

Stand by Immigrants: News, Resources, and Actions - Week Ending June 27, 2026



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Know Your Rights: You can't protect your rights unless you know what they are. Here's a [2-page handout](#) prepared by OCSI. If you want a comprehensive resource library of KYR information, updated for 2026, Austin Kocher provides one [here](#).

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OCSI Corner

Do you need a speaker on immigration of “know your rights” for your local church, synagogue, or community group? Contact us at the email below. We can help!

ACTION ITEMS

Following the Supreme Court ruling against TPS for Haitians and Syrians, **one important line of action remains** to protect our neighbors: Senate Bill 4814. Earlier this year, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the bipartisan H.R. 1689, which would extend Temporary Protected Status for Haitians. The bill introduced by Senator Ed Markey and colleagues provides legislation that would extend TPS for three years for Haitians. **This is CRITICALLY IMPORTANT IN RED STATES like OHIO and FLORIDA.**

Click on [THIS LINK](#) to take you to a form provided by Common Cause Ohio where you can contact Senators Husted and Moreno. They may not care about the humanitarian side of the issue, but they **will care** about the damage which Haitian deportations will have on Ohio's economy.

For other states: **Call your Senator now at (202) 224-3121 and ask them to co-sponsor S. 4814 to prevent mass detention and deportation of Haitian families.**

From Springfield (OH) Neighbors United: **BIG DONATION DRIVE NOW! June 19th – July 4th:** The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled. It is very bad news for our neighbors. It also puts a lot of people in danger of humanitarian crisis as they navigate the system. **Urgent needs from SVdP:** *We need all toiletries, especially pads (no tampons), diapers (all sizes), and wipes, dish soap (small bottles), laundry soap (small bottles), and formula (all kinds in large cans). Toilet paper is also a big request. Protein items from the list are needed to fill food boxes.* There are drop-off locations in Yellow Springs and Springfield, but **Monetary Donations** can be made at: [Haitian Support Center](#), [St. Vincent de Paul](#).

PICK THREE (No time for all the reporting? Here are three important stories from the past week that you might have overlooked):

[Migrants Not Entitled to Apply for Asylum While Standing on Mexico Side of Border, Supreme Court Rules](#) (Washington Post, June 25, 2026): The 6-3 decision clears the way for the Trump administration to resume allowing federal agents at the border to turn back asylum seekers before they enter.

[The World Cup of Racism](#) (Jules Boykoff, The Nation, June 25, 2026): In one of two offensive posts, the DHS featured the US men's team posing in the classic two-row,

pre-match formation while behind them DHS photoshopped the US-Mexico border wall between the team and the goal. The text reads, “TOTAL DOMINATION” and “Nothing is getting past Team USA,” with the words “BUILT THE WALL” beneath the team.

[How the Trump Administration Pushed Judges to Deport Children](#) (E. Tammy Kim, New Yorker, June 20, 2026): The D.O.J. has fast-tracked immigration cases for unaccompanied minors and fired judges who appear not to comply.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Members of the Springfield and surrounding communities rallied together Thursday in support of the Haitian community in Springfield. ([Story here](#))

SUPREME COURT RULINGS PAST AND FUTURE

[Court Allows Trump Administration to End Removal Protections for Syrian and Haitian Nationals](#) (SCOTUSblog, June 25, 2026): The Supreme Court on Thursday cleared the way for the federal government to remove protections for citizens of Haiti and Syria under a federal program that allows foreign citizens to stay in the

United States when the U.S. government believes that it is not safe for them to return to their homes.

[Supreme Court Allows Trump to Remove Protections from Thousands of Haitian and Syrian Immigrants](#) (NBC, June 25, 2026): In an act of constitutional malpractice and human indifference, the reactionary majority of Supreme Court "Justices" sided with the anti-immigrant racism of Trump, Vance, and Stephen Miller, in overturning the Temporary Protected Status of hundreds of thousands of Haitians, thereby opening the path for their detention and deportation along with perhaps as many as 1.3 million other immigrants.

[Stephen Miller Says 'America's Doors Are Closed Fully to Asylum Seekers' after Supreme Court Rulings](#) (PBS, June 25, 2026): The Supreme Court voted 6-3 to clear the way for the Trump administration to revive an immigration policy once used to turn back migrants seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border.

[Supreme Court Conservatives Accused of Advancing 'White-Supremacist Agenda'](#) (Guardian, June 25, 2026): Lawmakers and advocates condemn 'disastrous' decisions that allow Trump officials to strip away migrant protections.

