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Remember Those Mexican Kids? What Happened with Trump's Zero Tolerance Plan?

By: Kaicie Boeglin // Editor-in-Chief

For the last year and a half, President Trump's "zero tolerance" family separation policy has been in and out of headlines. Although most do not see President Trump's motive, the majority is outraged by children being stripped from their families. The President's senior advisor, who also happens to be his daughter Ivanka Trump, was the voice for these youth when she chose opposition over her father's policy. Headlines regarding this policy have been pushed aside during the current pandemic, but many across the globe are still concerned about what happened to these children.

A blog post on Immigration Impact, Posted by Aaron Reichlin-Melnick on Mar 7, 2019, laid out that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen testified during the House Homeland Security Committee hearing, and refused to admit culpability in family separation.

Nielsen also denied reports that prospective asylum seekers were being turned away at the border. Nielsen had also called on Congress to roll back humanitarian protections, because she claimed they were leading to a "crisis" at the border. The biggest factor here to note is that Nielsen had struggled to come to terms with basic facts. She, herself, did not know how many children had died in DHS custody; she had been unfamiliar with studies showing that undocumented immigrants commit fewer crimes than American citizens; she had even been stumped by a question asking about how many ports of entry there are along the U.S. & Mexico border. When the Democratic party pressed Nielsen on data that contradicted her point of view, Nielsen told them she was unaware of those figures. This had led one frustrated member of Congress to suggest that Nielsen was deliberately only answering Republican lawmakers' questions.

Americasvoice.org has an archive containing factual information regarding the Zero Tolerance plan. In a press release from December 2nd, 2019, the depths of cruelty and trenches of sorrow were evidently established. A Department of Homeland Security inspector general's report on the Trump Administration's "zero tolerance" family separation policy showed the administration was planning to separate 26,000 children. But the chaos would not stop there. The administration had no plans for a tracking system that would ensure the potential reunification of children with their families. The DHS agency responsible for separating families under the May-June 2018 policy, estimated in May of that year that it would separate more than 26,000 children by September.

The Trump Administration had repeatedly denied that the "zero tolerance" plan was intended to harm any-



Abbie Hyde protests the practice of separating children from their families outside of the Center City offices of ICE in Philadelphia. (Kimberly Paynter/WHYY)

one. Not many believed that. In response to these claims and earlier reports that the government had begun separating parents as early as 2017, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) asked federal judge, Dana Sabraw, to expand the scope of their lawsuit challenging family separation. U.S. District Court Judge Dana Sabraw did just that. She added hundreds of separated families to the class action lawsuit which led to the ostensible end of the zero tolerance family separation policy. The ACLU's lawsuit, *Ms. L v. ICE*, was originally filed to challenge the government's policy of separating families, alleging violations of the Constitution's due process clause and federal law protecting the right to seek asylum. The newly expanded class covers any family that was separated by the government after July

1, 2017. This ruling is a justice that forces the federal government to reunite all migrant families who were separated between July 1st, 2017 and June 25th, 2018. On October 24th, 2019 The Trump administration had conceded that they separated 1,556 MORE immigrant parents and children than previously admitted in court. This brought the total count of families separated to almost 5,500. The federal government had originally admitted to separating about 2,800 families when a California federal court ordered the end of the practice in June 2018 as part of the ACLU lawsuit. But the lawsuit has since identified more separations; approximately 1,090 occurred after, and in violation of the court order. The additional 1,556 separations disclosed on October 24th, which included 207 children under the



Lawmakers have begun to question the process that separates families from their children when they cross the U.S.-Mexico border. ABC News' Brad Mielke reports. / June 18th, 2018 / Video Thumbnail through use of free share

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to inform and improve
the quality of student
life at the Communi-
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this standard by re-
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while providing infor-
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seeks thoughtful re-
sponses, dialogue and,
of course, action.*

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clear objective and
recognize the impact
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make news but cover
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our community, im-
prove college life and
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Commencement Update!

CCRI is to host a Virtual Commencement Ceremony on May 29. Soon, the 2020 graduates will receive a special package in the mail that will share the details of what to expect, along with some goodies. Administration, faculty, Alumni, and parents ask the CCRI 2020 graduating class to mark your calendar for next May. CCRI invites both the Class of 2020, and the Class of 2021, to celebrate together in a dual ceremony.

