for thousands of migrant families.

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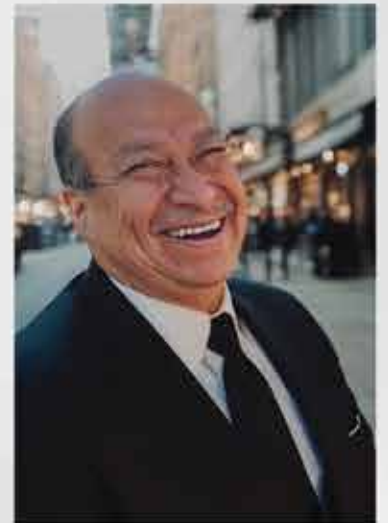
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Republicanos apoyan a Trump en corte y Congreso para bloquear ciudadanía por nacimiento a hijos de indocumentados

Por Jesús García

En tres frentes, los republicanos apoyan al presidente Donald Trump para retirar la ciudadanía por nacimiento a hijos de inmigrantes indocumentados y otros extranjeros: dos 'amicus curiae' en tribunal y un proyecto de ley en el Senado.

En la Corte de Distrito de Oeste del estado de Washington, con sede en Seattle, un grupo de 18 fiscales generales presentaron un documento "amigos de la corte" o 'amicus curiae' a favor de la orden ejecutiva del presidente Trump para bloquear la ciudadanía por nacimiento para hijos de indocumentados.

El objetivo es que el juez John C. Coughenour retire la suspensión provisional impuesta el 23 de enero y permita a la Administración Trump avanzar con su regla, la cual también tendría impacto en hijos de turistas, viajeros de negocios, así como trabajadores y estudiantes extranjeros sin visa de inmigrantes.

"La orden del presidente cierra la laguna jurídica de la ciudadanía por derecho de nacimiento y elimina el incentivo a la inmigración ilegal. Nadie debería ser recompensado por violar la ley", consideró la fiscal general de Iowa, Brenna Bird, al dar a conocer el soporte jurídico a la Administración Trump.

El 'amicus' de Bird fue firmado por fiscales generales de Alabama, Arkansas,

Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Luisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Dakota del Norte, Oklahoma, Carolina del Sur, Dakota del Sur, Utah y Wyoming.

El documento afirma que el presidente Trump mantiene el significado de la Enmienda 14 de la Constitución, además de que su decisión "reduce el daño" a los estados bloquear la ciudadanía a hijos de indocumentados y otros extranjeros.

"La interpretación errónea de la Cláusula de Ciudadanía por parte de los demandantes continuará siendo el poderoso incentivo para que los ciudadanos de países extranjeros den a luz en suelo estadounidense, incluso si deben ingresar ilegalmente a este país para hacerlo", dice el documento judicial.

"El atractivo de la ciudadanía estadounidense motiva a las mujeres embarazadas a viajar a Estados Unidos para dar a luz [...]. "Algunas mujeres, desesperadas por dar a luz en los Estados Unidos, cruzan la frontera el mismo día que dan a luz a su bebé".

La primera decisión del juez Coughenour fue en respuesta a la demanda de fiscales generales de gobierno demócratas de Washington, Arizona, Illinois y Oregon.

Sin embargo, hay otros esfuerzos similares de 22 estados, incluidos California, Colorado, Nueva York, Nueva Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut,



Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, entre otros, además de la ciudad de Washington, D.C.

Representantes republicanos apoyan a Trump

Otro 'amicus' ante la corte fue presentado este lunes también por un grupo de 25 representantes republicanos, liderados por el presidente del Comité Judicial de la Cámara, Jim Jordan (Ohio).

El argumento de los congresistas es similar al de los fiscales generales, además de argumentar sobre la "lealtad" a los Estados Unidos.

"La piedra angular para la ciudadanía por derecho de nacimiento según la Decimocuarta Enmienda es la lealtad a los Estados Unidos, en lugar de simplemente estar sujeto a sus leyes o algún subconjunto de ellas", dicen los representantes.

El 6 de febrero es la siguiente audi-

encia en la Corte Oeste del estado de Washington, donde el juez Coughenour podría reafirmar la suspensión o permitir la aplicación de la orden ejecutiva de Trump, abriendo la puerta a una apelación correspondiente por cualquiera de las partes.

Nueva ley en el Senado

Los senadores republicanos Katie Britt (Alabama), Lindsey Graham (Carolina del Sur) y Ted Cruz (Texas), presentaron un proyecto para restringir la ciudadanía por nacimiento.

"La promesa de la ciudadanía estadounidense no debería incentivar la migración ilegal, pero eso es exactamente lo que ha sucedido durante demasiado tiempo", consideró Britt.

Dijo que su proyecto de ley codificaría la postura del presidente Trump y pondría fin a lo que califica como abuso de la ciudadanía por derecho de nacimiento.

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Mexico Economy Shrinks Much More Than Expected as Risks Rise

By Maya Averbuch

Mexico's economy posted the first quarterly contraction since 2021, shrinking much more than expected on weaker domestic demand and uncertainty over tariffs by the US, the country's top trade partner.

Gross domestic product fell 0.6% in the fourth quarter, more than all forecasts in a Bloomberg survey of economists that had a -0.2% median estimate. From a year ago, GDP expanded 0.6%, below the 1% median projection, according to preliminary data published Thursday by the national statistics institute.

For full-year 2024, GDP rose 1.5%. Mexico's Deputy Finance Minister Edgar Amador Zamora later Thursday attributed much of the last-quarter downturn to drought and climate change that weighed on manufacturing and spurred the agriculture sector's worst performance in a quarter-century.

