

## Stand by Immigrants: News, Resources, and Actions - Week Ending July 4, 2026



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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

[Immigrant Advocates Give Next Steps for Ohio Haitians after TPS Termination](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, July 1, 2026): Advocates for Ohio’s Haitian communities are offering advice and preparing for the future of tens of thousands of migrants in the state who lack legal status after a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday. (See [here](#) for Haitian Creole translation.)

[Top Actions to Take](#) (Ohio Is Home): Local organizations and leaders in Springfield and Lima have been preparing for this moment for more than a year. Learn how to get involved. Includes: key needs; 6 ways to help; send a love note; and FAQs from the City of Springfield.

[What to Do Now: Haitian Community Action Guide after the TPS Ruling](#) (The Haitian Times, June 28, 2026): Haitian leaders outline immediate steps for TPS holders, citizens, allies and service groups as the fight shifts from the courts to Congress.

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.

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

[Appeals Court Sharply Limits ICE’s Massive Expansion of Detention](#) (Politico, July 2, 2026): In a surprise, the far-right 5th Circuit Court of Appeals' 2-1 ruling concluded that detainees awaiting the outcome of their deportation proceedings must be afforded a bond hearing within 90 days.

[ICE’s Arrest of Nun Heading to Church Fuels Bipartisan Backlash in South Texas](#) (Washington Post, July 1, 2026): The president’s deportation drive has riled border areas that supported him in 2024, and a GOP congresswoman joined Democrats calling for the sister’s release.

[DOD Moves to Order Military Lawyers to Be Immigration Judges](#) (Bloomberg Law, June 29, 2026): The Defense Department is planning to begin involuntarily activating

military lawyers to serve as immigration judges and to represent the government in cases involving detained migrant children.

### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Supreme Court Upholds Birthright Citizenship ([Story here](#))

### SUPREME COURT RULINGS: BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP

Supreme Court Ruling that Uphold Birthright Citizenship: [Read the full ruling here](#).

[The Supreme Court's Birthright Citizenship Ruling Hands the U.S. Economy a \\$7.7 Trillion Win](#) (Diane Brady, Fortune, July 1, 2026): Immigrants' contributions to the economy make the SCOTUS ruling a boon for business.

[June 30, 2026](#) (Heather Cox Richardson, July 1, 2026): An analysis of the history of birthright citizenship noting that the Supreme Court should never have taken the case in the first place and that four of nine Supreme Court justices "are willing to rewrite the Constitution by fiat."

[Three Cheers for Barbara!](#) (Akhil Amar & Vikram Amar, SCOTUSblog, July 1, 2026): Argues that the court based its ruling on the Constitution itself, and not a mere statute.

[Breaking Down the Birthright-Citizenship Decision](#) (Adam Feldman, SCOTUSblog, June 30, 2026): The opinions reflect three divergent accounts of the constitution. The Roberts majority treated birth in the United States, coupled with subjection to U.S. sovereign authority, as enough to establish citizenship under the 14th Amendment. The principal dissents focused on a more demanding concept of allegiance, especially for children of temporary visitors and unlawfully present parents. Kavanaugh's middle position would have sided with the challengers to Trump's order but avoided the majority's broader constitutional holding as to every child of unlawfully or temporarily present parents.

[The Supreme Court Upheld Birthright Citizenship – But the Fight May Not Be Over](#) (Amy Davidson Sorkin, New Yorker, June 30, 2026): The decision that rejected Donald Trump's attempts to rewrite the Constitution was much too close.

[Trump Calls on Congress to End Birthright Citizenship after Court Defeat](#) (Washington Post, June 30, 2026): The president asserted that lawmakers could "easily" address the issue through legislation, although an AP-NORC poll conducted in April found that about two-thirds of U.S. adults said that automatic citizenship should be granted to all children born in the country, no matter the circumstances.

## **SUPREME COURT RULINGS: TPS**

[The US Supreme Court Just Put the Lives of 1.3 Million Immigrants in Danger](#) (Heba Gowayed, Guardian, June 29, 2026): The court's TPS decision is devastating for those whose countries of origin are deemed unsafe. Congress must act.

[The Ohio City Revived by Haitian Immigration Sees an Uncertain Future](#) (New York Times, June 29, 2026): In Springfield, Ohio, some residents see the end of an economic boom after the end of a humanitarian program for immigrants. Others see still darker possibilities.

[US Homeland Security Secretary Tells Migrants to Seek Permanent Status or Leave](#) (Guardian, June 28, 2026): In total, 1.7 million people from 17 countries have TPS. Immigration advocates worry that the Trump administration could effectively end the 1990 program.

