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How Many Illegals Should America Accept?

How many illegal aliens should we take in? If you want them in the country, will you take them into your home? If they commit a crime, will you find an attorney to represent them? Put up bail? What if they are repeat offenders and make a living by lying, cheating and stealing? What if they murder someone? Will you be willing to stand by them throughout their time in the court system in the event they are captured? What portion of your income are you willing to pledge to take care of them? Think ahead; it will take a lot of your money. They aren't just here for a minute, you know.

Many of them could be hardworking citizens of another country. But when they come to our border and enter illegally, often they bring nothing with them. Perhaps they face horrors that we never dreamed of. We have, and have had for decades, an actual legal immigration system. Why aren't *all* immigrants, legal and illegal compelled to use that system? Former president Biden ignored every single law that protects our borders and over 20 MILLION illegals entered our country. We pay the price for his irrational decision every single day.

Some are here for whatever they can get from your pocketbook. Food, clothing, healthcare, education, transportation, all come out of your pocket. And much more. Although we have clear-cut regulations, laws and requirements, they have brought a serious crime problem. With no job and nothing to offer, some resort to stealing, carrying drugs for gangs, and even murder. The Dems call them "immigrants" without acknowledging the drastic increase in crime. Rather than holding them accountable, Dems offer excuses and virtually anything but what is needed: prosecution and deportation.

Maybe these illegals *want* to work but can't speak English. Will you teach them the language of America? Pay for their schools? Should they be truck drivers?

One problem you are facing is that not everyone agrees that allowing people from other countries to break into America is a good idea. No country is a country without borders. No home is a home without the means to protect it for the family who lives there from people who don't belong. Not every American wants their tax dollars funding illegals.

Our country is a nation of immigrants, but also a nation of rules and laws. The very successful Americans attain

success via a good education, hard work, innovation, a desire to excel and, most important, a faith in God.

Our country was founded on Judeo/Christian values. Check out billionbibles.org for a clear illustration of the stark differences between Sharia law and the laws that govern all citizens in America. Backgrounds, religion, education in many countries are antithetical to America. Sharia law is horrific when viewed side-by-side with America's freedoms.

Currently, taxpayers have no choice regarding who pays for all this. We the People are on the hook because the Democrat party needs illegals' votes so they give "immigrants" everything I mentioned and more.

The SAVE AMERICA Act would protect every American by forcing Democrats' hand. It requires verified identification as an American citizen every time we go to the polls to elect an American citizen to public office. There is no logical or ethical reason to do otherwise. Yet Dems are fighting this common-sense law like Trump is fighting to keep Iran from having nuclear weapons.

On another subject of equal importance: Why would the Democrat party support and defend organizations like Southern Poverty Law Center? Even MSN.com cannot hide the truth of this organization's efforts to divide Americans. Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche told MSN, "The SPLC was not dismantling the groups," Blanche said. "It was instead manufacturing the extremism it purports to oppose by paying sources to stoke racial hatred. Patel said that the SPLC 'used the money they raised from their donor network to actually pay the leadership of these very groups.'"

These are two major problems that drain money and cause dissension in our country. Why? To me it seems the Democrats have forgotten they were elected to represent ALL the American people by upholding our Constitution and Bill of Rights. That means LEGAL immigration, organizations that work FOR us, not against us, and working together with Republicans for the greater good of the country. And it would really help if the Dems got off their pedestals, went to the doctor and got something to cure their crazy TDS symptoms. Or take a course in logic to find a better way to keep America safe, free, and prosperous than what they're doing now.

— Sally Gillies

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There seems to be some confusion within the populace regarding adherence to governmental laws. To be more specific: our US Government was founded and established with a Declaration that whether it be within the STATE or FEDERAL Government, the laws passed therein would be ones that coincide within the declarations created by our Constitution of "Advise and Consent" reflecting the best wishes of "WE THE PEOPLE". Anything contrary to that would be considered treasonous to the establishment of our Constitution.

True enough, a country without laws or some form of discipline is pure chaos! With that said, let us examine our Bible; "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authorities, resists what God has appointed and those who resist will incur Judgment.