Until then, please check out details regarding the 2020 commencement process on the commencement webpage, or email commencement@ccri.edu with any questions and concerns.

And as a special treat for this year's grads, the marketing team is in the midst of receiving videos from some local celebrities sharing their congratulations to the CCRI Class of 2020. These celebs include Big Brother 16 winner Derrick Levasseur, Matt Fraser from "Meet the Frasers," and Bachelor franchise fan favorites Ashley Iaconetti and Jared Haibon!



CCRI offers Visual Tour With Incentive

Take a virtual tour with Student Life! The Office of Student Life is helping students pass the time, all while keeping the brain sharp, with Virtual Tour Tuesdays. Virtual Tour Tuesdays is an online museum tour/scavenger hunt where the student follows a link to a virtual museum tour. The tour consists of a questionnaire to see how close they're paying attention to the virtual surroundings.

BUT WAIT A MINUTE- there's incentive. If an individual takes the time this week to fill out the form, whoever answers the most questions correctly will be eligible to win a \$10 Amazon gift card. This past week's tour of the Great Barrier was astounding. Check your student email for CC Weekly for the new week's tour. Happy hunting!



Meet With Your Advisors for Summer and/or Fall

Log into Starfish and right there on your Success Network, you will see Advising and Counseling, where you can schedule a phone or video appointment. With no outdoor concerts, festivals, or parades this summer, what better time to catch up or get ahead with your courses! Not sure what to take? Contact Advising & Counseling by text (401-308-3537) or email them directly to speak with an advisor. The CCRI Marketing Team has launched CC Weekly, and they have come out with news regarding how this will work. "After reviewing the state's reopening plans announced this week by the Governor and Rhode Island Department of Health, the college has made the decision to deliver all of our summer courses online, and therefore both Summer Session I and II will be held remotely. Based on the information we have about COVID-19 today, our intent is to return this fall to in-person teaching and learning in some capacity while maintaining a strong offering of online courses. CCRI is working in close partnership with RIDOH to develop a strategic, measured health and safety plan to implement requirements for protective face coverings, strict social distancing, and increased cleaning protocols. Please continue to monitor your CCRI email regularly for updates."

A Deed Never Done

By: Kaicie Boeglin
Editor-in-Chief

The Unfiltered Lens has teamed up with Dean of Student Life, Dean Jenkins, to expand the CCRI donation closet. Dean Jenkins had started the donation closet out of the kindness of her heart, for those who are not capable of acquiring new attire. Throughout what was the initial clothing drive, The Unfiltered Lens was able to collect enough donations to expand the closet on the Warwick Knight Campus. However after the fall semester, we had made a mission to collect enough donations to expand the closet to all four campuses.

The Unfiltered Lens is asking for your help in our mission. Upon the reopening of campuses, we ask that you bring any article of clothing, and accessories you no longer wear, to the CCRI Knight Campus Student Union, room 1219. The donation

closet currently resides on the side of Dean Jenkins office. Donations can be dropped off, or taken, by individuals at any time the student union is open.

The current times are deemed hard in the eyes of the population. By putting effort towards this good deed you aren't just clothing another human, you are making someone feel whole; you are giving help to someone who may not be able to ask; you will give the gift of warmth and comfort.

The economy is on a downward slope and the majority will not be able to afford new attire. Not everyone may need, although, there are many who do. Some students are used to receiving new clothes every year, to every other year for school. Whereas some kids have been wearing the same pair of shoes for the last decade. The

CCRI donation closet is a way to provide students comfort and security. Students are free to take what they need and are not judged for being in need.

Students who wish to donate may do so upon the reopening of campus. If anyone from the surrounding public wishes to donate, please contact ccriunfilteredlens.com. From anything that simply doesn't fit, or just isn't your style anymore- we want it all! Out of season? No problem! We are looking for jackets and coats for the colder days, lighter clothes for the warmer days, footwear of any variety, bottoms of any variety, and backpacks in decent condition. Help us here at The Unfiltered Lens to collect enough donations. In order to see this deed spread to all four campuses we can't do it without you!



Donations gathered by Kaicie Boeglin

“I Lost” What is The Game?

