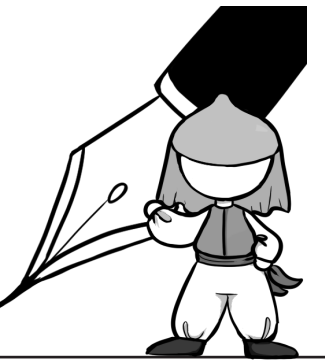


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Trump's New Rule: Immigrants Denied Green Cards

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The Trump administration announced on Sept. 22 that from now on, immigrants that seem as if they will depend on public assistance will be denied visas and green cards. This means that it will be even harder for immigrants wanting to come into the US.

The Department of Homeland Security, Kirsjen Nielsen agree with this new rule.

"This proposed rule will implement a law passed by Congress intended to promote immigrant self-sufficiency and protect finite resources by ensuring that they are not likely to become burdens on American taxpayers," Nielsen said.

For months, the rule has been in development and urged to be pushed forward

However, many immigration activists argue that this rule will negatively benefit the country.

"How you contribute to your community — and not what you look like or the contents of your wallet — should be what matters most. This proposed rule does the opposite and makes clear that the Trump administration continues to prioritize money over family unity by ensuring that only the wealthiest can afford to build a future in this country," Marielena Hincapié, executive director of the National Immigration Law Center said.

Getting the US to treat immigrants with equality has been an issue for a long time, and ever since Trump attained office it has gotten even harder for them to find a new home in the US. From discussing building the wall, stripping them of basic rights and putting children in detention centers, deporting illegal immigrant parents, and now denying visas and green cards— Trump has been making it practically im-

dicting this rule have been updated, and the freshman Natalie Martinez said, "There's no need to judge people based on their looks. That's pretty much saying you look or act a certain way, you can't become a citizen." regulation has not yet been finalized. A final decision will be made after DHS examines all the feedback from interest groups and Americans during a public comment period.



possible to become a citizen of the US for not only one area, but all over the world. "I think that the United States could be controlling immigration issues in a different way," So far, no other options or rules contra-

Teacher Fired For "No Zero" Policy

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Diane Tirado is a social studies teacher in Florida who taught at West Gate k-8 school. She has taught for the past 17 years, but was suddenly fired after 2 months of working for the school. While no official cause was provided to explain the decision, according to the New York Post, Mrs. Tirado claims it is for something called the "No Zero" policy.

"I was not allowed to give anything lower than a 50" she said, meaning that the lowest score possible in that school is 50%. However, when a group of 8th graders did not turn in their work for months, she rejected the policy and gave them all a zero. Shortly after doing that, she was fired. While it is unclear what the specific reason is behind the school establishing a "No Zero" policy, there are arguments for and against it.

"It gives students a false sense... that they did what they didn't actually do" Junior Esai Gonzalez said. He believes that a "No Zero" policy is a bad idea. "If they do the same thing next time... they'll still get a 50%".

The school, through a spokesman, claims that their school does not have a "No Zero" policy. Mrs. Tirado protests that claim, stating that the policy was laid out in the school's student and parent handbook, and provided a picture of it to the

Scientists Propose New Protection for ESA

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The Endangered Species Act (ESA) protects around 1,600 species that are on the brink of extinction. It has been known to be quite successful over the past few decades. Saving species such as the American Bald Eagle has led them to be credited with high success stories.

Scientists blame Trump for weakening this very act due to many economic and land property issues. About 273 leading university scientists signed a letter of the accusation and proposal which was addressed to Interior Secretary Ryan Zeke and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross. The proposal explains that the species' critical habitat should be evaluated through its current range rather than looking through

a larger area and allowing it to be occupied once the species has recovered.

"From my point of view, scientists are making the right decision by restricting the economic activity," freshman Sharon Nathaniel said. "First of all, economic activities can be resumed in a later date when the threat of endangered animals have decreased. Since president trump wants to focus more on economic activity, scientists would have more trouble on helping these species get back on track to a stable population because the scientist would need to also worry about the political side of helping the environment. So therefore I believe that these scientists are making the right decision by restricting the economic activity."

The proposal had long been controversial since it takes away from the commercial life. Factories, mines, and other

systems would have to be placed aside in order to create a safe environment for the endangered species. Developers and critics argue that the act is a restriction and violation amongst their property rights and economic activities.

"I think that scientists are justified in being outraged because there's a point where we need to stop focusing on profits and protect the earth," junior Eric Kusnanto said. "After all, this is the only home we have. I feel like we as a society need to learn to think long-term. There's a saying that a society is great when the elderly grow trees even though they won't live to see the fruits of their labor. Instead we are obsessed with small petty things like how much income we make"

Professor Stuart Dimm sternly assert-

Schools Require License Plates on All Bike

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Riding a bike is one of many types of transportation students use to get to school. Instead of walking or being driven, they ride their bikes to school and leave the bikes on campus until the school day ends. The bikes left at school usually do not need to be specially identified and students will claim their own bikes at the end of school. However, for increased security, Stanley Park High School in South London, United Kingdom required all bicycles on campus to be fitted with a license plate. This requirement is put in place after one of the students were involved in a collision with a car.

Amit Amin, the schoolmaster of the school, believes that doing so would promote cycling to school and improve safety while biking. The school would also have workshops and equipments given to them to protect their safety. On top of that, this will assist others in reporting particularly bad habits of students while riding.

Even though this requirement improves the overall safety of students, some people have opposed to this idea, such as Duncan Dollimore of Cycling UK, who believe this act to be parental responsibility. Also, Cycling UK Campaigner Sam Jones stated that people frequently replace their bikes, making this process redundant and discouraging students to ride to school.

Legalization of California's Sale of Homemade Goods

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On August 22, 2018 California Governor Jerry Brown signed the bill recognizing and regulating cottage food industries. Assembly bill 626 includes specific qualities such as strict guidelines each vendor must follow. Guidelines that must be followed contain the basics like not selling seafood that has been out for too long. Other rules contain only same day cooking and selling. With the guidelines this bill also has way more reasons to it. Such as creating a pathway of protection and opportunities for others that have been marginalized like immigrants and people of color.

"This law would show that immigrants coming from different countries have put their mindset on providing themselves with business and profit into pocket with no complications," Freshman Alize Rodriguez said. With having great respects to those that are not looked at as much there are still possible complications. The California State Association of Counties and County Health Executives disputed that businesses such as diners will have the pathogen bacteria which causes food poisoning uncovered.

Street cart vendors do not have that worry about the revealing of having a history of food poisoning or any bad service. Their sales increase on the amount of products sold and they do not need money to go towards advertising.

"Home made food retailers also don't have to worry about paying taxes to the city for their post or stand of business," Freshman Jacklyn Romero said. These merchants keep every penny to themselves and don't pay taxes to the IRS as we do. In the end having an illegal cart would be unfair to those who lose an effective amount of money.

This bill being passed will affect immigrants who are selling without a permit but having a permit would promise safety to the seller and customers knowing each food sold is made by following guidelines just as restaurant would. The streets of California now have the greater odds of having a healthier and safer environment.

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