"Pay to all what is owed to them, taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed." ROMANS 13: 2, 7.

Does it mean that we follow like sheep to slaughter? Let's see now. Peter and the Apostles answered, "We must always obey God rather than Men." But if we do not obey because; "Unjust laws contrary to our Constitution and religious beliefs, "Be it known to you O King (Government) that we will not serve your Gods (Whims) or worship the Golden Image that you have set up." DANIEL 3:18

CONCLUSION: We are bound by our American Heritage, Religious Beliefs and our incumbent citizen obligations, not only to create a Government to safeguard our rights, but also, to ascertain that Government is staying whole in God's image, lest we become subjects of His wrath. And that wrath comes in many forms, i.e., the failures and disintegration of Cuba, Venezuela, and other countries

— **Chuck Collins**

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RCOBA President Chuck Collins has contacted all Candidates who have filed to run for Governor. Mr. Fishback's Campaign Manager, Alex Manguia, indicated unless his Candidate would be the only one speaking, they would not be able to accept our invitation. At this time, we simply don't have enough months to dedicate a meeting to just one Candidate. We welcome the three Candidates who have responded and will attend.

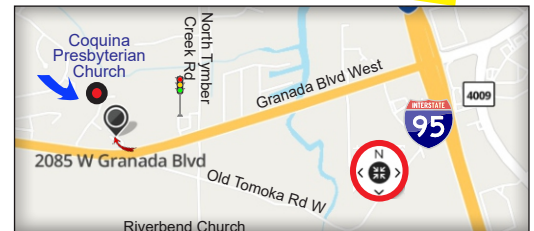
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The Bright Report



Demand Transparency Provide Full Transcripts for EVERY Public Meeting

In fiscal year 2024 the city spent nearly a half a million dollars to “improve public access” to local government meetings. Yet residents today have less access to meeting content than before. Removing YouTube audio and failing to provide meeting videos or downloadable transcripts undermines accountability, civic oversight, and the public’s ability to engage with government.

Why closed captions alone are not enough:

- Limited searchability: Captions displayed on a video are not easily searchable or downloadable. A searchable transcript lets residents quickly find discussions on specific topics, motions, budgets, or quotes.
- Archival usability: Permanent records should be machine readable. Video captions embedded in a player are fragile; transcripts stored as text files endure and integrate with civic archives, FOIA requests, and records management systems.
- Accessibility gaps: Captions benefit many viewers, but full transcripts better serve people with hearing differences who need customizable display, alternative formats such as large print.
- Journalistic and civic work: Reporters and community groups rely on verbatim transcripts to fact check, quote accurately, and analyze policy trends. Expecting them to rewatch or painstakingly transcribe video is inefficient and costly.

The practical solution:

- Provide both closed captions on ALL meeting audio or video and a downloadable, time stamped transcript for every public meeting within 48 hours of adjournment.
- Host transcripts on the city’s meeting archive with clear date, agenda, participants, agenda item

timestamps and ensure files are indexed for site search and external search engines.

- Make transcripts available in multiple formats on and include an easy process to request corrected or certified transcripts.

Cost and feasibility

- Transcript generation can be automated affordably using modern speech-to-text tools and then lightly human-reviewed for accuracy, speaker labels. The incremental cost is small compared with lost transparency from providing less usable records.

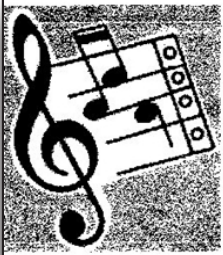
Call to action

We call on city leadership to:

1. Restore full-meeting video and/or audio availability.
2. Publish downloadable, searchable transcripts for EVERY public meeting alongside closed captions.
3. Adopt a standard timeline and archival process so the public can reliably access records.

Transparent, searchable, and permanent meeting records are fundamental to accountable government. Half a million dollars should have expanded access — not narrowed it.

The next step is clear: provide both captions and full transcripts for EVERY public meeting.



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US Can Reverse 1965 Law That FLOODED US w/ Third World: Congressman Ogles

The Hart-Celler Immigration Act was a "war" against the U.S., Congressman Ogles (R-TN) told us. His bill to overturn it would reverse decades of unchecked migration. But the time to act is now, he said.

