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- Learn the differences between the primary pathways to protection in the U.S.
- Learn how the pathways to protection have been changed and constricted in recent years

PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION  
*Learning objectives*



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- Family reunification
- Employment/skills-based
- Promoting diversity
- Humanitarian protection
  - Temporary Protected Status (TPS) & Deferred Enforced Departure (DED)
  - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
  - Resettlement & asylum



Source: [immigrationimpact.com](http://immigrationimpact.com)

More info: <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/how-united-states-immigration-system-works>

PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION  
*U.S. Immigration System*



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- Visa processing delays
- Proposed slashing of legal immigration numbers
- Changes in enforcement
- Public charge

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT 101  
Changes to Legal Immigration



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**Kareena**

- Has been living in the United States for the past 12 years as a green card holder.
- She is 72 years old and recently retired from her job as a cashier.
- Kareena receives Medicare and extra help through the Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) Program for prescription drugs under Medicare part D.

*Public charge test under proposed rule: The fact that Kareena is unemployed and has used the Medicare LIS program would be heavily weighed negative factors against her.*

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT 101  
Public Charge Impact



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300,000 people from around the world have Temporary Protected Status (TPS) or Deferred Enforcement Departure (DED)



PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION  
TPS & DED



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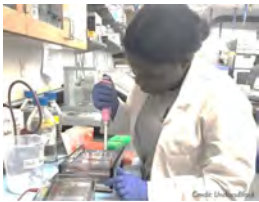
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*“Having TPS has changed my life. It has allowed me to be able to work, and having the ability to work means that I have the ability to go to school. TPS allows me to continue my education and my work in a biology lab where I am currently working on my own research project.”*



Esther is a Haitian TPS holder living in Florida pursuing higher education.

Source: CLINIC “The Human Cost of Terminating Temporary Protected Status (TPS)”

PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION  
TPS Story



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800,000 individuals have protections from deportation under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)



Photo: Jacquelyn Martin / Associated Press <http://www.boisestatepublicradio.org/post/wake-daca-decision-idaho-leaders-say-federal-government-must-address-immigration#stream/0>

PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION  
DACA



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Luz Divina is a Dreamer



[www.dreamerstories.com](http://www.dreamerstories.com)

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Dreamer Story



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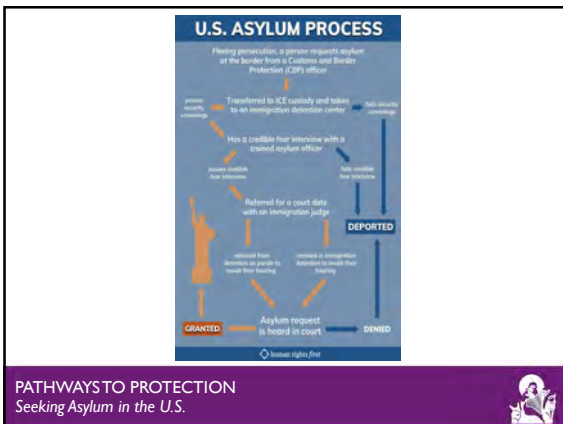
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PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION  
Seeking Asylum in the U.S.

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- Negative rhetoric
- Family separation
- Changes in law
- Prolonged detention
- Remain in Mexico

**FACT**

Seeking asylum is **NOT** a loophole. It is a right granted by U.S. and international law.

human rights first

PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION  
Changes to Asylum

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Cristian\* is a gay man from El Salvador who endured years of abuse and persecution due to his sexual orientation before escaping to the United States. Now that he has been granted asylum, he no longer fears for his safety because of his identity.

PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION  
Changes to Asylum

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- Border crossings are lower than past decades.
- There is already a wall or fencing along 654 miles of the 1,933 miles along our southern border.
- We should invest in solutions that will end forced migration.

