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## U.S. Supreme Court to hear Trump appeal over rapid deportation dispute

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. Supreme Court stepped into a new immigration dispute on Friday, agreeing to hear an appeal by President Donald Trump's administration of a lower court ruling that could frustrate a top priority of his: quickly deporting illegal immigrants.

FILE PHOTO: U.S. President Donald Trump looks on during a campaign rally in Dallas, Texas, U.S., October 17, 2019. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst  
The justices agreed to review a ruling by the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that favored a Sri Lankan asylum seeker. The 9th Circuit found that a federal law that largely stripped the power of courts to review quick deportations - known as expedited removal - violated in his case a provision of the U.S. Constitution called the suspension clause.

The case involves Sri Lankan farmer Vijayakumar Thuraissigiam, who claimed that as a member of the Tamil minority in that country he was tortured over his political ties and subjected to beatings and simulated drowning.

"It is a foundational principle of our Constitution that individuals deprived of their liberty have access to a federal court - this includes asylum seekers whose lives are in danger," said Lee Gelernt, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union who represents Thuraissigiam.

The court will hear oral arguments and issue a ruling in its current term, which ends in June 2020.

A Justice Department spokesman did not immediately respond to a request seeking comment.

Though the 9th Circuit's ruling applied only to Thuraissigiam and did not strike down the law at issue, the court's reasoning could still apply much more widely. The Trump administration told the Supreme Court the ruling would defeat the purpose of a system that targets specific immigrants for quick deportation, "undermining the government's ability to control the border."

Thuraissigiam fled Sri Lanka in 2016 and was arrested in February 2017 just north of the border between San Diego, California and Tijuana, Mexico, near the San Ysidro port of entry. He was placed on track for expedited removal, a system dating back to 1996 that makes an exception for immigrants who can establish a "credible fear" of persecution in their home country. Officials rejected Thuraissigiam's claim of credible fear.

The Trump administration has sought to greatly expand expedited removal to apply to the majority of people who enter the United States illegally unless they can prove they have been living in the country for at least two years. This would free up detention space and ease the strains on immigration courts, according to the administration. Previously, only immigrants in the United States two weeks or less could be ordered rapidly deported.

A federal judge in Washington last month put a halt to the administration's rule announced this year on expanding expedited removal while litigation over it continues.



U.S. President Donald Trump greets supporters as he arrives in Fort Worth, Texas

At issue in Thuraissigiam's case is the power of courts to review certain aspects of expedited removal. Under federal immigration law, courts have jurisdiction only to ensure that the government is not deporting the wrong person.

Thuraissigiam, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, has argued that the government did not follow proper procedures or use the correct legal standard in assessing his bid for asylum.

The 9th Circuit in March (2019) ruled that under the Constitution's suspension clause, relating to a person's ability to challenge confinement by the government, courts must have expanded powers to review Thuraissigiam's claims.

Also on Friday, the justices agreed to hear a separate case challenging similar restrictions on federal appeals courts to review the deportation of non-citizens who have committed criminal offenses, if their claims they would be tortured if returned to their home countries have been rejected.

Trump has made restricting immigration a signature policy of his presidency. The Supreme Court has given him a mixed record so far in high-profile cases affecting immigrants. Last year it upheld his travel ban on people from



U.S. President Donald Trump rallies with supporters in Dallas, Texas, U.S. October 17, 2019. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



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# Biden expands edge in U.S. Democratic nomination race: Reuters/Ipsos poll

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Former Vice President Joe Biden expanded his lead over more than a dozen other candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination this month as U.S. House Democrats looked into allegations that President Donald Trump tried to pressure a foreign leader to investigate him, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll released on Friday.

FILE PHOTO: U.S. Vice President Joe Biden speaks during a news conference after a meeting with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko in Kiev, Ukraine, January 16, 2017. REUTERS/Gleb Garanich - LR1ED1G0Q8AZH/File Photo

The Oct. 17-18 opinion poll found that 21% of Democrats and independents said they would vote for Biden in statewide nominating contests that begin next year, up 3 percentage points from a similar poll that was conducted at the end of September.