— Alex Newman

The United States must overturn the 1965 Hart-Celler Immigration Act that opened up the nation to never-ending streams of Third World migration, argued U.S. Congressman Andy Ogles (R-Tenn.) in this exclusive interview. His recently filed bill, H.R. 7964, would do just that.

Ogles has been exposing the Hart-Celler Act for months, posting on X in December 2025, "The Hart-Celler Act scrapped the highly effective national-origins quota system and replaced it with an immigration regime built to favor third-world migration." In fact, Congress "declared war" on America in 1965 when it was passed.

According to Rep. Ogles, the controversial 1965 legislation, which key sponsors in Congress promised would not upset the demographic balance of America, has fundamentally undermined America's character. It has transformed American culture, religious values, and economic vitality, he said.

His bill, which will be titled "The Assimilation Act," aims to stop the agenda in its tracks and even reverse the disastrous effects. It would also include rooting out H1-B visa abuses, which Ogles said will be "coming to an end" if and when the legislation passes.

The key goal of Democrats is more voters, he explained. With everyday Americans fleeing

Democrat jurisdictions such as California, Illinois, New York, and New Jersey for conservative states such as Florida, Tennessee, and Texas, Democrats need migrants to replenish their ranks.

However, it is not too late to turn the tide. Among other needs, Rep. Ogles called for mass deportations, reforming or abolishing various immigration schemes such as H1B visas, and more. With Trump in office and the Congress under Republican control, now is the chance to get it done.

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Whistleblowers will now get 30% of proceeds and fines for identifying crime!

Treasury Whistleblower Portal Goes Live With Real Rewards - The Net Is Tightening on Government Fraud.

The U.S. Treasury's FinCEN has activated its new online whistleblower portal and proposed concrete rules to pay tipsters up to 30 percent of sanctions and penalties recovered in cases over \$1 million. Rolled out in February and strengthened with today's March 30 proposal, the program invites insiders and outsiders to report fraud, money laundering, and sanctions violations under the Bank Secrecy Act.

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has made it clear this is about following the money in schemes that have drained billions from taxpayers, especially rampant benefits fraud exposed in places like Minnesota.

— gov fraud evidence.jpg

From Congress.gov:

“Unauthorized immigrants are noncitizens who generally have entered the United States without inspection, overstayed a period of lawful admission, or violated the terms of their admission. Congress has a long-standing interest in the unauthorized population.”

How long have unauthorized immigrants lived in the United States?

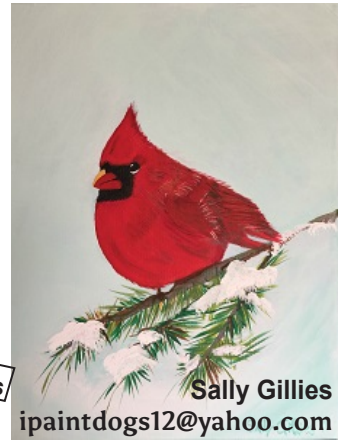
As of 2019, a relatively large proportion of unauthorized immigrants—estimates range from 58% to 62%—had lived in the United States for at least a decade. Approximately 22%-23% had lived in the United States for 20 years or more, 16%-17% for 5 to 9 years, and 21%-25% for fewer than 5 years.

Are unauthorized immigrants eligible to vote in elections?

All non-U.S. citizens, including unauthorized immigrants, are ineligible to vote in federal elections. The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-208, Division C, §216) introduced criminal penalties for non-citizens who vote in federal elections. The law specifies that non-citizens may vote in non-federal elections as authorized by states and localities. Some localities have permitted non-citizens to vote in local elections.

Are unauthorized immigrants required to pay federal taxes?

Unauthorized immigrants may be required to pay federal taxes (e.g., if they work in the United States). However, quantifying their contribution is difficult, as unauthorized immigrants generally do not have a special designation under tax law and do not provide information as to whether they are lawfully present on federal tax documents such as the federal income tax return. Hence, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not have official estimates of the federal taxes paid by unlawfully present noncitizens in the United States or the tax benefits they claim.