[The Rogue Supreme Court Blesses Ethnic Cleansing](#) (Naomi Bethune and Ryan Cooper, American Prospect, June 26, 2026): The national council of law wizards held that Donald Trump can deport nonwhite refugees on baldly racist grounds even if he doesn't follow the law in doing so.

[Trump's Mass Deportation Machine Won Big at the Supreme Court](#) (Dahlia Lithwick and Mark Joseph Stern, Slate, June 25, 2026): These were incredibly consequential gut punches, two more in a long sequence of brutalizing cases. We saw the rights of asylum-seekers and TPS beneficiaries just absolutely flattened in one day.

"The majority claims to see no evidence that race played any role in the Haiti decision. But the evidence is there, plain to see, in the President's statements, which the majority (and for that matter, his own lawyers) cannot even bear to repeat." [Read Elena Kagen's blistering response to the Court's majority](#) (starting on pg. 36 of the decision).

[Sotomayor Offers Blistering Dissent on Supreme Court Asylum Decision: 'More People Will Die'](#) (The Hill, June 25, 2026): "The consequences of today's decision are predictable," she read. "More people will die. More people will attempt to cross the border illegally, and some will make it while others will not."

[Ohio Haitians Brace for ICE Enforcement after TPS Protections End](#) (Cleveland.com, June 25, 2026): "This is a time to get organized," said Mia Perez, founder of

advocacy group Voices of Immigrants. “TPS is important, but TPS is not the only possible immigration path for every person.”

[Ohio Cities Brace for Impact of Supreme Court Allowing Trump to Take Legal Status Away from Haitians](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, June 25, 2026): Deporting Haitians in Springfield would eliminate roughly \$300 million in annual spending from Clark County, with an estimated economic loss projected to exceed \$400 million.

[Nursing Homes, Factory Owners and Immigrants Brace for Fallout from Supreme Court Ruling](#) (Washington Post, June 26, 2026): The high court’s decision to strip Haitians and Syrians of their protections from deportation had immediate ripple effects for immigrants and their employers.

[Ohio’s Catholic Bishops Call Trump Administration’s Attempt to End TPS for Haitians a ‘Moral Failure’](#) (WOSU, June 22, 2026): “We find no moral justification for terminating their Temporary Protected Status (TPS) without an alternative way to adjust their immigration status,” the Catholic Conference of Ohio expressed in a statement.

In case you missed it: [Miami’s Haitian Community Braces For Deportations](#) (Edwidge Danticat, New Yorker, January 30, 2026): Now that the worst has come to pass...

[Trump Administration Asks Supreme Court to OK Its Unprecedented Immigration Detention Policy](#) (Politico, June 26, 2026): Solicitor General John Sauer is urging the justices to resolve whether people residing in the U.S. without incident for years — sometimes decades — may be subject to mandatory ICE detention while their deportation proceedings play out.

OTHER LOCAL AND OHIO NEWS

[More than 130 Medical Calls Made from Butler County, Ohio Jail Since ICE Deal, Records Show](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, June 25, 2026): Comparatively, 105 calls were made from the jail in 2024.

[A Ukrainian Family Built a Community in Cleveland. Now, They Face Deportation](#) (Guardian, June 21, 2026): After the US said seeking affordable medical care for their son would not impede their re-entry, Tamila Vashchuk and her 10-year-old were issued removal orders.

RESISTING, PROTESTING, AND ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE

[How Reimagine Richmond \[CA\] Became a Lifeline for City’s Immigrant Communities](#) (Richmondside, June 23, 2026): Through a 24-hour hotline, know-

your-rights workshops and door knocking, the volunteer-led organization has built a proactive immigrant support network.

FLOCK CAMERAS

[Dayton Releases Flock Camera Data: Here's How System Was Used for Immigration Enforcement](#) (Dayton Daily News, June 26, 2026): More than 140 agencies accessed Dayton's Flock camera system for searches related to immigration over the past three years, with more than half of the searches performed by the U.S. Border Patrol, according to an analysis by the Dayton Daily News.

[Cleveland Heights for Immigrant Rights Logs More Dubious Flock Data Searches](#) (Cleveland.com, June 25, 2026): Despite local assurances to the contrary, the owners of Flock surveillance cameras continue providing far-flung access to immigration and related data searches.

[Oregon's Most Latino City Removes Flock Cameras after Audit Confirms Immigration Agencies Accessed Data](#) (The Oregonian, June 25, 2026): An audit of Flock use in Woodburn, where foreign-born people make up 31% of residents, revealed that two federal immigration agencies had gained access to Flock data.