By: Kaicie Boeglin
Editor-in-Chief

For at least the last twelve years, many have wondered the origin of ‘The Game’. The Game is an abstract concept to most people, and many need a lesson in what The Game is. It involves no tangible objects, nor is it played on any physical medium. It is a ploy that exists in the minds of those who play it. However, it never ends. Although it is debatable, no individual can ever win this game.

In order to lose, an individual has to think about the game. So does that mean in order to win we just don’t think about it? Upon thinking about the game, the individual is at a loss, and must announce that they have lost. This forced others within close vicinity to lose the game, and therefore spreads the game to new people.

Reading this, you are now playing the game. You will soon forget about this definition. But then sometime soon be reminded of it, thereby losing the game.

The word game gives PTSD to those who were high school kids in the 2008 era. The Game was at a peak in the years of 2008-2014. A family from the Coventry/West Warwick area

had even spray painted “THE GAME” across a half pipe which sat in front of their house. The family prefers to remain anonymous, however, they would like it mentioned that this was done to “keep the game going in the hearts of us all.” This half pipe remained in front of the family home until December 2019.

Thinking about The Game constitutes a loss, which must be announced each time it occurs, therefore, it is impossible to win most versions of The Game. Depending on the variation being played, the whole world, or all those aware of the game, are playing at all times. Tactics have been developed to increase the number of people aware of The Game, thereby increasing the number of losses.

The origins of this mind trickery remain uncertain. In a 2008 news article, Justine Wetschreck wrote that The Game has probably been around since the early 1990s. She also says it may have originated in Australia or England. There is one theory that The Game was invented in London in 1996, when two British engineers, Den-

nis Begley and Gavin McDowall, missed their last train. The two had to spend the evening on the platform, and as they attempted to avoid thinking about their situation, whoever thought about it first lost. Another theory traces The Game to London in 1996 also, but says it was created by Jamie Miller to simply annoy people. A journalist named Mic Wright, with The Next Web, recalled playing The Game at school in the late 1990s.

In recent years more research and theories on the game have surfaced. Apparently, The Game may have been created in 1977 by members of the Cambridge University Science Fiction Society. In an attempt to create a game that did not fit in with game theory, the members of CUSFS could have concocted the most infamous mind trick. A 2002 blog post by Paul Taylor, made in August of 2002, described that Taylor “found out about [the game] online about 6 months ago”. This blog post by Taylor is the earliest known reference of The Game on the internet. Today, The Game is most commonly spread through the word of mouth, or the internet.

Riddles or Mindtricks

Found By: The Editor-in-Chief

THAT WHICH IS MOST UNUSUAL

It is not a solid, liquid, gas, mineral, animal, or vegetable. It is constantly moving wherever it exists and it can reproduce itself, yet it is not alive and never was. It is very important for people’s existence and it is extremely common. What is it?

A FIVE LETTER WORD

This five letter word with which you are to play, Has an “s” and a “t” left when you take one away. It should not seem at all absurd, For you now to provide me with this word.

A NINE LETTER WORD

A certain nine letter word may seem a bit deft, Because it consists of a whole, yet still has some left.

Tell me what this word must be, ‘Cause it’s all right here for you to see.

A WORD THAT IS PRONOUNCED WRONG

Since a judge in the United States court of law must be very careful in choosing words, it is important to pronounce every word correctly. All judges are aware of this. There is one word, however, that every judge pronounces wrong, including each of the judges on the Supreme Court. The word is a common word that every alert student should recognize. What is this one word?

Photo of Kaicie Boeglin in the EIC office, Photo credit to Kaicie Boeglin



Answers: wrong
Fire, Stone, Wholesome, The wong pronounced wrong is

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MEME OF THE WEEK:



Stay tuned for the next issue; the final issue of the semester. Our Editor-in-Chief Kaicie Boeglin will be sharing her speech for the 2020 CCRI graduating class, as well as her goodbye to the Lens.

Photo of Kaicie Boeglin standing in the Lens office with extra copies of issues 1, 2, 3, & 4; Photo taken by Sencere Estevez.

Unfiltered Lens Participates in Book Exchange

By: Kaicie Boeglin // Editor-in-Chief

The Unfiltered Lens has joined a worldwide book exchange. Our team has paired up with readers across the globe to boost the love of reading during this chaotic time. The goal is to send books to friends and family, and promote the admiration for language.