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CNN senior data analyst Harry Enten said Thursday that congressional Democrats are under water with their own voter base.

Over 70 percent of American voters and 55 percent of Democrats believe their party's leaders do not have the right priorities, according to a CNN/SSRS poll cited by Enten.

The party's approval ratings stand at a historic low in comparison to past midterm elections years.

"You might say, OK, well, at least Dems like Democrats. Not the case," Enten said.

"Look at this. The majority of Democrats are independents who lean Democrats. Look at this. Fifty five percent say no. Congressional Democrats do not have the right priorities. And then you just see a minority. Forty five percent of Democrats say that congressional Democrats have the right party. This to me just jumps out at the screen because it screams primary challenges all over the map. And it says that even if Democrats don't like Donald Trump, they don't like their own party either when it comes to Congress."

Democrats' net approval rating with their voters stood at -4 points as of Thursday, which dropped significantly from the +28 and +19-point net approval rating they had in 2006 and 2018, Enten said.

He pointed out that these historically low numbers will likely cause primary challenges across the map during the 2026 midterms.

"That is Democrats. Democrats own net approval of their own congressional leaders," Enten said.

"Even Democrats don't like their own leaders when it comes to Congress. And overall, of course, the numbers are just absolutely awful. So Democrat on Democrat crime. Absolutely. This to me screams again, primary challenges across the map. And it screams to me, hey, when it comes to those next leadership elections, maybe something might be."

Some experts have said that Democratic voters are frustrated with the party's inability to stand up to President Donald Trump, [according](#) to Newsweek.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer received major [scrutiny](#) from his party after he failed to persuade eight Democratic senators to vote against reopening the government in November.

Schumer's chances of remaining the leader of his caucus have dropped from 65% on Dec. 1 to 50% currently, Enten said.

"We've seen a number of Senate candidates, Democrats across the map saying we don't want any part of Chuck Schumer to be the next leader," Enten continued.

Democrats' approval ratings have remained at [record-lows](#), with one survey by Quinnipiac University finding that 18% of voters approved of congressional Democrats' job performances.

— [Nicole Silverio](#)



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Key Tenets of Sharia Law

The following are some of the most important—and, particularly for Western non-Muslims, deeply problematic—tenets of sharia, arranged in alphabetical order. The citations for these findings drawn from the Koran, schools of Islam and other recognized sources, are offered as illustrative examples of the basis for such practices under sharia.

1. Abrogation ('Al-mansukh wa al-nasikh' in Arabic—the abrogated and the abrogating): Verses that come later in the Koran, chronologically, supersede, or abrogate, the earlier ones. In effect, this results in the more moderate verses of the Meccan period being abrogated by the later, violent, Medinan period.
2. Adultery ('Zina' in Arabic): Unlawful intercourse is a capital crime under sharia, punishable by lashing and stoning to death.
3. Apostasy ('Irtidad' or 'Ridda' in Arabic): The established ruling of sharia is that apostates are to be killed wherever they may be found.
4. Democracy & Islam: Any system of man-made law is considered illicit under Islamic law, for whose adherents Allah already has provided the only law permitted, sharia. Islam and democracy can never co-exist in harmony.
5. Female Genital Mutilation.
6. Gender Inequality: Sharia explicitly relegates women to a status inferior to men.
 - Testimony of a woman before a judge is worth half that of a man.
 - Women are to receive just one half the inheritance of a male.
 - Muslim men are given permission by Allah in the Koran to beat their wives.
 - Muslim men are given permission by Allah to commit marital rape, as they please.
 - Muslim men are permitted to marry up to four wives and to keep concubines in any number.
 - Muslim women may marry only one Muslim man and are forbidden from marrying a non-Muslim.
 - A woman may not travel outside the home without the permission of her male guardian and must be accompanied by a male family member if she does so.
 - Under sharia, to bring a claim of rape, a Muslim woman must present four male Muslim witnesses in good standing. Islam thus places the

burden of avoiding illicit sexual encounters entirely on the woman. In effect, under sharia, women who bring a claim of rape without being able to produce the requisite four male Muslim witnesses are admitting to having had illicit sex. If she or the man is married, this amounts to an admission of adultery.