Democrats in the House of Representatives are holding hearings to investigate whether Trump improperly pressured Ukraine to investigate Biden and his son Hunter, who sat on the board of a Ukrainian energy company.

The House could vote to impeach Trump later this year, which would trigger a trial in the Republican-controlled Senate where a conviction and ouster seem unlikely. Trump denies he did anything wrong.

So far, the inquiry does not appear to have shaken up public support for Biden or the other candidates for the Democratic nomination.

According to the poll, 16% of Democrats and independents said they would support U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont and 15% said they would back U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts.

Mayor Pete Buttigieg of South Bend, Indiana, received about 5% support in the poll, and U.S. Senator Kamala Harris and former Texas congressman Beto O'Rourke both received 3%.

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With less than four months to go before Iowa holds the first nomination contest, the race for the Democratic nomination remains wide open. About 1 in 5 said they remain undecided, and nearly two-thirds of Democrats and independents said they could still change their minds.

Many of the candidates, including Buttigieg, O'Rourke and Harris, are still relatively unknown to a majority of Americans, and only about 1 in 10 said they watched this week's Democratic debate in Ohio.

The Reuters/Ipsos poll was conducted online, in English, throughout the United States. It gathered responses from 1,116 adults in all, including 703 Democrats and independents. It has a credibility interval, a measure of precision, of about 4 percentage points.



FILE PHOTO: U.S. Vice President Joe Biden speaks during a news conference after a meeting with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko in Kiev, Ukraine, January 16, 2017. Gleb Garanich - LR1ED1G0Q8AZH/File Photo



Democratic presidential candidate and former Vice President Joe Biden points during the fourth U.S. Democratic presidential candidates 2020 election debate in Westerville, Ohio, U.S., October 15, 2019. REUTERS/Shannon Stapleton TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY

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French President Emmanuel Macron talks with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker as they attend the second day of the European Union leaders summit dominated by Brexit, in Brussels, Belgium October 18, 2019. REUTERS/Toby Melville TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Syrian displaced families, who fled violence after the Turkish offensive in Syria, stand in queue to get their food from Barzani charity at a refugee camp in Bardarash on the outskirts of Dohuk



U.S. astronauts Jessica Meir and Christina Koch pose in the International Space Station



European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and European Council President Donald Tusk attend a joint news conference with European Union's chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier and Ireland's Prime Minister (Taoiseach) Leo Varadkar at the European Union leaders summit,



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Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson arrives to attend a news conference at the European Union leaders summit dominated by Brexit, in Brussels, Belgium October 17, 2019. REUTERS/Toby Melville TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



A woman flashes a V-sign as she waves a Kurdish flag during a pro-Kurdish rally against Turkey's military action in northeastern Syria, in London, Britain, October 13, 2019. REUTERS/Henry Nicholls TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY

**Spectacular Bridge Sculpture Opens in Venice, Italy**



Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

An unusual bridge opened in Venice May 11, 2019. The Italian artist Lorenzo Quinn presented his newest sculpture, "Building Bridges", a work of art that consists of six pairs of giant hands, which hang in the form of a bridge over the Venetian Arsenal. Its height is 15 meters, and its width is 20 meters. The "bridge" is located in the area of Castello - the medieval shipyard, which is considered one of the key attractions of the city. The artist calls on people to pay attention to common values and to meet each other, "Humanity does not grow by creating barriers. It has always grown, opening its borders and welcoming new cultures. Venice is a testament to this. The city opened routes to Asia, to the Far East thanks to Marco Polo and merchants. It has always been the driving force of European growth. Venice - is a city of world heritage and a city of bridges. It is an ideal place to tell mankind about the ideas of unity and peace and to encourage more people around the world to build bridges instead of building walls and barriers," said the Italian sculptor Nsky.



The sculpture was opened as part of the 58th Venice Biennale of Contemporary Art. The opening ceremony was attended by the world-famous pianist Lola Astanova, the mayor of Venice and the world reknown Italian singer Andrea Bocelli. "Each pair of hands symbolizes one of six universal values: friendship - to create the future together; wisdom - to make mutually beneficial decisions; help - to strengthen long-term relationships; faith is a symbol of trust in your heart; hope - to continue important undertakings; love is a fundamental goal all of this," explained the artist.