Students and outsiders that would like to participate will have a choice of addresses to send their book to. Students and outsiders should select their favorite book to send. Please put your name and a small note with the book when you mail it out.

People looking to participate can be from anywhere in the world. This act of kindness started as an Instagram story, and was soon taken on by many across the world. All that was asked was for an individual to buy their favorite book and send it to a stranger. The original post maker resides in Germany, and the cause was sent to

The Unfiltered Lens by a resident in Marseilles, France.

The original post read "I'm looking for people to participate in a huge book exchange. You can be anywhere in the world. All you have to do is buy your favorite book (just one) and send it to a stranger (I'll send their details through in a private message). You'll receive roughly a maximum of 36 books back to you, to keep. They'll be favorite books from strangers around the world! If you are interested in taking part, please send a message saying 'IN' and I'll send you all the details!"

The line of succession is in threes. When someone would swipe up saying 'IN', they would receive the address of the first individual. The second individual was the person messaged, and the third individual was the messenger. So now, the third individual would repost the content to their story, but, when someone swipes

up they are to receive the address of the second individual.

The Unfiltered Lens has addresses for the original post maker, our mutual sender, our Editor-in-Chief, and the Books Are Wings Foundation of RI.

If you would like to take part in the worldwide exchange please choose one of the following addresses to mail your book.

Lena Voß
Strasse des 18. Oktober
17 (Ap. 106)
04103 Leipzig
Germany

Elodie (Un livre échange)
9, Cours Jean Ballard
13001 Marseille
France

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Coventry, RI
02816

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1005 Main St #8116
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Notes From The Wise

By: Kaicie Boeglin
Editor-in-Chief

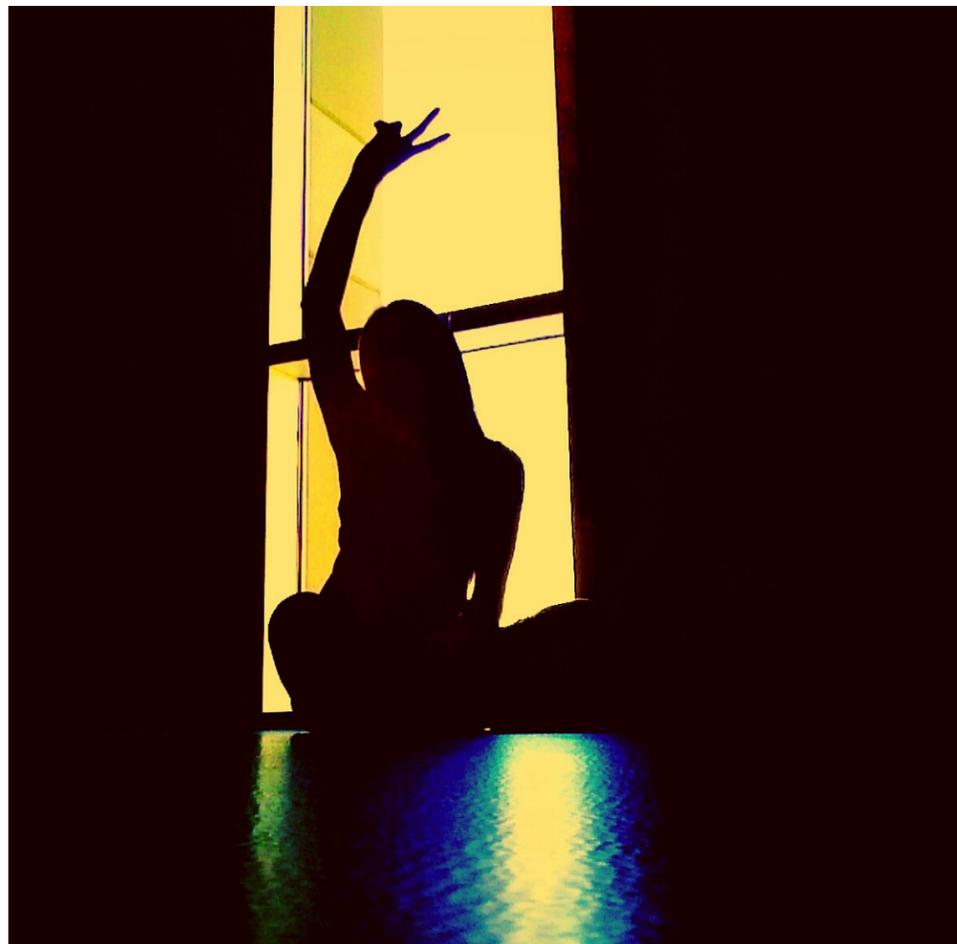
For every second you stop, your enemy inches closer
Life is a non stop rollercoaster,
Full of suspense and wrongful turns
Reminiscing on memories you wish would burn,
But with any mistake comes wisdom, over time you start you learn,
The things most tantalizing-
Are used most when analyzing-
The mysteries of the world...

