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US Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Restrictive Asylum Rule

The US Supreme Court has ruled in favor of the [new restrictive asylum rule](#) introduced by the government. To the uninitiated, the rule would prevent asylum seekers from entering the United States, if they have passed through a third country along the way and failed to apply for asylum in that country.



The court ruling marked a significant victory for the Trump administration. As per [official representatives of the government](#), the rule has been enforced to simplify the process of identifying genuine asylum seekers amidst scores of other immigrants who take advantage of existing asylum laws. It can help resolve the current immigrant crisis across the southern border of the country.

[Challengers](#) of the rule have pointed out that it would bring about a massive change to the asylum system in the United States. It would also place a countless number of people in danger. Be as that may, currently, it appears that that merits of the rule outweigh its demerits, and the government can deny asylum to any individual who has failed to follow due process.

Pending Immigration Court Cases Cross 1 Million Mark

The current [backlog of immigration court cases](#) has amounted to 1,007,155 – more than 1 million.

Most of these cases involve issues such as civil immigration. A significant number of asylum cases have also contributed to the existing backlog.



The government is [setting up new courts](#) to address the problem. Some of these court sessions are being held within tents with judges overseeing cases via a live video stream. The method, while unconventional, may speed up the ruling process for pending cases. The government has also taken measures to reduce the number of asylum seekers arriving at the southern border.

Whether these attempts will help decrease the backlog for pending cases remains to be seen.