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WASHINGTON Human Rights First expressed grave concern about a new Centers for Disease Control (CDC) order issued today, based on Title 42 of U.S. law, and the Biden administration's use of that order to continue to expel adults and families at the border.

It's deeply disturbing and disappointing that the Biden administration has decided to double down on the use of Title 42 to continue to circumvent U.S. refugee law, said **Human Rights First's Senior Director for Refugee Protection Eleanor Acer**. Like its predecessors, this order evades refugee law and endangers the lives of people seeking protection. The Biden administration's continued use of Title 42 to expel adults and families back to danger in Mexico will lead to even more suffering, kidnappings and attacks. The Biden administration should be ending illegal and harmful Trump administration policies, not adopting and prolonging them.

As of June 2021, Human Rights First had tracked over 3,250 cases of asylum seekers and migrants kidnapped, raped or attacked after being blocked or expelled to Mexico since the Biden administration took office in [January](#). Public health experts have [repeatedly explained](#) that asylum seekers can be safely processed using public health measures.

Concerns raised by this latest order purporting to authorize expulsions based on Title 42 include:

This troubling order will no doubt be used to bolster the disingenuous and xenophobic narrative, pushed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott and other allies of former President Trump that asylum seekers and migrants present some kind of threat of disease spread in the United States, said Acer. The Biden administration and the CDC should be standing up for the truth, not helping to fuel that false, dangerous and racist narrative.

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