An enemy of an enemy is thy friend,
Different prerogatives fueled by the same dread,
You never really notice until the very end,
The battle of the world doesn't compare to the war in your head,

Sink or swim?
Fill every moment with the emotions from within
But then-
You'll see, the cleanse that comes to be,
True self reflection is the reality of a dream.
Certain opinions will rip you at your seams.
But if you listen wisely, you'll learn how to walk the balance beam.

Keep your eyes on the prize,
Never stray from the path and always think outside-
the box of thought, because that's where we get lost.
Others will try to stop you, it's how they get off.
Rumors make our future, as a reputation our past,
You aren't the first to go through this and you most certainly won't be the last.

Our present is the shadow of our history,
Where as what's next is meant to be,
But it's nothing the modern eye can see,
Sometimes there's fate, other times you need to make your own destiny.



Kaicie Boeglin sitting in CCRI Knight Campus stairwell B, edited for color, photo and edit credit to Kaicie Boeglin

Livin' Like A Local Chapter XXIII: Ocean of Illusions

By: Kaicie Boeglin
Editor-in-Chief

It is time to introduce you to an all time favorite. Here's to the band that knows being human is hard, but continues to power through. Hailing from Bergen County, New Jersey is death-core band, Ocean of Illusions. This band has been slowly creeping up the scale up fame, and has recently undergone some changes.

I have followed this band for some time now, and can say that they do some pretty out of the ordinary stuff. They are a group that plays weddings, birthdays, theaters, restaurants, and outdoor barbecues. This band puts heart and soul into tunes. Every member contributes efforts and ideas allowing the music to connect them as a whole. The band consists of Zachary Howard for vocals, Josh Held, and Jacob Ramos

on guitar, Mike Montalto strumming the bass, and Kedwin Ramirez on drums.

The men in Ocean of Illusions have released an EP, a single, a second EP, and are currently working on new music. The band released their first EP by the name of *High Tides* in 2015, and dropped their single "*Arboreal Hate*" back in March of 2017. Recently the band has decided to track with Dave Ricco from *Ascending From Ashes*, and work alongside Chris Wiseman of *Shadow of Intent*, and *Currents*. Working with these well known names, to develop something grand has gotten out the bands' name to many more outlets. This second EP was self titled and contains some of fans favorite songs, such as *Jukai* and *Paradigm of Lies*. The Ocean of

Illusions self titled was released on April 20th, 2018. The goal for 2020 is to write and schedule around the pandemic. *Oceans of Illusions* tells *The Unfiltered Lens* that fun new stuff is in the works, with hopes to drop at least two songs.

The ultimate goal is to initiate something fresh in the scene. These guys work non stop to achieve this goal. Guitarist Josh Held comments on the band's passion in saying, "I think we have a lot of talented guys involved in what we're doing and the result is something that we can be proud of."

Just in the sense that *Tech Nine* combines orchestra with rap, *Oceans* has a sound that combines opera and metal instrumentals. All songs will make you want to headbang,

but as vocalist Zachary Howard says, "[oceans] is just fight music with choirs in the back." He also mentions that their new tunes will hopefully be more of a mix of the original EP, and *Jukai*, with a slam hardcore sound. They are focused on making moves properly to grow the fanbase and not lose any current fans along the way. Word of mouth has been the saving grace for *Oceans*. Fans have done the group justice, as well as the crazy line ups *Oceans* play. A special shout out is given to the venues, bookers, and promoters the band have encountered as well.