[Are Your Local Police Using Flock Safety ALPRs to Scan for Immigrants](#) (Dave Maass, Electronic Frontier Foundation, June 25, 2026): Buried in the Flock Safety administrative interface, there is a drop-down menu where agencies select which NCIC (National Crime Information Center, part of the FBI) topics to subscribe to. If Immigration Violator is selected, the local agency will receive an alert that a vehicle ICE is looking for has been sighted.

[Columbus Police Detail Flock Data Sharing Limits Amid ICE Concerns](#) (Columbus Dispatch, June 24, 2026): Columbus Police have restricted sharing of license plate camera data over concerns it could be used for immigration enforcement. But data is still shared on a statewide network, which could potentially be accessed by agencies with ICE contracts.

THE COURTS AND LEGAL ACTIONS

[Judge Bars Immigration Arrests at US Courthouses in a Setback for Trump](#) (AP, June 24, 2026): The Trump administration's reversal of long-standing policy against arrests at immigration court resulted "not from merely unreasoned decision-making but a complete lack of decision-making," wrote U.S. District Judge Casey Pitts of San Francisco. Authorities failed to address the "chilling effect" of arrests on whether people attend court hearings.

[Judge Throws Out Federal Suit Against 4 N.J. ‘Sanctuary’ Cities](#) (New York Times, June 24, 2026): Judge Evelyn Padin ruled the Justice Department’s lawsuit was flawed because it did not also challenge a state directive limiting local cooperation with federal immigration agents.

[Federal Appeals Court Allows the Trump Administration to Resume Expanded Use of Speedy Deportations](#) (AP, June 23, 2026): Expedited removal — quick deportation without a chance to appear before a judge — which previously had been applied only to migrants arriving by sea or caught at or near the border shortly after crossing — will now be allowed throughout the United States.

[Judge Rips Trump Administration, Blocks Subpoenas of Walz, Frey over Immigration Enforcement](#) (Minnesota Star Tribune, June 22, 2026): Federal Judge Patrick Schiltz called the subpoenas an “abuse of the grand-jury process” that were politically motivated, unconstitutional and without merit.

[Federal Judge Dismisses Trump Administration Lawsuit Challenging L.A.’s Sanctuary City Ordinance](#) (Los Angeles Times, June 22, 2026): City Atty. Hydee Feldstein Soto hailed the dismissal as a major win for local control, saying the ordinance simply directs how the city uses its personnel and resources.

[Judge Blocks Trump Administration’s Use of Revamped Immigration Database to Check Voter Rolls](#) (NBC News, June 22, 2026): The judge said using the database risked disenfranchising eligible voters.

DETENTION WAREHOUSES AND CONCENTRATION CAMPS

[Federal Officials Plan to Offload Some Warehouses Purchased for Immigrant Detention](#) (PBS, June 24, 2026): ICE is retreating from a plan to use warehouses to hold up to 10,000 people on a single site, jettisoning a key piece of former Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem’s \$38-billion plan to rapidly expand detention capacity this year.

[As Trump’s Immigration Dragnet Grows, So Do Complaints of Detention Center Conditions](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, June 19, 2026): As the Trump administration increases the scale of its immigrant detention program, now up to 68,000 immigrants in custody, reports have surfaced of inhumane conditions and inadequate medical care at U.S. ICE detention facilities.

ICE BUCKET

[‘They Have All the Power’: Investigation Finds that 93% of ICE Arrests in New York and New Jersey Target Latinos](#) (Guardian, June 20, 2026): Hundreds of ICE street

arrests filed over five-month period were clustered in predominantly Latino communities in the two states.

WORLD CUP

[As World Cup Unfolds, Immigrant Rights Organizers Seek a Reckoning Over Dallas' Relationship with ICE](#) (Texas Observer, June 17, 2026): Activists are tracking and trying to pressure the city over the use of its municipal airport for deportation flights, as visitors from around the world flood in.

EMERGING POLICY AND THREATS TO IMMIGRANTS

Targeting Children

[Trump Administration Plans to Deport More than 500 Migrant Children within Days, Senator Warns](#) (The Hill, June 25, 2026): Senator Ron Wyden (D-Ore) warned that the Trump administration is planning to bypass legal protections to deport more than 500 unaccompanied migrant children.

[Tennessee to Restrict Medical Aid for Critically Ill Undocumented Children](#) (Washington Post, June 22, 2026): Families have been notified that a law aimed at cutting undocumented immigrants off from public benefits will also be applied to children.

Detention and Deportation and Death

[ICE Reports 20th Detained Death of 2026, 63-Year-Old Felix Alcorta-Rodriguez from Mexico](#) (Austin Kocher Substack June 26, 2026): Alcorta had been in ICE custody only a few days when he died.

