

Trump's Executive Order to Keep Families Together is a Sham

The Trump Administration has caused the crisis at the border and their sham of a solution is to keep punishing families, seeking a better life, by putting them behind bars. From the get-go, this Administration has been in a competition with itself to lower the bar on their dehumanization of immigrants.

Families seeking safety need opportunity and protection, not indefinite detention.

Politicians who refuse to speak out against these atrocities do not deserve our trust or the privilege to represent us.

Keeping children in cages is wrong, whether they are with their parents or not. The trauma caused will impact infants, toddlers, and children of all ages.

Both the immigration and the criminal justice system are being unleashed onto our families as if we were disposable, only to benefit the mass private for-profit incarceration machine.

Whether it's the over-policing of Black youth or the imprisonment of immigrant families, our nation is paying at a very high moral and financial cost.

We must address the root causes of displacement that is creating this refugee crisis, including the role of our foreign and international policies and practices.

We must also be honest with ourselves as we see our country committing human rights abuses by governmental tactics.

We are encouraged by the unity, solidarity and actions of communities across the country, who acknowledge that we are all human and deserve the dignity to be free from all terror. WE DESERVE BETTER.

Today Congress did not successfully vote for the Goodlatte bill. However, there is another bill set to be voted on tomorrow.

These pieces of legislation will ensure that our tax dollars go to the for-profit industries while adding barriers to legal migration, asylum seeking, and family reunification.

This administration needs to stop holding immigrants, migrants, refugees, and DREAMERS hostage from these hateful and dehumanizing policies.

We need congress to pass bipartisan legislation that provides a permanent solution and protects family integrity and dignity.

Let us Remember that new leadership is not only needed but will only begin to emerge with our participation.

Please, continue to call your state and national representatives, attend social justice demonstrations, donate to organizations working on the frontlines and share the stories of these people who are traumatized by current law and policy. Together we can fight against these human rights violations.

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