

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID ABOUT FAMILY SEPARATION

Elders and Friends Standing with Immigrant Children and Their Parents

Nancy Pelosi, D House Minority Leader

This is child abuse. This is the cruelest act.

Juan Vargas, D Congressman from California

What's going on with our nation?

Susan Collins, R Senator from Maine

The separation of families who cross the border illegally does not act as a deterrent and is not consistent with American values. It is traumatizing to children who are innocent victims.

Mazie Hirono, D Senator from Hawaii

Border security can be done in many different ways, but President Trump has chosen the cruelest way. He takes no responsibility for it whatsoever.

Chris Coons, D Senator from Delaware

This is an inhumane and immoral policy.

Bob Goodlatte, R Congressman from Virginia, and Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee

We need to do everything we can to make sure that we have the ability when parents show up with their children to let the children stay with the parents.

Patrick Leahy, D Senator from Vermont

This is not who we are as Americans.

Richard Blumenthal, D Senator from Connecticut

(1) There is no law that requires it. It has never been the policy of past administrations, whether Republican or Democrat, to rip children away from their families and there never has been the policy of past administrations to prosecute criminally every asylum seeker coming across the border.

(2) On the Supreme Court decision to uphold the ban on immigration from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen:

"The Supreme Court's decision to uphold President Donald Trump's travel ban is a win for Trump but not for America."

Lindsey Graham, R Senator from South Carolina

We have to find a better way!

José Rodríguez, D State Senator from Texas.

We can get no information. This is outrageous. This is unacceptable.

A Woman from Guatemala

Es el momento más difícil que he vivido en mi vida, cuando me dijeron que me iban a separar de mi hijo porque yo era una criminal...

This is the worst moment I have lived through in my life, when they told me they would take my son away from me because I am a criminal...

US Catholic Bishops

Family unity is a cornerstone of our American immigration system. Rupturing the bond between parent and child causes scientifically proven trauma that often leads to irreparable emotional scarring.

Hillary Clinton

What's happening to families at the border right now is a humanitarian crisis. Every parent who has ever held a child in their arms, every human being with a sense of compassion and decency, should be outraged.

Laura Bush

This policy is cruel. It is immoral. And it breaks my heart.

Rosalyn Carter

The practice and policy today of removing children from their parents' care at our border with Mexico is disgraceful and a shame to our country.

American Academy of Pediatrics

Highly stressful experiences, including family separation, can cause irreparable harm to lifelong development by disrupting a child's brain architecture. Toxic stress, which is caused by prolonged exposure to heightened stress, has detrimental short- and long-term health effects.

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When children are separated from their parents, it removes the buffer of a supportive adult or caregiver to help mitigate stress and protect against substantial impacts on their health that can contribute to chronic conditions like depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and heart disease.

Judge Dana Sabraw of US District Court for Southern California

Ruling on ACLU legal suit, June 26th, 2018

(1) The facts set forth before the court portray reactive governance — responses to address a chaotic circumstance of the government's own making. They belie measured and ordered governance, which is central to the concept of due process enshrined in our Constitution.

(2) The unfortunate reality is that under the present system migrant children are not accounted for with the same efficiency and accuracy as property. Certainly, that cannot satisfy the requirements of due process.