[ICE Arrests Continued During Graduation Season, and Some Students Have Nearly Missed Their Big Event](#) (Boston Globe, June 24, 2026): From Chicago to Austin, Texas, federal agents have arrested students and soon-to-be graduates at immigration appointments and on their way home from work. In Los Angeles, an aspiring doctor was taken into custody the day after receiving his diploma.

Authoritarianism, Lawlessness, Racism, Stupidity, and Cruelty

[Alarm Over 'Extreme' Sentences for Anti-ICE Protesters Convicted of Terrorism](#) (Guardian, June 26, 2026): First amendment groups call 50-to-100-year prison terms chilling as legal experts say sentences unusually long.

[Immigration Attorney Stopped and Searched at SFO, Told by DHS He was on 'Watch List'](#) (San Francisco Chronicle, June 24, 2026): For 45 minutes, TSA agents pored

through his belongings, turned on his phones and laptops and gave him “the most extreme pat-down.”

[Texas Anti-ICE Protesters Convicted of Terrorism Charges Sentenced to at Least 50 Years in Prison](#) (Guardian, June 23, 2026): After a three-week jury trial, the nine activists were all found guilty of a slew of criminal charges in March, stemming from a Fourth of July protest at an immigrant detention facility in Alvarado, Texas, south of Fort Worth.

[‘Devastating’: Lives of Nurses and Patients Upended by Trump Migrant Crackdown](#) (Guardian, June 23, 2026): Withdrawal of TPS designation puts workers who fill vital role in peril – and risks further shortages in US health system.

Attacks on All Immigrants

[Trump Plan Would Increase Citizenship Application Fee by \\$570](#) (CBS News, June 22, 2026): The proposed regulation by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services would increase the fees for citizenship requests from \$760 to \$1,330 for paper applications and from \$710 to \$1,280 for online filings.

[How Government Fines of \\$1 Million+ Are Increasingly Targeting Immigrants](#) (The Marshall Project, June 20, 2026): A 1996 law allowing fines for some immigrants was rarely used — until Donald Trump’s second term began.

IMMIGRATION AND THE ECONOMY

[ICE Is Killing Jobs for Americans, Not Creating Them](#) (Marcela Escobari, New York Times, June 26, 2026): During the first nine months of 2025, Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations led directly to at least 668,000 lost jobs across 86 U.S. metropolitan areas.

[Deep-Red Idaho Just Realized Trump’s Immigration Policy Is Lethal for its \\$20 Billion Dairy Industry](#) (Fortune, June 26, 2026): A November 2025 poll of 1,000 Idaho adults found 85% favor a pathway to legal working status for dairy workers and their families who have lived in Idaho more than 10 years and have no criminal record. Support cut across party lines, with 79% of Republicans, 88% of independents and 95% of Democrats in favor.

[Wealthy Nations Reap Huge Benefits from Immigration, Study Finds](#) (Reuters, June 25, 2026): Wealthy nations with the highest rate of immigration over the past 35 years reaped a large economic benefit and many could still absorb more workers, according to research to be presented at a top European Central Bank conference next week.

[Local Farms Face Worker Shortage as ICE Raids Continue](#) (Daily News Record, June 23, 2026): On June 12, four Shenandoah Valley farm workers were among 16 people arrested in an ICE raid in central Virginia. The raids come at a time when many farms are already facing a labor shortage.

[Immigration Crackdown Lifts Private-Prison Stocks](#) (Wall Street Journal, June 20, 2026): So far this year, prison operators Geo Group and CoreCivic are outperforming tech and energy giants alike.

BY THE NUMBERS

[This Week by the \(Immigration\) Numbers](#): June 20, 2026 (Austin Kocher's weekly summary of immigration news by exploring a few data points). This week, among the numbers are \$240 Billion, the amount of money Congress has handed to Stephen Miller for his nativist anti-immigrant agenda.

[Migrant Encounters on Southwest Border up 11% in May](#) (Border Report, June 19, 2026): The number of migrants encountered by U.S. Border Patrol agents was nearly 10,000 in May, up 11% from April, and the Rio Grande Valley Sector had the most migrants trying to cross the border into the United States.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

[America's Border Is Now Portable](#) (Lisa Gonzalez Substack, June 24, 2026): The border is no longer just a line on a map—it's an internal dragnet for ethnic cleansing.

[Where Billionaires Summer, A Gardner Died in the Snow](#) (Rukmini Callimachi, New York Times, June 21, 2026): Over the years, the need for gardeners in the Hamptons attracted immigrants from countries with agrarian roots. A landscaper's difficult life and lonely death reveal the human cost behind the Hamptons' manicured landscape.