- Rape is a felony under U.S. law, but under Sharia Law it is not. It is akin to damaging something (the woman's virginity), so the penalty is the usual cost of what was damaged – typically, \$400 and up. There would be no jail time for rape, unless the man didn't pay for the damages.
- A Muslim woman who divorces and remarries loses custody of children from a prior marriage.
7. 'Honor' Killing (a.k.a. Muslim family executions): A Muslim parent faces no legal penalty under Islamic law for killing his child or grandchild.
 8. Hudud Punishments: The plural of hadd, is "a fixed penalty prescribed as a right of Allah. Because hudud penalties belong to Allah, Islamic law does not permit them to be waived or commuted."
 - "Sharia stipulates these punishments and methods of execution such as amputation, crucifixion, flogging, and stoning, for offenses such as adultery, homosexuality, killing without right, theft, and 'spreading mischief in the land' because these punishments were mandated by the Qur'an or Sunnah." (Islamic Hudood Laws in Pakistan, Edn 1996, 5.)
 9. Islamic Supremacism: belief that Islam is superior to every other culture, faith, government, and society and that it is ordained by Allah to conquer and dominate them.
 10. Jew Hatred: Anti-Semitism is intrinsic to sharia and is based on the genocidal behavior of Mohammed himself in wiping out the entire Jewish population of the Arabian Peninsula.
 11. Jihad: Jihad is warfare to spread Islam.
 12. Lying/Taqiyya: It is permissible for a Muslim to lie, especially to non-Muslims, to safeguard himself personally or to protect Islam.
 13. Slander/Blasphemy: In sharia, slander means anything that might offend a Muslim.
 14. Underage Marriage: Islamic doctrine permits the marriage of pre-pubescent girls. There is no minimum age for a marriage contract and

consummation may take place when the girl is age eight or nine.

15. Zakat: the obligation for Muslims to pay zakat arises out of Koran Verse 9:60 and is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. Zakat may be given only to Muslims, never to non-Muslims. What amounts to a mandatory tax is required to be given to those engaged in jihad which is among the authorized recipients.

- According to sharia, there are eight categories of recipients for Zakat: The poor; Those short of money; Zakat workers (those whose job it is to collect the zakat); Those whose hearts are to be reconciled; Those purchasing their freedom; Those in debt; Those fighting for Allah (Jihad); Travelers needing money ('Umdat al-Salik, h8.7-h8.18)

- "It is not permissible to give Zakat to a non-Muslim." ('Umdat al-Salik, h8.24)

Following is a very small sample of Sharia Law teachings dictating "how Muslim men deal with their spouses:"

"Good women are obedient...As for those from whom you fear disobedience, admonish them and send them to beds apart and beat them." — Qur'an 4:34

Circumcision is obligatory "The Reliance of the Traveller, a respected manual of Shafi'i jurisprudence, states "Circumcision is obligatory (for every male and female) by cutting off the piece of skin on the glans of the penis of the male, but circumcision of the female is by cutting out the clitoris" — 'Umdat al-Salik e4.3

"If a husband calls his wife to his bed [i.e. to have sexual relation] and she refuses and causes him to sleep in anger, the angels will curse her till morning." — Sahih Bukhari 4.54.46

"By him in Whose Hand lies my life, a woman can not carry out the right of her Lord, till she carries out the right of her husband. And if he asks her to surrender herself [to him for sexual intercourse] she should not refuse him even if she is on a camel's saddle." — Ibn Majah 1854

— Truth News Network

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Our governing documents, The US Constitution and Bill of Rights, have made America the freest and most prosperous country in the world. Would Sharia law help us or hurt us?

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It's Now Time

What is taking place today is just a more public version of an ongoing effort, due to the election of a President who isn't politically connected nor cares to be. These airings reveal, to our benefit, a well-organized agenda to subvert America into their communist empire. These recent revelations of positions and intended policies is not by choice but of necessity from their Presidential threat.