The world-famous pianist Lola Astanova and the world reknown Italian singer Andrea Bocelli performed at the opening of the "Building Bridges" sculpture in Venice.

The artist Lorenzo Quinn has been widely recognized for his work from all over the world. He is the son of the famous

actor, Academy Award winner Anthony Quinn. In all his works, the artist reveals the themes of love and relationships through very unusual forms, including depicting giant human hands. His sculpture "Support", also created in Venice, became the most photographed work of art in 2017. Then through the image of gigantic human hands, he tried to call people for delicate coexistence.



Two years ago, in conjunction with the 2017 Venice Biennale, he created Support, two big hands that supported Ca'Sagredo on the Grand Canal to raise awareness about climate change. Now with Building Bridges - the name of this sculpture - the artist wants to celebrate the six universal values of man: love, friendship, wisdom, help, faith and hope with six pairs of hands that they make up a bridge and on the whole they tell how with cooperation between people it is possible to achieve great goals for the community.

The work, located at the Arsenale of Venice and which has colossal dimensions, 15 meters by 25, within a few days has become, despite being outside the official circuit, the symbol of the Biennale d'Arte.



**Interview With The Artist Lorenzo Quinn**

Lorenzo Quinn, born and raised in Rome, is an internationally renowned artist with several personal exhibitions - including those at Halcyon which boasts three locations in London and one in Shanghai - and many public sculptures housed in some of the world's great capitals includ-

ing London, Mumbai, Shanghai, Barcelona, Hog Kong, Birmigham and Doha. Forbes.it met Lorenzo Quinn to ask him some questions regarding his new sculpture.

**How are your works born?**

First individual a theme - which can be personal or of general interest - and what I want to convey because for me it is important that art is a dialogue with the viewer, then I choose the title and some adjectives that can describe the idea and only then I realize the first sketch.

**In your art, therefore, the need to transmit a message is correct, correct?**

Absolutely yes. I believe in the fourth dimension of art: the message. Art is a universal language and for this reason I have taken the commitment to create works that can be understood by anyone. I absolutely do not want to say that it is enough to create a work to improve themes of general importance but I believe that art can serve to improve the condition of the world.



**How do you get to Building Bridges?**

I am an artist but also a father and therefore I ask myself about the world we will leave to our children. The first work I did in Venice was called "This is not a game" and depicted two hands blocking a tank. In that case, I wanted to raise public awareness of the war as there was a time of conflict. In 2017 with Support, instead, I wanted to address the issue of climate change. Now with Building Bridges I want to talk about humanity and collaboration between people as an essential element to improve the world. I think it is important to do this because the concept of collective humanity is being lost. My work is an invitation to perform an action.

**Making a work of such dimension is**

**complex, does it tell us about the main phases?**

I thought about this work about 18 months ago and after the first renderings I presented it to the municipal administration, which I thank for the support it has always given me over the years. Once they got their approval, we started working thanks to the financial support of the Halcyon Gallery in London. Five months ago, when I still didn't have the final installation ok and I didn't know where it would be placed, I started to produce it anyway because otherwise we wouldn't have arrived in time. A few weeks ago, with all the authorizations in order, we installed it after making some technical changes. It was a great team work as around 350 people with different skills worked on the project.



**What will become of Building Bridges after the period of the Art Biennale?**

I would like this sculpture of mine to continue to have a life. I have two dreams but I prefer to keep them for myself at the moment.

**Have you already developed some ideas for the 2021 Biennale?**

Yes, I only say that the work will not represent hands. I want to do something different.

**In his art the message is important, this is very reminiscent of street art, what is the idea of street art?**

I really like street art and I follow it. I think it's a necessary art form since not all artists have the chance to have the support to get to the galleries. There are terribly beautiful works that can send very strong and direct messages. (Courtesy <https://forbes.it/>)

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Misinformation Haunts 2020 Primaries



(Illustration/Grillo/Axios)

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Despite broad efforts to crack down on misinformation ahead of the 2020 election, the primary season so far has been chock full of deceptive messages and misleading information.

