

False Friction: Reconciling COVID-19 and Immigrants' Rights

Resources

NIJC Resources

NIJC's FAQ on border closure:

- This FAQ reveals the dubious legal reasoning for the border closure and prevailing obligations under U.S. and international law.
- The Latest Brick In The Wall: How The Trump Administration Unlawfully 'Expels' Asylum Seekers & Unaccompanied Children In The Name Of Public Health. Available: https://immigrantjustice.org/staff/blog/latest-brick-wall-how-trump-administration-unlawfully-expels-asylum-seekers

NIJC's Timeline of Attacks on Asylum:

- NIJC created and regularly updates this timeline highlighting the major events comprising the administration's assault on asylum seekers.
- A Timeline of the Trump Administration's Efforts to End Asylum, Available: https://immigrantjustice.org/issues/asylum-seekers-refugees

Regulatory Comments:

- NIJC submitted comments calling for the immediate rescission of a new rule and the restoration of the lawful and safe processing of asylum seekers, torture survivors, and children.
- Trump Administration Weaponizes COVID-19 To Wall Off Children And Asylum Seekers, In Violation Of U.S. And International Law: NIJC Submits Comments Opposing CDC Border Closure Rule Available:
 - https://immigrantjustice.org/staff/blog/trump-administration-weaponizes-covid-19-wall-children-and-asylum-seekers-violation-us

NIJC Press Release

NIJC Calls On Congress To Reject Trump Request To Fund Quarantine Detention Sites,
 Demands Asylum Seekers To Be Safely Admitted To The United States. Available:
 https://immigrantjustice.org/press-releases/nijc-calls-congress-reject-trump-request-fund-quarantine-detention-sites-demands

NIJC Report:

• NIJC with the American Civil Liberties Union and Human Rights Watch released on April 30th a first-of-its-kind report on immigration detention under the Trump administration:

Justice-Free Zones: U.S. Immigration Detention Under the Trump Administration

External Resources1

- Just Security. Coronavirus Border Expulsions: CDC's Assault on Asylum Seekers and Unaccompanied Minors. 13 Apr. 2020. Guttentag, Lucas. Available at: https://www.justsecurity.org/69640/coronavirus-border-expulsions-cdcs-assault-on-asylum-seekers-and-unaccompanied-minors/
- Just Security. There is No Public Health Rationale for a Categorical Ban on Asylum Seekers.
 April 17, 2020. https://www.justsecurity.org/69747/there-is-no-public-health-rationale-for-a-categorical-ban-on-asylum-seekers/
- Together with our organizational partner Kids In Need of Defense (KIND), NIJC called on the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to cease the expulsion of unaccompanied immigrant children. Read the letter here. KIND also prepared an e-petition you can sign onto to tell "DHS that it needs to follow the law and exempt unaccompanied children and asylum seekers from this southern border closure and allow them entry to the U.S."
- Media Advisory: Public health and medical leaders condemn CDC's actions to shut down border
- The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has published data on the border 'expulsions' conducted pursuant to the CDC order closing the U.S. border. This data shows over 20,000 individuals have been 'expelled' under the Public Health Service Act of 1944. See CBP, Nationwide Enforcement Encounters: Title 8 Enforcement Actions and Title 42 Expulsions, 7 May 2020, Available: https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/cbp-enforcement-statistics/title-8-and-title-42-statistics
- DHS. Joint DHS/EOIR Statement on the Rescheduling of MPP Hearings. 10 May 2020, available: https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHS/bulletins/28add8f

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¹ These are a few resources provided by some of NIJC partners; this is not an exhaustive list of resources available on the subject.