"This performance doesn't imply the Mexican economy is in a recession or that it will enter into one," Amador said at a Finance Ministry news conference. More than half the contraction in the fourth quarter data "is explained by the poor performance of the primary sector."

Latin America's second-biggest economy is widely expected to slow for a fourth consecutive year in 2025 amid government retrenchment and tight fiscal conditions coupled with concern over policy

direction in both Mexico and the US.

Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum — who started her term in October — is continuing to pledge strong local demand, while the threat of US tariffs on Mexico's exports rattles markets and halts investments.

What Bloomberg Economics Says

"A quarterly decline in Mexico GDP at the end of 2024 raises the risk of a recession in 2025 as domestic demand quickly loses momentum. US trade uncertainty, nationalist government policies and growing fiscal constraints are still drags."

The agriculture sector showed an 8.9% quarterly decline during the period, while manufacturing fell 1.2% and services grew 0.2%, according to the data.

"It's not reflecting a recession in Mexico, because the decline is not across the board and doesn't extend to the services sector," said Gabriela Siller, director of economic analysis at Grupo Financiero Base. "In the first year of a new government there's always a deceleration, so we're projecting that this year economic growth will be 0.8%. If the Mexican economy does truly well, it could be 1.2%."

Amador declined to say what the effect of US tariffs could be on the Mexican economy given the lack of specifics about future US policy.

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Most Mexico-watchers had long projected a challenging year for the economy



given still-high borrowing costs and concerns that the arrival of companies in the country — through a practice known as "nearshoring" — had not happened at the explosive pace some predicted.

More recent developments, such as the election of US President Donald Trump, have pressured the exchange rate and now pose upside risks to inflation while threatening the central bank's current easing cycle.

Banco de Mexico Governor Victoria Rodriguez said recently that the bank could accelerate the pace of easing in the year's first policy meetings, which start Feb. 6, following a string of quarter-point cuts.

Trump has asked for Mexico to take greater action to stop the flow of drugs such as fentanyl and also undocumented migrants to the US. If not, he's threatened to impose a 25% tariff on Mexico, which

complicates the central bank's forecasts.

"If they do implement tariffs, we're clearly going to have a contraction — and a significant one — because the economy is already very weak," said Andres Abadia, chief Latin America economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics.

In late August, Banxico, as the central bank is known, reduced its growth estimate for 2025 to 1.2% from 1.5%. Economists in the most recent Citi survey put their 2025 growth outlook at 1%. Inflation in the first two weeks of January slowed to 3.69% compared to the same period the year before, within the bank's target range.

"The weak print further reinforces our view that Banxico is likely to cut 50bps on Feb. 6, if there are no tariffs imposed on Mexico on Feb. 1," said Carlos Capistran, head of Canada and Mexico economics at Bank of America.

Help with tax filing on the way through a collaborative effort driven by trusted partners

Health Plan of San Joaquin/Mountain Valley Health Plan ("Health Plan") is gearing up to provide income tax filing assistance at their main office in French Camp. This assistance is open to Health Plan members and people from the community who qualify for the Internal Revenue Services' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, commonly referred to as VITA.

Operationalizing a site in south-county that is easily accessible is part of a multi-site goal lead by San Joaquin County's United Way organization to increase tax refund opportunities for families and individuals. Residents who receive free assistance will benefit from the skills and expertise of trained tax preparation volunteers. This community-wide effort builds on two decades of groundwork laid by community leader Arnetta Lee-Grey and the continued efforts of Community Partnership for Families and California State University Stanislaus student-led site at their Stockton Campus.

Health Plan's Chief Executive Officer, Lizeth Grandos, states, "Each year, San Joaquin County residents miss out on an estimated 30+ million dollars when their filings don't garner maximum returns. Providing free tax assistance by trusted partners at multiple locations throughout the area is an opportunity to increase the amount of money in the pockets of San Joaquin

County families and individuals that can be used to buy food, gas and other necessities, ultimately contributing to better health and the overall wellness of our community. Joining our local VITA coalition was a decision that simply makes sense- with over 415,000 members enrolled in our Medi-Cal program, we are certain that offering tax assistance will be of value to our members."

Through the collaborative efforts of long-time partners, the San Joaquin County VITA coalition received interest from over 80 volunteers who will provide assistance at eight locations throughout San Joaquin County. Volunteers will complete over 40 hours of training to become proficient in tax preparation. All volunteers will be certified via an IRS-issued certification test to provide free assistance to taxpayers. Kristen Birtwhistle, President/CEO of United Way of San Joaquin, stated, "It is important for us to help spread awareness about the various tax credits that taxpayers can be eligible for. VITA's critical program is life-changing for many families. Individuals use money from tax returns to buy groceries and pay rent, so it does a lot for the families in our community from an economic development perspective. We are honing in on anti-poverty measures, expanding the VITA services in our community, and leveraging partner-



ships to add additional tax prep sites to invest in the financial stability and success of individuals in San Joaquin County."

Training for volunteers has started and sites will be open by early February. San Joaquin County's 211 service, operated by Family Resource Agency's friendly, knowledgeable staff, will be prepared to schedule tax assistance appointments soon. Learn more at www.unitedway.sjc.org/free-tax-help.

Thank you to Health Plan's program partners: United Way of San Joaquin County, Community Partnership for Families, Stanislaus State (Stockton Campus), 211 San Joaquin, El Concilio, and VITA program coordinator, Arnetta Lee-Grey. Health Plan looks forward to aligning efforts to ensure families receive support to achieve their goals to raise healthy families and become catalysts for positive change in their neighborhoods.

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