Why it matters: More sophisticated tactics that have emerged since 2016 threaten to derail the democratic process by further polluting online debate. And the seemingly unending influx of fakery could plant enough suspicion and cynicism to throw an otherwise legitimate election into question.

The big picture: Social media platforms, which host the greatest volume of misinformation, have gotten wise to basic techniques used in previous elections, and now regularly take down swaths of accounts they say are fake or meddling.

In response, trolls both foreign and domestic have developed new attacks.

But plenty of simple bots that appear to be foreign controlled still slip through the companies' automated sieves, experts say, further endangering the already-precarious coming elections.

And the playing field has grown. "Far more people have gotten the idea that you can throw a U.S. election by trolling," says Ben Nimmo, a misinformation

expert at the Atlantic Council.



Driving the news: Kamala Harris and Joe Biden were the most frequent targets of misinformation during and immediately after the most recent Democratic debates, according to a new report from VineSight, a company tracking Twitter activity.

Last week, the Wall Street Journal reported that bot-like activity pushed racially divisive content, especially about Harris, during the Democratic debates, citing data from social intelligence company Storyful.

Some of the most important shifts and tactics:

1. Smarter bots: Bad actors are relying less on phalanxes of bots known as botnets, instead creating convincing fakes to manipulate humans into doing the dirty work for them.

Bots today are more likely to mimic humans by hacking real accounts, aping human behavior or targeting people with

lots of followers who can easily disseminate false or misleading information.

A lot of this happens on Twitter, because that's where journalists, experts and politicians hang out. "The impact of coordinated campaigns and bots on Twitter is first and foremost to set the news agenda," says Matthew Hindman, a professor at George Washington University. "Setting the agenda is hugely powerful."

2. Audience building: Rather than churn out short-lived fake accounts that spread misinformation but are quickly shut down, sophisticated players build pages and accounts that post engaging non-political content just to build a following.



A large group of trusting followers is more likely to spread a well-timed meme or political message snuck in between anodyne posts.

3. Shift from foreign to domestic: Influence from overseas, particularly Russia, has remained a central concern for government watchdogs — but misinformation is coming from other countries and inside the U.S., too.

False rumors about Mayor Pete Buttigieg

committing sexual assault, for example, were created by two American white nationalists. And last week, Yahoo News obtained an FBI document warning that conspiracy theories are a new domestic terrorism threat.

Homegrown players range from troublemakers on internet message boards to high-profile consultants.

4. Shift in focus to obscure platforms: Facebook and Twitter have sucked up most of the attention since 2016, but fringe sites like 4chan and 8chan, plus niche blogs and pages, are breeding grounds for misinformation, and largely outside the public eye.

5. Targeting individual influencers: The rumormongers' holy grail is to get a mainstream journalist or celebrity to amplify misinformation. Tailored messages over Twitter DMs or emails can help win their trust, Nimmo says.

6. Distorting candidates' backgrounds: Newer candidates, still relatively unknown to the public, are having their pasts picked apart and misrepresented — a new spin on the racist "birther" attacks on President Obama's background.



Harris has been a particular target for misinformation.

Rep. Beto O'Rourke weathered false claims that he left racist language on an answering machine in the 1990s, per Politico.

7. Shift in focus on mainstream media: Even traditional outlets, with their large followings, have been caught spreading misinformation. Fox News hosts have recently been accused of peddling conspiracy theories about Joe Biden's health. And most major outlets, including The New York Times, have cited Russian troll accounts in news and opinion pieces, according to a study from UW Madison.

8. Deepfakes: The potential for a manipulated videos to create chaos for voters became clear after an edited clip of Nancy Pelosi went viral earlier this year. That wasn't a deepfake — those sophisticated AI-manipulated videos haven't shown up in the U.S. political sphere yet, but experts worry they will soon. Most campaigns, however, are largely unprepared for the threat.

But, but, but: Despite the increasingly sophisticated tactics, some of the kludgy methods used in past election campaigns persist undetected.

"There's still an enormous amount of very crude obviously fake accounts on pretty much every platform," says Hindman. (Courtesy axios.com)

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