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Biden administration reinstates Trump-era rule

With the increasing numbers of Venezuelans coming to the U.S.-Mexico border recently, Biden has turned to a Trump-era rule known as Title 42. This will result in the denial of Venezuelans fleeing their "crisis-torn country" to get the chance to request asylum at the border.

First instated by Trump, the rule uses the emergency public health authority to prevent migrants from seeking asylum at the border in order to stop the spread of COVID-19. According to the new Biden administration policy, "Venezuelans who walk or swim across America's southern border will be expelled and any Venezuelan who illegally enters Mexico or Panama will be ineligible to come to the United States."

Despite this, it is reported that around 24,000 Venezuelans will be accepted at U.S. airports, similar to the manner of how Ukrainians have been admitted since Russia's invasion.

Biden's new policy has been followed up with much criticism from immigrant advocates who also mention the similarities between Biden's policy with Trump's.



Jennifer Nagda, policy director of the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights, stated, "Rather than restore the right to asylum decimated by the Trump administration ... the Biden administration has dangerously embraced the failures of the past and expanded upon them by explicitly enabling expulsions of Venezuelan migrants."

Various members of Biden's own party and other activist groups had been suspicious of the "health safety" excuse as it has been proved COVID-19 was spreading inside the U.S. more than outside of it.

The administration has recently announced it will "stop expelling migrants under Title 42 starting May 23rd, and will go back to detaining and deporting migrants who do not qualify to enter and remain in the U.S. — a longer process which allows migrants to request asylum in the U.S."

A lawsuit has also been insured by the American Civil Liberties Union in order to end Title 42. According to ACLU lawyer Lee Gelernt, "People have a right to seek asylum — regardless of where they came from, how they arrive in the United States, and whether or not they have family here."

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Ye makes anti-Semitic statements

On October 25, 2022, Adidas terminated its partnership with rapper and fashion designer, Ye, formally known as Kanye West, after he made a series of antisemitic and controversial remarks that were not tolerated by the German fashion company. Other companies that cut ties with Ye before Adidas include Foot Locker, Balenciaga, Gap, CAA (Creative Artists Agency), etc. He was also banned from popular social media platforms including Instagram and Twitter.

Recently, on November 4, it was revealed that in addition to making anti-Semitic comments on social media, Ye paid a settlement to a former employee who said to have witnessed more than once, Ye praising and glorifying Hitler or Nazis during business meetings. However, Ye denied these claims made by the former employee.

There have also been instances where former employees complained about a hostile and verbally abusive working environment during their stay with Ye. Recently, Ye appeared in interviews with Chris Cuomo, former CNN anchor, Fox News, and the "Drink Champs" podcast. In all of these interviews, he made some form of repeated attacks on the subject of "Jewish media" and their influence over different platforms. However, his controversial comments go all the way back to May 2018, when he appeared on TMZ (Thirty Mile Zone) and briefly stated that "slavery was a choice." In the interview, he said, "When you hear about slavery for 400 years... For 400 years? That sounds like a choice." There have been certain scandals in Hollywood that have ended up benefiting the celebrity involved, but it is clear that the opposite has occurred in Ye's case, as it has cost him his popularity and financial gain. Bad publicity continues to follow Ye, turning many of his fans away from him.

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A winter comic by Alisa Krotov



Could a diplomatic discussion end the war?

The Russia-Ukraine war has been ongoing since early this year, having devastating impacts on the lives of millions and leaving many anticipating the end. This past week, Ukraine's largest ally in this conflict, the United States, suggested that Kyiv attempts to engage in "diplomatic discussions" with Russia in the fear of a long-term war. In response to this, Ukraine and many of its residents have expressed that this would only be possible if all Russian troops leave Ukraine's territory. This is supported by Mykhailo Podolyak, the Ukrainian presidential advisor, who states that "no one is forcing Ukraine into an unprofitable negotiation process, or rather, into accepting Russia's ultimatum". Moreover, Podolyak also explains that it would be unwise for Ukraine to attempt negotiations with Russia as it would display the authority and power Russia possesses over other countries. Therefore, rather than focusing on negotiations, Ukraine has decided to continue progression whilst still remaining cautious.

Last Wednesday, Russia announced a retreat of Russian troops from the strategic city of Kherson. As of now, Ukrainian officials are remaining prudent as the actual status of the Russian forces within the city is uncertain; nevertheless, if this retreat proved to be legitimate, it would certainly be a large setback for Russia. Kherson is a port and industrial city that previously acted as a symbol of the invasion earlier this year and allowed Russia to advance further into the western territory. Overall, although it is unlikely that the war could be terminated by negotiation, this retreat could be an opening for Ukraine to make further progress.

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