Like I mentioned before, this group does things out of the ordinary. For christmas one year Zach had talked the band into pairing up with *Wine4You*. Zach's mom had the idea to

make metal wine, so he did it for her as a gift. Together the group made red wine and named it *Crimson Tides*, after one of their songs. The group didn't stop at wine though. Through *Feed The Beat* with *Taco Bell*, they were able to offer up tacos too. The representatives for *Feed The Beat* had heard *Oceans*, liked their sound, and reached out. *Oceans* received \$500 in gift cards. With 100, five dollar gift cards on their hands, what was to do? Well, the band introduced raffles, ticket bundle deals, and contests to give away just about every single one.

Influences for their music are taken from all over, due to the members varying styles. The older sound was more deadly in the sense that the rhythm centered more on heavier parts

and there were less leads and solos. The second record was more orchestrated, contained more synth, and had a heavier lead sound; all while still maintaining the slams as preference of Kedwin, the band's drummer. These men are talented, no doubt. The band is proud as their music seems to connect with the fans. On the platforms of Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, *Ocean of Illusions* can be easily found and easily followed. A diamond in the rough, this band has shared stages with bands such as, *Reapers Solace*, *Zoume*, *Monument of a Memory* and *Rings of Saturn*. If you have any feedback for the group they would be happy to hear it. They take in feedback from other bands, fans, and analytics.

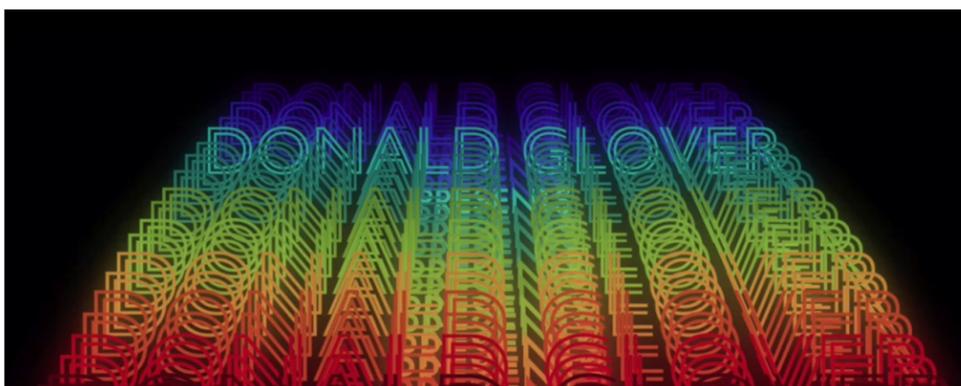
Donald Glover Shakes America Again

By: Kaicie Boeglin
Editor-in-Chief

[Verse 1]

*"Supercomputer status, walkin' along streets
Everyone is an addict, stumbling concrete
What was the motivation? Constant communication
Everybody wanna get chose like Moses
Came out Mother Earth smelling like roses
Summon the new edition, made it way too efficient
Made us the guinea pig and did it with no permission
Told it to call a friend, didn't tell it to listen
So very scary, so binary, zero or one
Like or dislike, coal mine canary
I dream in color, not black and white
You sell your daughter on that data stream
Dopamine make it hit now
Humans don't understand, humans gon' sell a lie
Humans gotta survive, we know we gon' die
Nothing can live forever, you know we gon' try
Life, is it really worth it? The algorhythm is perfect, mmh"*

Once again Donald Glover, aka *Childish Gambino*, shakes America with his music. This is the first verse, from his song *Algorhythm*, off his newest album 3.15.20. This is my favorite track off the album, and it isn't the only one that attacks the new stigma of America. If you re-read the lyrics, they speak for themselves.



