



Chaos in White House as officials debate migrant border crisis

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Trump, faced with a public outcry over his policy that separated children from their migrant parents at the USA border with Mexico, had urged Congress to take up immigration legislation to permanently prevent family separations. "Your loss will not have been in vain", he told the group. But the event, in all of its exploitative weirdness, also had a freakish (but very Trumpian) aesthetic flourish: as each Angel Parent spoke, they displayed a blown up photo of their murdered loved one.

Following Trump's remarks, members of the so-called "angel families" shared stories about the deaths of their relatives.

There were also signs that the administration is dialing back, for now at least, its "zero tolerance" policy of prosecuting all adults caught crossing into the US illegally.

In another tweet Friday, Trump backed off calling on Congress to act on immigration, telling Republicans not to be "wasting their time" trying to pass legislation before the November midterms.

While Trump may be urging the GOP to focus on getting more officials elected, his immigration-based tweets are likely to continue as he houses an increasing number of men, women, and children in his detention centers through the enactment of his administration's "zero tolerance" policy.

Trump backed up his complaint with the unsupported claim that undocumented immigrants are more unsafe than the general population and shared statistics on crimes committed by undocumented immigrants without any context.

A 2017 study by the Cato Institute found that the incarceration rate for native-born Americans was 1.53%, compared to 0.85% for undocumented immigrants and 0.47% for legal immigrants. CNN and MSNBC cut their coverage of the White House event shortly after Trump accused the media of "overlooking" the families.

The mother filed for political asylum after crossing the border with her son, Darwin, following a trek from Guatemala. It was widely published, ending up on newspaper front pages.

The Justice Department has denied the zero-tolerance policy has been rolled back, and that approximately 500 children so far reunited with their families are still being kept in cages at various detention centres.

"It's shameful that Dems [Democrats] and the media exploited this photo of a little girl to push their agenda".

The president also rattled off a litany of statistics that indicated that illegal immigrants commit violent crimes at a far higher rate than USA citizens, saying "you hear it's like they're better people than what we have, than our citizens". The separation here is from the facts.

She asked Art Del Cueto, president of the Border Patrol Union in Tucson, Arizona, about the "misrepresentations" about the situation at the border and the attacks on U.S. Border Patrol agents. "Her mother picked her up and the two were taken away together", the magazine said. Trump said "you hear the other side, you never hear this side". All 435 seats in the House and a third of the 100-member Senate will be contested in the November election.

The Trump administration is seeking changes to a decades-old settlement governing the detention of immigrant children to try to be able to detain children with their parents for longer periods of time. On Thursday, the House voted against a hard-line immigration measure and delayed a vote on a more moderate proposal, punting a decision on the bill to next week to give lawmakers more time to pick up support.

"Forty-four (44) percent of voters said in April that Trump is doing a good or excellent job handling issues related to immigration", Rasmussen pointed out. "We can pass great legislation after the Red Wave!"

U.S. Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, a Republican representing a majority Hispanic district in Florida and who is not running for re-election, termed the president's tweets "schizoid policymaking".