Despite these admissions, what continues to be overlooked is the who and what is being served and benefited. Given that this was unknown and would have remained so, if it wasn't for Trump, their routine leading to the same conclusion is clearly what Jefferson warned of in his Declaration: "...when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object..." Today and for too long in our past, this communist agenda has remained hidden but also silently aided from within our midst.

While this "red menace" of communism claims seniority rights, it is now allied with globalist money along with the barbarism of the radical Islamist. All the while, our people are emotionally besieged with chants of being discriminatory and driven by phobias against every "ism" on record! Today's public drumbeat is without any let up or even time for oneself to maybe just reflect on what it's all about.

So, our way back to what was America needs that "time out," a break from our daily dose of hyped-up emotions so that these midterms will not once again become a "door prize" give away. As NYC has clearly shown, inaction only serves the enemy. Our foe understands that the non-voter is a plus added to their like-minded head count which enriches the

election of their favorite foreign heart and mind candidate. Since this has happened to NYC, America now appears ripe for harvesting, but only in their minds!

While our President is trying to secure a safe future worldwide, these intruders are building Mosques, enforcing "no go" zones and tossing their prayer rugs in busy intersections. All this without pause in our Judeo Christian worshipping America!

Reclaiming our America should start with, "When prayer and Bible reading in our public schools was outlawed for being offensive to some, where is that concern when offending many but also for stopping normal traffic flow in the world's largest and busiest city?"

Recent history is filled with instances of elected leaders closing their eyes and ears to this continuing encroachment from the "red menace." Also, the breakdown of Congressional loyalty earned a failing grade many years ago from Rep. Allen West's estimate of; between 78 and 81 communists are in Congress. Those numbers didn't shrink and that was prior to "the squad's" arrival with assured re-elections from Muslim held districts.

We need volunteers for both parties; loyal "public servants" who recognize the threat. Also, elections are the globalist's arena time, a platform which finances their pet traitor into office. Like it or not, we are now the last defenders of all our American Blessings. These midterms will be our Normandy, with each vote acting as a bullet for freedom! There's no one else left! Register, and get others to register, then get active and vote!

— Jim Bowman



**Well, Golly Gee, what a crazy waste of time and money?!
How about punishing illegals for their crimes against Americans?
Deport them if they do or sell drugs! Deport them if they murder someone! Stop financing their free-loading lifestyles. Assimilate or leave!**

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Palm Beach County poll worker background checks limited to 10 years, election supervisor says

WPTV's Ethan Stein speaks to Supervisor of Elections Wendy Sartory Link and GOP activist Willy Guardiola about a recent incident involving a poll worker with a criminal history that predates 10 years

PALM BEACH COUNTY, Fla. — The Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections said their background checks on poll workers only review an individual's criminal history from the past 10 years.

WPTV learned about the policy after learning John Panicci, the man arrested over the weekend for [stealing election equipment, faced multiple theft charges in Martin County more than two decades ago. Supervisor of Elections Wendy Sartory Link said they would have not hired Panicci if they knew about his criminal past, but a background check conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement \(FDLE\) didn't notify them about his past.](#)

Instead, election officials said Panicci worked three elections (2016, 2018 and 2024) over an eight-year period. Sartory Link said he was invited back to work a special election held last week but was terminated after they suspected he stole an encryption key after it was reported missing and reviewing surveillance cameras.

Willy Guardiola, a GOP activist, said he's constantly defended Sartory Link after hearing various concerns from other people. However, he said this time he has serious questions over the department's vetting process as the midterm elections are less than a year away.

"We have to question Wendy Link," Guardiola said. "And say 'How did you have this guy, who is a criminal...Do you not vet these people?' How do you allow this guy to come in here and have access to your whole computers

and the whole election."