Ocean of Illusions performing "Lost in The Tapestry" ft. Will Ramos
Left to right; Mike Montalto, Zachary Howard, Kedwin Ramirez, Will Ramos, Josh Held

Oceans is performing at Sportsmen's Cafe in Allentown; Photography credit to Heldhouse Media



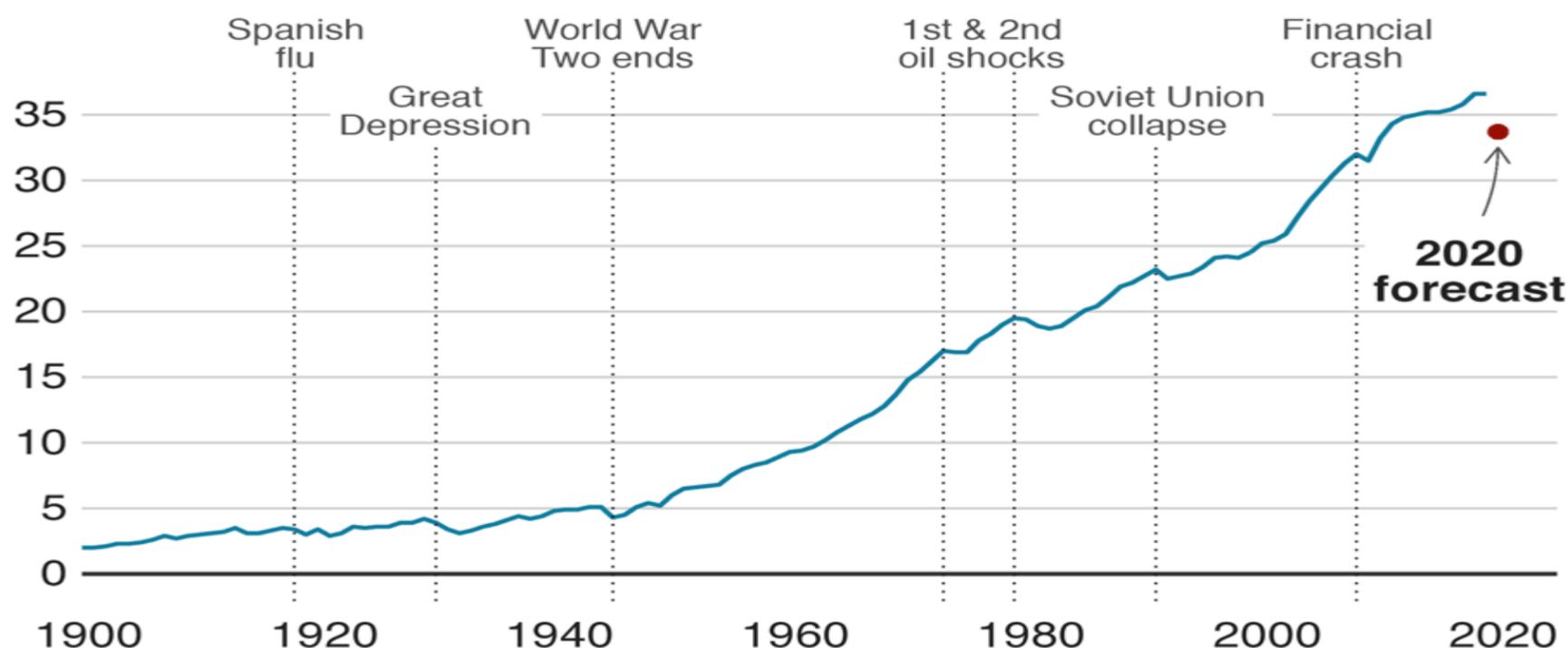
The photo to the left is Ocean of Illusions vocalist Zachary Howard in mid performance



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Billion tonnes of CO₂ per year



Source: Global Carbon Project, CDIAC & IEA

BBC



Psilocybin is a natural hallucinogen.
Photo credit to Medical News Daily

Denver Psilocybin Initiative Sparks Nationwide Sensation

By: Kaicie Boeglin // Editor-in-Chief

Thursday marked a year from when activists behind a first-of-its-kind drug policy made a reform ballot initiative in Denver. The people of the initiative were anxiously awaiting the results of this local vote that, alone, made this city stand apart from any other in the country. At first, the end result didn't look promising. However, once nearing the end of the night, they were behind—but the votes continued to arrive through the following day. It became official that Denver was the city to become the first place ever in U.S. history to decriminalize the so-called magic mushroom. It takes one year for a law to become active into acceptance and action. Denver is

officially deemed a psilocybin legally safe city.

Through a combination of educational opportunities, outreach and innovation programs—as well as the avenue of open-mindedness, the local electorate campaign was able to prevail. Although, more remarkable than this policy change in Denver is the national uprising movement it has inspired. All in one year since the historic vote at that.

