

What You Need To Know | President Trump Is Protecting American Workers During This Crisis

President Trump's announcement on Monday:



Statement from Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany:

"President Trump is committed to protecting the health and economic well-being of American citizens as we face unprecedented times. As President Trump has said, 'Decades of record immigration have produced lower wages and higher unemployment for our citizens, especially for African-American and Latino workers.' At a time when Americans are looking to get back to work, action is necessary."

Recent polls have found that Americans strongly favor a temporary pause of immigration into the United States.

- Nearly 80% of Americans recently said they favor a temporary pause on immigration into our country, according to a [USA Today/Ipsos](#) poll.
- A recent [Pew Research Center](#) poll shows that 81% of Americans see mass immigration as a threat.
- A Scott Rasmussen national survey [recently found](#) that 70% of voters agreed that the federal government should place a temporary ban on allowing foreign entry into the U.S.

Mass immigration into the United States depresses the wages of American workers.

- At a time when many American workers are hurting or out of a job due to coronavirus, it's more important than ever to protect jobs for our citizens.
- A 2017 study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine found that immigration often hurts the wages of blue-collar workers.
 - The study [found](#) that: "Groups comparable to ... immigrants in terms of their skill may experience a wage reduction as a result of immigration-induced increases in labor supply."
- Harvard economics professor George Borjas [has demonstrated](#) the effect that immigration can have on workers in the U.S.

- [BORJAS](#): “Wage trends over the past half-century suggest that a 10 percent increase in the number of workers with a particular set of skills probably lowers the wage of that group by at least 3 percent.”

Democrats and liberal pundits have acknowledged in the past that mass migration hurts American workers.

- Sen. Bernie Sanders has long [warned](#) about the dangers of supporting mass migration, suggesting that doing so would make “people in this country even poorer.”
 - Sanders in 2015: “You think we should open the borders and bring in a lot of low-wage workers, or do you think maybe we should try to get jobs for those [American] kids?”
- Paul Krugman has [said](#) “Immigration reduces the wages of domestic workers who compete with immigrants. That’s just supply and demand.”
 - Krugman [noted](#) that research shows mass immigration hurts “the worst-off native-born Americans” and threatens the social safety net.
- Even then-Sen. Barack Obama once [warned](#) that the huge numbers of immigrants coming into the U.S. threatened to depress wages for American workers.
 - [OBAMA](#): “The number of immigrants added to the labor force every year is of a magnitude not seen in this country for over a century ... also threatens to depress further the wages of blue-collar Americans and put strains on an already overburdened safety net.”

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