

## Immigrants march against Florida laws

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MIAMI. More than a thousand people, mostly Latino families with children, participated in a march in rejection of the immigration law that will go into effect next July in Florida, whose promoter is Governor Ron DeSantis, who aspires to run for the White House in 2024.

The "unity march" went through the streets of downtown Homestead, a South Florida city located about 60 kilometers from Miami and with an important community of Central American and Mexican farm workers.

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In one of the stages, the demonstrators gathered in a square in front of the municipal government headquarters with signs with slogans such as "Our economy depends on immigrants", "I am a worker, not a criminal" and "We produce for the wealth of this country".

Community leaders and representatives of religious denominations spoke in defense of the "dignity of immigrants" and to explain the scope of SB1718 and the risks it poses to undocumented immigrants in Florida.

According to various sources, there are about 800,000 undocumented immigrants in a state of 21.5 million inhabitants.

The new law not only punishes companies that employ undocumented immigrants with heavy fines, but also punishes family members or others who help them, does not recognize driver's licenses issued by more benevolent states, and obliges medical centers to ask about a patient's immigration status in order to register them.

Pro-immigrant organizations and the Democratic Party have criticized the law, one of the toughest in the country, not only for the suffering it brings to Florida's undocumented immigrants, but also for the effects on the economy, especially agriculture, tourism and construction.

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"We are already hearing from people who have decided to leave or are planning to leave for fear of being detained and deported and losing everything they have built here. Employers are also very concerned, because they are losing their employees," Londoño said.

DeSantis, who officially registered this week his candidacy for the primaries in which the Republican candidate for the White House in 2024 will be chosen, made it clear in his first interviews as a candidate that he will make immigration the workhorse of his campaign.

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## Donald Trump returns to the campaign against immigrants

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Former US President **Donald Trump** announced that, if elected again in 2024, he will sign an executive order to **ban automatic citizenship for children of illegal immigrants** and stop the "invasion of the borders".

"The (Joe)

**Biden** administration **is allowing an illegal invasion of immigrants** and a record number of immigrants coming from all over the world," he said at the beginning of his speech in a video posted on the Twitter account of his son, Donald Trump Jr.

The 76-year-old Republican assured that Biden's policies "rewards those who break the law" and that it works as a "magnet" for the "baddest people in the world." "This policy is the fruit of a myth and a misinterpretation of the law by activists who want open borders," he declared.

Then, he argued that from the first day of his eventual administration in the White House he would sign an executive order to clarify to "all federal agencies **that with a correct interpretation of the law the children of immigrants will not have automatic citizenship** " and that he would seek to encourage the return of immigrants to their countries of origin.

Trump also assured that he would put an end to "birth tourism", by which, according to his argument, "chain immigration" is generated. Finally, he said he would put the United States and its borders "back on the front burner".

The former president seeks to return to the White House in next year's elections, for which there are already six pre-candidates. **From the Republican Party, Trump himself, the governor of the state of Florida, Ron DeSantis, and the former ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley,** are running.

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"Without us there is no Florida ," message from immigrant march to DeSantis

## "Without us there is no Florida," message from immigrant march to DeSantis

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Miami, May 27. "Without us there is no Florida" is the message of the immigrants who will participate this Saturday in a march in rejection of the policies of the governor and Republican primary candidate Ron DeSantis, who maintains an implacable stance against irregular immigration.

The "unity march" is called for this afternoon in Homestead, a town about 39 miles (60 km) south of Miami and dedicated mainly to agriculture, the economic sector that most fears the immigration law SB1718 that will go into effect on July 1, because it means losing a large part of its workforce.

"Enough! It's time for all of us to take a stand against Governor Ron DeSantis and his vicious attacks on all working families," says We Count! (We Count!) of Florida, the convener of this march.

The low-income immigrant workers and families of South Miami-Dade County who make up We Count!, the vast majority of whom are Central American and Mexican, are trying to "tell Governor Ron DeSantis: We are here and we are not leaving. Without us there is no Florida," María Bilbao, a pro-immigrant activist, told EFE hours before the march.

#### REJECTION OF THE LAW REACHES MEXICO

Pro-immigrant organizations and the Florida Democratic Party have rejected SB1718, one of the toughest laws in the country, not only because of the suffering it will bring to the nearly 800,000 undocumented immigrants in Florida, but also because of the effects on the state's economy, which, they say, are already being felt.

