

SOLIDARITY SYLLABUS TO #DEFENDDAC AND #SAVETPS (AUGUST 2017)

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Q: Why are we talking about immigration on *Solidarity Is This* in August?

A: The seven months of 45's term have been marked by an uptick in racism and xenophobia, as well as policies such as bans, walls and raids. Advocates are concerned that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) programs could be eliminated in September.

Q: What is DACA and how does it help immigrant youth?

A: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is a program that provides relief from deportation for eligible immigrant youth. DACA beneficiaries are able to apply for temporary work permits, Social Security numbers, and protection from deportation for up to two years, after which they can renew their DACA status.

Q: How many youth are affected by DACA? Where are they from?

A: The Brookings Institute finds that since it was implemented in June 2012, over 580,000 immigrant youth have applied for DACA status from 195 countries including Mexico, El Salvador, South Korea, and India.

Q: What is temporary protected status?

A: Temporary Protected Status, also known as TPS, is a program for foreign nationals who cannot return to their country of origin because of drastic conditions. The Department of Homeland Security designates countries for TPS in the event of temporary conditions that include ongoing conflict, natural disasters, and epidemics. TPS beneficiaries are able to obtain deportation protection and employment authorization documents (EAD), and may be granted travel authorization.

Q: What will happen if the Administration decides to end TPS?

A: Should the Administration decide to end TPS, over 300,000 immigrants will be in danger of deportation. An end to the program would be especially devastating for families with children who were born in the US as it could lead to forced separations.

Q: How can I take action to preserve DACA and TPS?

A: There are several actions you can take including:

*Keep up with updates from United We Dream by texting "here to stay" to 877877

- *Visit www.defenddaca.com for information including events
- *Visit www.nakasec.org/7044 for information about their 22 day vigil for DACA and TPS. If you're in the DC area, come through especially during morning and evening vigils.
- *Tell the White House and the Department of Homeland Security to save DACA and TPS.
- *Amplify via social media using #defenddaca #saveTPS
- *Follow leadership of women of color like Greisa Martinez (@Grei_sa), Advocacy Director at United We Dream and Patrice Lawrence (@LawrencePatrice), Policy and Advocacy Director at the UndocuBlack Network

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