More info: <https://www.southernborder.org/border-facts>



Photo: Episcopal Borderlands <https://episcopalborderlands.org/>

PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION  
U.S. Southern Border: Quick Figures



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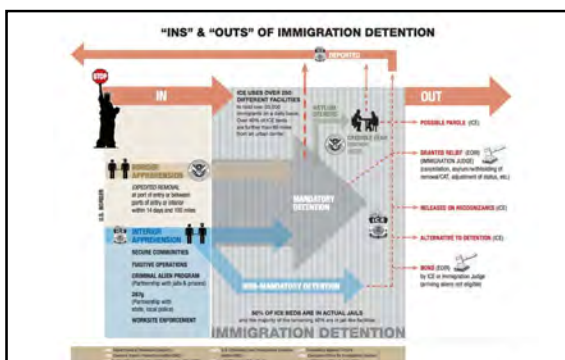
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PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION  
Immigration Detention



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### No Refuge: Persecuted Christians Entering US Dwindle to Record Low

The United States took in 100 times fewer Middle Eastern refugees than two years ago.

**He Risked His Life For Americans In Afghanistan. Trump Won't Let Him See His Family In Jersey.**

The agonizing plight of a refugee father wanting to reunite his sick daughter...

### US admits lowest number of refugees in more than 40 years

PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION  
Decline in Refugee Resettlement



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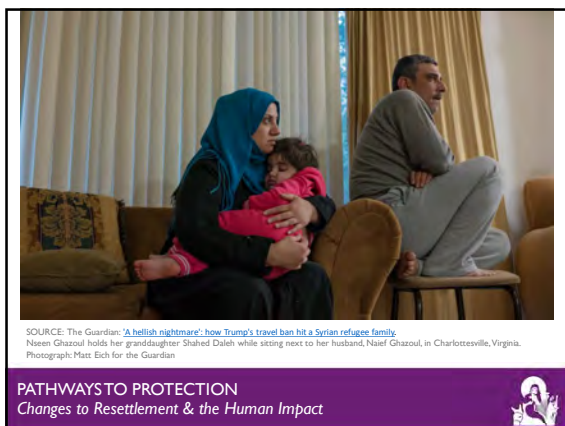
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**For Refugees in the Trump Era, a Tougher Path to the U.S.**

SOURCE: PBS Frontline

**PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION**  
Changes to Resettlement & the Human Impact



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**Refugees feel sting of Supreme Court ruling to keep Trump's travel ban**


Calvin McGhee, Louisville Courier Journal | Published 10:34 p.m. ET, June 27, 2018 | Updated 1:06 p.m. ET, June 27, 2018



SOURCE: CourierJournal

Batal Alawagi, a refugee whose family fled Syria in 2012, and documentary filmmaker Alexandra Shiva discuss resettlement, asylum and more. USA TODAY

**PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION**  
Changes to Resettlement & the Human Impact



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**PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION**  
Changes to Resettlement & the Impact on EMM



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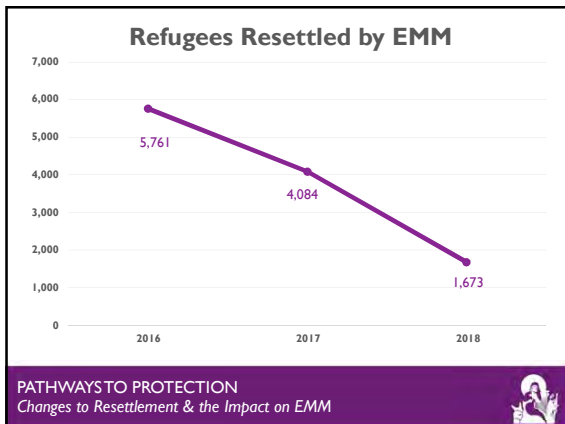
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- Limiting legal immigration & pathways to protection
  - Need more discussion about root causes
  - Harm on human life and communities
  - The Episcopal Church is leading
- PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION  
Themes

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Thank you!



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PATHWAYS TO PROTECTION  
Conclusion

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