Even the president of Mexico, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, this week asked Hispanics not to vote for DeSantis, who, after a long wait, officially registered his candidacy for the primaries in which the Republican Party's candidate for the White House in 2024 will be chosen.

DeSantis, who is second in the polls behind his former political godfather, former President Donald Trump, has made it clear in his first interviews as a candidate that he will make immigration the workhorse of his campaign.

According to Bilbao, the march of South Florida workers is "to reject the anti-immigrant law" of DeSantis, which has "people very scared."

Florida Democratic Party Chairwoman Nikki Fried, formerly the state's Commissioner of Agriculture, an elected position, says 60% of the state's farm workers are in an irregular immigration status.

Agriculture, a \$7.7 billion a year business, forms, along with tourism and construction, the "backbone" of Florida's economy and all three sectors are dependent on foreign labor to function.

As Fried said at a press conference Friday in Miami, the effects of SB1718 are being felt in advance.

#### EFFECTS IN ADVANCE

"Without us there is no Florida ," message from immigrant march to DeSantis

Families of undocumented workers are leaving the state in search of "friendlier" places, in the countryside "crops are rotting" without being harvested, and there are labor shortages in commerce and construction.

The new law not only punishes companies that employ undocumented immigrants with heavy fines, but also punishes family members or others who help them, does not recognize driver's licenses issued by states that are more benevolent towards these immigrants, and forces medical centers to ask about a patient's immigration status in order for it to be registered.

"There are many people leaving the state (Florida), leaving their jobs, leaving their homes, going to other states because they are scared," said Bilbao, an Argentinean who was undocumented for more than a decade and is now a campaign coordinator for the pro-immigrant organization American Friends Service Committee (AFSC).

The organizers of Saturday's march plan to bring together immigrant workers and families, religious leaders and community organizations in front of Homestead City Hall.

"We all have our right to continue fighting (...). Don't be afraid to be here in Homestead," said a WeCount! activist in a video posted on social media.

Bilbao adds: DeSantis "has created a war of cultures, of hate, and has put immigrants in more danger, because now people can have a gun on them. It's crazy.

The activist made mention of another law passed by the Florida Congress at the behest of DeSantis that allows people to carry firearms in public without the need for permits or training. EFE

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## CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS URGE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO USE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY TO PROTECT IMMIGRANT FAMILIES AND WORKERS

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(TNSgov) -- The Southern Poverty Law Center issued the following news release on May 25, 2023:

As first reported by The Hill, a coalition of prominent civil rights organizations sent a letter to the Biden administration calling on President Joe Biden to take all actions within his authority to protect undocumented immigrants -- many of whom hail from the African and Caribbean diasporas, have strong family and community ties, and contribute tremendously to the economy. The groups underscored the economic and moral imperative to protect these communities, calling immigration, "one of the key civil rights issues of our time."

The letter specifically calls for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designations and redesignations for nationals in the U.S. who can't safely return to their home countries, including nationals from Sudan, South Sudan, Haiti, Cameroon, and other African nations, as well as Nicaragua, El Salvador and Honduras. It also calls on President Biden to use all tools necessary to protect Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients, and urges reduction of overly long case backlogs.

As long-term undocumented immigrants continue to uniquely strengthen the economy and local communities, they have become an inextricable part of our nation's fabric. However, as the groups outlined in the letter, congressional inaction on immigration reform has left undocumented Black immigrants who have called the U.S. home for decades with uncertainty about their future. The groups are now calling on the administration to take every executive and agency action possible to help protect these immigrant communities and move towards a more fair and equitable immigration system.

The letter, led by the National Urban League, NAACP, the Southern Poverty Law Center, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. and the Haitian Bridge Alliance, states:

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"There is a moral imperative for us to reform our immigration system and overcome the mistakes of our past, particularly as the Black immigrant population represents one of the most rapidly growing immigrant communities in the U.S.

"We, therefore, urge the administration to take every executive and agency action possible to help ensure that we begin to move to a more fair and equitable immigration system. A number of our organizations have endorsed the solutions in the report titled 2023 Immigration Priorities: A Blueprint for the Biden-Harris Administration. We believe all of these solutions should be on the table as the administration builds a suite of solutions focused on affirmative relief, including: (1) TPS designations and redesignations for nationals in the U.S. who can't return to their home countries due to armed conflict, natural disaster, or other emergent humanitarian reasons, including nationals from Haiti, Sudan, South Sudan, Cameroon, and other African nations, as well as Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Honduras, as soon as possible; (2) protections by any tool necessary for DACA recipients; and (3) reduction of overly long case backlogs and other related actions."