[‘It’s Just So Wrong’: Haitians in Ohio Reel from Supreme Court TPS Ruling](#) (Guardian, June 27, 2026): After outrageous insults from Donald Trump, Haitians have helped to revive Springfield – now their future is uncertain.

[For Haitian Women in Florida, the Loss of TPS Is More than an Immigration Law Issue](#) (Ammcise Apply, The Conversation, June 25, 2026): Research on migration-related stress suggests that the consequences may weigh especially heavily on Haitian women.

## **TWO SPEECHES TO MARK THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

Zohran Mamdani: [Watch in full](#).

[Pope Praises US History of Welcoming Immigrants in Implicit Rebuke to Trump](#) (Guardian, July 3, 2026): Pope Leo urges Americans to live up to the ideals of the Declaration of Independence in his first major address to the US. Read full address [here](#).

## **LOCAL AND OHIO NEWS**

[After SCOTUS Ruling, Sen. Bernie Moreno Pushes to End Birthright Citizenship](#) (Columbus Dispatch, July 1, 2026): Ohio Sen. Bernie Moreno plans to introduce legislation to end birthright citizenship for children of non-citizen parents.

[Ethnic Cleansing in Ohio](#) (Timothy Snyder Substack, June 29, 2026): In the schools and churches of Springfield, Ohio, people are again making hasty preparations for a “large deportation” of Haitians promised by the president.

## **RESISTING, PROTESTING, AND ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE**

[Anti-ICE Organizers Shift Focus to Defend Democracy from Trump Assault](#) (Guardian, June 28, 2026): Citizens in Minnesota using lessons learned from migrant crackdown to protect elections from president’s threats.

[Ohioans Rally to Support Haitians Living with Temporary Protected Status after Supreme Court Ruling](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, June 26, 2026): Hundreds of Ohioans rallied in Springfield Thursday to support Haitians hours after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that President Donald Trump can end legal status for Haitians who’ve left the violence in their home country.

## **THE COURTS AND LEGAL ACTIONS**

[Judge Issues Restraining Order in Doctors’ Challenge to TN Plan to Report Disabled Immigrant Kids](#) (Tennessee Lookout, June 24, 2026): The lawsuit seeks immediate court intervention to prevent ‘irreparable harm’ to medically fragile children.

## DETENTION WAREHOUSES AND CONCENTRATION CAMPS

[Delaney Hall Is Reshaping How ICE Runs its Detention Centers](#) (Salon, June 29, 2026): Detainees ended a hunger and labor strike shortly after ICE updated its detention standards.

[Japanese Internment Survivors, Faith Leaders Demand Closure of South Texas ICE Detention Center](#) (Texas Tribune, June 27, 2026): Completing a pilgrimage from a World War II internment camp in Crystal City, activists said history is repeating itself with family detentions at the Dilley facility.

## ICE BUCKET

[Trump Administration Plans to Boost Worksite Immigration Enforcement after Increase in Criminal Probes](#) (CNN, July 2, 2026): The Trump administration is planning for an increase in worksite immigration enforcement operations, with multiple federal agencies involved in determining how to boost the number of arrests and placate the president's base, according to five sources familiar with the discussions.

[ICE Releases a Texas Nun Intercepted Walking to Church Dressed in Her Habit](#) (AP, June 29, 2026): Sister Leticia Ugboaja was walking to Our Lady of Sorrows Church in McAllen, Texas, just a few miles from the U.S.-Mexico border on Sunday when she was detained by ICE officers.

[ICE Won](#) (New York Magazine, June 29, 2026): The ugliest immigration crackdown in recent history is becoming normal.

[Trump Says He Will Nominate Lance Schroyer as Next ICE Director](#) (Guardian, June 27, 2026): Schroyer led deportation campaign in Oklahoma under ICE-partnered program.

[DHS Watchdog to Review ICE Detainee Deaths, Use of Force](#) (NBC News, June 25, 2026): The reviews follow an increase in deaths at ICE facilities and a DHS inspector general's report describing violations of use of force.

## EMERGING POLICY AND THREATS TO IMMIGRANTS

### ***Targeting Children***

[Picture a 5-Year-Old Defending Herself in NJ Immigration Court. It Happens Every Day](#) (Jackie Stabnow and Priscilla Monico Marin, NJ.com, June 28, 2026): Children are pushed toward deportation before they have a meaningful chance to access the protections to which they are legally entitled.

