



# US Immigration Newsletter

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## Reviving the True Spirit of Thanksgiving: What Should Americans Be Thankful for?

Thanksgiving is around the corner, and pretty soon, the festivities will be in full swing. Meanwhile, the immigrants in our country continue to ~~face discrimination under the Trump administration atrocities under President Trump's regime~~, which begs the question, what exactly should we be thankful for? As [Ana Baric](#), an immigrant who hails from Bosnia, described, the United States helped her family create a new life while her country was in the midst of war. However, ever since Trump's election, the political landscape of the United States has shifted dramatically, and this great nation is no longer the sanctuary it used to be. Instead, xenophobia reigns supreme. Immigrants can no longer seek protection through the Affordable Care Act, and liberty as we know it is fading.



In light of such events, it is hard to celebrate Thanksgiving in its true spirit and form. We must also reflect on the fact that as a holiday, Thanksgiving symbolizes peace and helping others (the first thanksgiving dinners were arranged by the Native Wampanoag Indians to welcome the Pilgrims. Later, the Pilgrims put together a feast as a gesture of thanks to the Native Americans for helping them survive the harsh winter). If you truly want to celebrate Thanksgiving, then do it in a way that pays tribute to the birth of this holiday. ~~We cannot let hate win. We must not let Trump's anti-immigrant rhetoric win.~~ If it does, then everything that our forefathers fought for may ~~get~~ be reduced to nothing.

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## Immigrants Pardoned from Paying Huge Fines Lodged by the Trump Administration

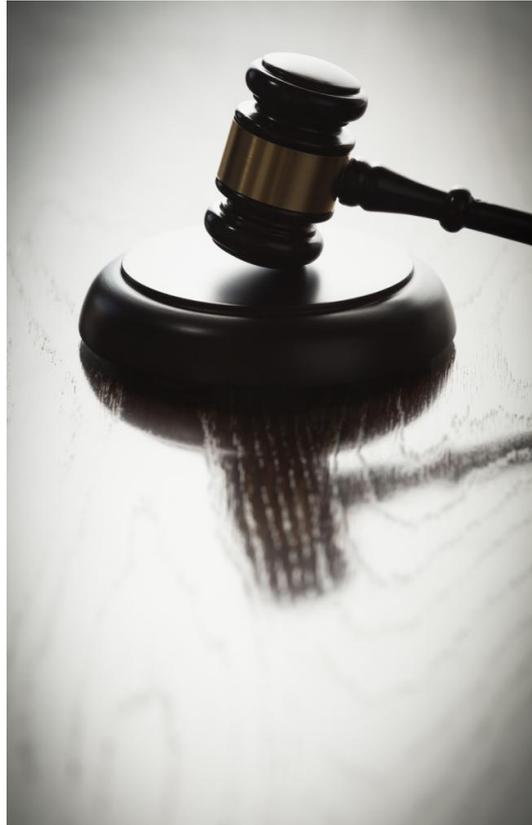
In September, the Trump administration sent out notices to illegal immigrants throughout the country, demanding that they pay up to [\\$500,000 in fines](#). As per the ICE, the Immigration and National Act gives the government the right to impose such fines on illegal immigrants who have been told to leave the country but failed to do so.



Things took a turn recently when the government decided to [withdraw the penalties](#). As per immigration lawyers, there were plenty of strong legal arguments against paying these fines and the ICE realizes that. The withdrawal [marks a rare victory for immigrants in the USA. ~~marks a rare victory for immigrants against the Trump administration.~~](#) Although most immigrants still don't feel entirely safe, this reversal of events gives a small amount of hope to the immigrant community [and signals that better times are yet to come. ~~in the United States.~~](#)

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## U.S. Supreme Court to Make the Final Decision on Trump's Bid to End the DACA Program



In September 2017, President Trump announced that he will be putting an end to the [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program \(DACA\)](#). If successful, the move would declare around 700,000 immigrants eligible for deportation. The DACA status grants legal status to child immigrants who entered the United [States](#) without documentation or did not get their visa extended.

However, ~~the Trump's~~ decision to end the DACA has been said to be in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act.

As a result, the [Supreme Court](#) will now be asked to weigh in on the initiative. It remains to be seen whether the decision will be upheld or the court will rule in favor of immigrants in the DACA program.