



# PROPOSED PUBLIC CHARGE RULE IMPACTS THE ENTIRE BLACK COMMUNITY

**TRUMP'S PROPOSAL IS ABOUT MORE THAN IMMIGRATION POLICY, IT IS ABOUT A WHITENING OF AMERICA. THIS PUBLIC CHARGE RULING IS A CONTINUATION OF THE TRUMP'S ADMINISTRATION'S HATRED AND ERASURE OF NON-WHITE PEOPLE. HIS GOAL AND VISION OF "MAKING AMERICA GREAT AGAIN" DOES NOT INCLUDE US.**

## **TODAY FOR ME, TOMORROW FOR YOU**

The public charge test has been a part of U.S. immigration law for over a century; over the last few decades, the public charge test has only considered if an immigrant has used cash-based assistance or has been institutionalized for long-term care. The proposed change is a drastic shift in policy that is deliberate in leaving open who determines the "likelihood" that someone will be a "public charge". USCIS will arbitrarily decide who is considered a public charge is.

**THIS IS IN LINE WITH AMERICA'S RACIST HISTORY OF PREVENTING BLACK, BROWN AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE FROM ACCESSING RESOURCES AND BASIC NEEDS.**

## **1 IN 3 U.S. CITIZENS WOULD FAIL THIS TEST, INCLUDING THOSE WORKING \$15/HR**

Families are in need because of disparity in the wages for the majority of America's workforce. Working class individuals work long hours and still cannot make ends meet. At the current federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, even two full-time workers at those wages would not meet the requirements to not be at risk for "public charge". In fact, only households with two or more individuals working well above \$15 an hour would have that positive factor. We must protect all working class individuals as we simultaneously increase the living wage beyond \$15 an hour.

## **THE CITIZENS' DILEMMA**

There are over 9.1 million Black families who have at least one immigrant in their family who could be affected by this rule. Black immigrants who are considered 'likely to become a public charge' are related to US-born Black people. Families need each other—we share household responsibilities with each other and this rule change will cause uncertainty and financial hardship for many Black families.

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## JUDGING A BOOK BY ITS COVER

To use the future prospect of dependency as reasoning to deny any immigrant entrance to America or make them inadmissible to status change is a dangerous pillar to stand on. Just because someone is going through hard times now doesn't mean that they may not flourish in the future. Many of us have needed and may need support during challenging times even in cases where we are working full-time jobs. In fact, judging an immigrant based on their current imminent need for aid defies the definition of prospective at its core.

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

The extended family plays a crucial role in the stability and welfare of several Black families; many of which are of mixed citizenship status. For financial and cultural reasons Black families often rely on each other for childcare, housing, and educational expenses, as well as other monetary contributions. The proposed public charge rule change would lead to the destabilizing of Black families by not allowing them access to the help they may need to feed, house and take care of their loved ones.

## DENYING SOCIAL MOBILITY AND WEALTH BUILDING

The G.I bill allowed American veterans access to resources that contributed toward the financial wealth of generations of white Americans. Jim Crow laws deliberately prohibited African Americans from accessing loans, housing, and education. Most recently, conservatives have demonized and criminalized poor Black people. They have instituted "welfare tests", cut funding to programs like SNAP and prohibited access to reproductive healthcare among other things.

**THE PROPOSED PUBLIC CHARGE RULE CHANGE IS ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO. WORKING CLASS FAMILIES WILL BE FORCED TO FORGO PUBLIC BENEFITS THAT WOULD HAVE ELEVATED THEM FROM POVERTY, LEAVING THEM WITH LITTLE TO NO CHANCE OF ENTERING THE MIDDLE CLASS.**

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