## **Detention and Deportation and Death**

[An 85-Year Old German Man Is the 21<sup>st</sup> Person to Die in ICE Custody in 2026](#) (Austin Kocher Substack, July 3, 2026): Counting from the day ICE took custody of him at the end of August, an 85-year-old man spent roughly the last ten months of his life in ICE custody.

[Records Reveal “Systematic Neglect” after Immigrant Died at Camp East Montana](#) (Texas Tribune, July 3, 2026): Geraldo Lunas Campos repeatedly raised concerns about his mental health before he died at Camp East Montana in West Texas. Records indicate the facility's staff failed to respond adequately.

[Immigrant Arrests Surge to 10,000 in 5 Days as ICE Clamps Down](#) (New York Times, July 1, 2026): The agency has doubled its daily arrest numbers without the fanfare of last year's large urban operations, sowing fear in immigrant communities.

[Killed by the Venezuelan Quakes Just Hours After Being Deported from U.S.](#) (New York Times, July 1, 2026): Many of the 146 Venezuelans deported from the United States the day the earthquake struck are feared dead.

## **Authoritarianism, Lawlessness, Racism, Stupidity, and Cruelty**

[Pregnant Women Face Being Banned from US](#) (The Telegraph, July 2, 2026): Stephen Miller says White House taking ‘a hard look’ at visitors after Supreme Court’s 6-3 ruling upholds birthright citizenship.

[ICE Flouting Federal Judge’s Order to Stop Arresting Immigrants at New York Courts](#) (The Intercept, July 1, 2026): “ICE continues to flagrantly violate the law by arresting immigrants who are attending their mandatory court hearings,” said Rep. Dan Goldman.

[Changes to Immigration Program for Domestic Violence Victims Impede Safety, Advocates Say](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, June 30, 2026): The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has been increasingly scrutinizing domestic violence survivors’ applications for legal status, making more stringent asks of attorneys and their clients, such as more concrete proof of cohabitation during a “good faith” marriage.

[What It Would Mean for These Public Colleges to Ban Undocumented Students](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education, June 26, 2026): Limiting college access in Florida would be especially disruptive given that the state has one of the largest populations of undocumented students.



## IMMIGRATION AND THE ECONOMY

[Asylum-Seeking Florida Workers Contribute Billions to Economy, Study Finds](#) (South Florida Sun Sentinel, June 28, 2026): Nationally, U.S. workers applying for asylum number at least 2.3 million, contributing more than \$108 billion to the economy annually in addition to \$33 billion in combined taxes.

[As Supreme Court Expands Trump's Immigration Power, Experts Warn of Steeper U.S. Population Decline](#) (NPR, June 27, 2026): U.S. birthrates have been declining for decades, offset only by foreign immigration. That has now changed as the US faces record low birthrates and low numbers of migrants.

## BY THE NUMBERS

[The Week in Immigration Numbers](#) (Austin Kocher Substack, June 27, 2026).

## BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

[An Immigration Law Error in the Court's Asylum Decision Threatens Immigration Courts](#) (César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández, SCOTUSblog, July 2, 2026): The Supreme Court's decision last week blocking migrants stopped at the international boundary from applying for asylum turns on the text of federal immigration law. But the majority opinion reveals that the justices don't understand the border-crossing process that Congress created.

[How a Nation of Immigrants Traces Its Roots](#) (New York Times, July 1, 2026): Marvelous look at immigrant populations in the United States via maps.

[Inside the Coordinated Strategy to Radically Reshape U.S. Immigration](#) (Ximena Bustillo and Bronson Arcuri, NPR, June 30, 2026): Providing historic funding for immigration enforcement agencies, stripping legal pathways, reshaping previously little-known immigration courts and expanding the infrastructure focused on increasing the number of those detained and deported.

[The Unraveling of Afghan Asylum](#) (Tanvi Misra, New York Review of Books, June 28, 2026): Afghan asylum seekers fled a crisis the US had a direct role in fomenting—only to become targets in Trump's immigration crackdown.

[The Hamptons' Essential Luxury Good: Human Labor](#) (Binyamin Appelbaum, with photographs by Kelly Nano-Miranda, New York Times, June 28, 2026): Some of the Hispanic immigrants who make this place run do not have the right to live in the country where they labor; the systematic dependence on workers without legal permission to be here requires the systematic pretense that they don't exist.



[Broken Promises in Cuban Miami](#) (Ada Ferrer and Miriam Pensack, New York Review of Books, July 23, 2026): Donald Trump has reversed the government's longstanding benevolence toward Cuban asylum seekers, even as his administration exacerbates the crisis they fled.