According to the criminal complaint, Panicci didn't work during the most recent special election. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office also said the key he had was for training purposes only and the Supervisor of Elections made no changes to their security protocol for the election. Sartory Link also said the arrest [had no affect on election.](#)

Suspect accused of stealing computer equipment

Yet Guardiola said the arrest will make it harder for some people to believe Rep.-Elect Emily Gregory, Fla. D, legitimately defeated Jon Maples, Fla. R, to flip an open house seat [last week after an almost 20 point swing in a state house district where Republicans also held a voter registration advantage over Democrats by around 15,000 voters.](#)

"Number one, people were shocked when this Emily Gregory won District 87," he said. "And then number two, when we found out this gentleman with a criminal record, I go 'Wow, hold on a second.' Let's connect the dots here that a lot of people are doing right now and piece everything together and see how did it come out to affect this election."

WPTV isn't aware of any direct evidence the election result for the most recent election, or any other election Panicci worked as a poll worker, was incorrect. Sartory Link also said the arrest didn't compromise the most recent special election.

"There were no adverse comments or no adverse incidents with him back in 2024," she told WPTV's Samantha Gutierrez. "He did not work in 2026 at all and the check-in database and check-in procedure is completely independent from our election results. So in any instance, nobody who's doing check-ins can affect an election result or those numbers."

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According to the criminal complaint, the incident occurred during a volunteer training session on March 19 for the March 24 election. While the stolen key was configured only for training databases, officials expressed concern that someone with technical knowledge could reverse-engineer the encryption and reintroduce it into a voter registration kiosk for malicious purposes.

The theft was reported to authorities on March 27, prompting an investigation by Palm Beach County detectives. After identifying Panicci as the suspect and establishing probable cause, investigators obtained both an arrest warrant and a residential search warrant.

During the search of Panicci's home, detectives recovered the stolen items along with a substantial amount of electronic and digital storage devices. Panicci was transported to the Palm Beach County Jail and booked with a felony count of offenses against users of computers, computer systems, computer networks, and electronic devices, as well as a misdemeanor charge of petit theft.

WPTV did reach out to FDLE about their background checks late Monday; we didn't hear back by publication.



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Muslim Makes Perfect Case for Keeping Muslims Out Of America



Leave it to a Muslim to accidentally prove why Muslims don't belong in America.

"I'm tired of proving I belong in America," reads the headline of a Washington Post opinion piece by Shadi Hamid. I have a remedy for Hamid's fatigue: Leave.

"The assimilation defense — *look how well we've integrated* — is satisfying to make. But it concedes a premise I no longer accept: that a minority community's right to be in the United States depends on its willingness to converge with the cultural mainstream. It shouldn't depend on that. It shouldn't depend on anything."

Hamid is more honest than most leftists. He doesn't argue that Muslims have a right to be in the United States because of birthright citizenship, or because they're willing to assimilate, or because their presence benefits Americans economically or socially. He asserts that they have the right to live in the United States *just cuz*. Hamid is essentially arguing that residing in the United States is a human right.

Hamid admits that "Muslims *are* different in certain ways. How could they not be? Islam shapes how its adherents think about family, sexuality and what it means to live a good life."

The mask off moment was always going to come for the reasons both openly declared and exhibited in this thread. The notion of Islam paying tribute to "pluralism" and consenting to live within the constraints of

"liberalism" rather than making instrumental use of both to obtain... <https://t.co/oPEj72MWE8>

— Wesley Yang (@wesyang) April 9, 2026

Again, this is honest. Hamid even acknowledges that Muslims "can't disavow 'sharia' even if they wanted to. Sharia, roughly translated as Islamic law, includes guidelines on how to pray, fast and otherwise observe what it means to submit to God in daily practice."

Hamid does not seem to understand that he's offering perfect reasons to halt Muslim immigration to the United States. He appears baffled by the very concept of assimilation as a good.

"The question I keep returning to is: Why do Muslims need to be like everyone else?"

Muslims living in America don't need to be like everyone else. They need to be like [Americans](#). If they're unwilling to assimilate, as Hamid has already asserted they are, then they should live in one of the many countries where Islam is the majority religion.

"The deal is always the same: You can stay, but you have to become less yourself," Hamid whines.

Why come to America at all? Probably to reap the [economic](#) benefits. The sheer ingratitude is astounding.

I agree with Hamid: We should not expect Muslims to assimilate. We should note their refusal, and determine immigration policy accordingly.

— Natalie Sandoval ~ Patriots Writer

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