"We must uphold our values of being a nation where immigrants forced to flee due to political instability, violence and persecution can find a home and safe haven in the United States," said Efren C. Olivares, deputy legal director of the Southern Poverty Law Center. "For too long, anti-Black racism and cruelty have pervaded our immigration system. It's time to end unjust treatment and human rights abuses inflicted by our government. We call upon the Biden administration to take every step to ensure that racial equity is at the forefront of its immigration policies."

"Black immigrants carry the burdens of discrimination on multiple fronts, suffering from a stigma of anti-immigrant sentiment that has surged in recent years, compounded by the stain of anti-Blackness that the nation is still struggling to erase," said Marc H. Morial, President and CEO of the National Urban League. "These communities deserve an equal shot at the American dream, and we urge the Biden Administration to take aggressive action to rid the immigration process of the inequities that put that dream persistently out of reach."

"Black immigrants continue to be the group most impacted by crimmigration as our communities are overpoliced, hyper vulnerable and subject to extreme racism" said Guerline Jozef, Executive Director of the Haitian Bridge Alliance. "It is of utmost importance that the Biden administration live up to its values and use the full breadth of its executive power to provide essential humanitarian protections including TPS. According to the latest Pew Research, one (1) in ten (10) Black people in the United States are immigrants. The Black immigrant population is projected to account for roughly a third of the U.S. Black population's growth through 2060. It is time that we acknowledge the contribution of Black immigrants in the United States and urge President Biden and his administration to make sure that racial equity is at the center of all immigration policies and to bring swift action to protect our Black immigrant community."

"Immigrants make our communities stronger," said LDF Senior Policy Counsel Amalea Smirniotopoulos. "Yet, we've seen an onslaught of attacks in recent years on undocumented immigrants -- thousands of whom came to the United States to escape violence, poverty and environmental disasters. Black immigrants in particular continue to fare worse in our immigration system and may face higher rates of deportation and detention. We urge President Biden to take all necessary steps to fix our broken immigration system."

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## Immigrant Rights Advocates & Faith Leaders Welcome Asylum Seekers to Erie County, Applaud County Exec Poloncarz

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(TNSgov) -- The New York Immigration Coalition issued the following news release on May 25, 2023:

The New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC), Jericho Road Community Health Center, Justice for Migrant Families, allies, faith leaders, member organizations, and immigrant New Yorkers rallied and held a press conference at Niagara Square in support of welcoming asylum seekers to the Buffalo area. They stood together as the City Of Good Neighbors to denounce the hate and racism that has surrounded the potential arrival of asylum seekers in Western New York.

On Tuesday, Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz announced that asylum seekers would be coming to the Buffalo area from New York City, and that his county was ready to support the effort. The Buffalo area is already home to over 12,000 refugees from Afghanistan, Congo, Ecuador, Somalia, Ukraine, Venezuela and other countries, and we look forward to building on this rich legacy of welcoming immigrants to Erie County, however long they might be staying here.

"Immigrants make up the lifeblood of Buffalo. For decades, people have come and settled here from all over the world - immigrants are our neighbors, classmates and co-workers. They are a part of our communities, and have rebuilt our economy. We are proud to stand up to welcome any new asylum seekers who may come to Buffalo, and applaud our local officials who have let people know that no matter where you come from, and no matter how long you stay, we are the City of Good Neighbors for everyone. We know that when we support our immigrant neighbors, we all thrive," said Meghan Maloney de Zaldivar, Upstate Director of Organizing and Strategy, New York Immigration Coalition.

"Jericho Road's Vive Shelter has welcomed and cared for asylum seekers for years. We cherish this opportunity to join a collaborative effort in supporting our newest neighbors. We believe that caring for asylum seekers is loving your neighbor and we always look forward to doing more of that," said Matt Tice, VIVE Shelter Director, Jericho Road Community Health Center.

"People of Buffalo and Western New York know what it is to do everything they can to provide for their families and ensure a better present and future for their children, and for this reason we are well positioned to welcome people

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who have had to uproot their lives to do just that. Buffalo has historically been a landing place for immigrants and we know how to receive and support people and do it well. Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz's leadership and values stand in sharp contrast to the cowardly and hateful statements that have been made by officials in neighboring counties and represents a grounded plan in coordination with local organizations and state officials," said Jennifer Connor, Executive Director, Justice for Migrant Families WNY.

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