Activists in more than 100 cities across America have now expressed interest in psychedelics and reforming their own state's policies on psychedelics. The two cities of Oakland and Santa Cruz have gone a

step further than Denver; they have decriminalized a wide range of entheogenic substances such as ayahuasca and ibogaine according to the Marijuana Movement Organization.

Oregon advocates are also close to qualifying for a statewide ballot initiative to legalize psilocybin. Oregon seeks psilocybin for therapeutic use for introduction this November. Washington D.C. activists were approved to circulate a petition to decriminalize various psychedelics in the nation's capital on Wednesday, May 6th. A California campaign contains high hopes of seeing psilocybin legalization on the ballot despite the coronavirus pandemic. So far, psy-

chedelics reform bills have been introduced in three state legislatures.

On the congressional level, Rep. Earl Blumenauer, a Democrat from Oregon, has endorsed the Oregon psilocybin initiative. The nation can also thank Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a Democrat from New York that introduced an amendment that encourages research into the medical potential of psychedelics. This amendment was defeated on the House floor, but she plans to file more legislation on the issue in 2020.

All in all, a lot has happened within this last year. It is hard to believe that a movement for drug policy reform beyond cannabis would

have been organized, and spread this rapidly. Were it not for what happened in Denver, this would not be something Americans could witness. Kevin Matthews, a leader from the Denver campaign has since launched a national advocacy group, called SPORE, according CONOR MCCORMICK-CAVANAGH with Westword News. Kevin Matthew's had caught up with the press at Marijuana Movement and said he "always looked at Decriminalize Denver and the Denver Psilocybin Initiative as an experiment for how to change laws around psychedelics. Denver was the first step and we still have a lot of work to do. What I didn't necessarily expect was how quickly the landscape would evolve and how it would be this massive, national—perhaps even global—conversation now."

Natalie Ginsberg, the director of policy and advocacy at the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS), told Marijuana Moment that for decades "psychedelic research has been paving the way for psychedelic medicine, but medical access is not enough. Decriminalization must go hand-in-hand with medicalization for a healthful society." MAPS the program responsible for funding

and gaining approval for the clinical trials in several substances to be put in place.

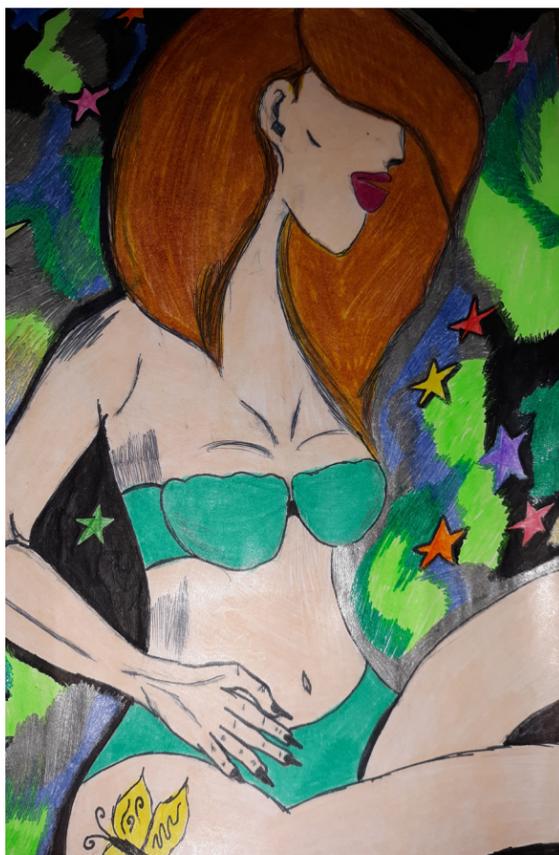
The Washington, D.C. Board of Elections has approved a petition to decriminalize psychedelics as of Wednesday, May 6th. The Board of Elections is officially clearing the campaign for signature gathering and has also accepted a motion to allow circulators to sign their own petitions. This removes a longstanding prohibition that was viewed as especially problematic, given the limited means of signature collection during the coronavirus pandemic.

The petition approval came one day after the D.C. Council voted in favor of a bill that will, for the first time, allow an alternative signature gathering process that will not necessarily involve any in-person contact.

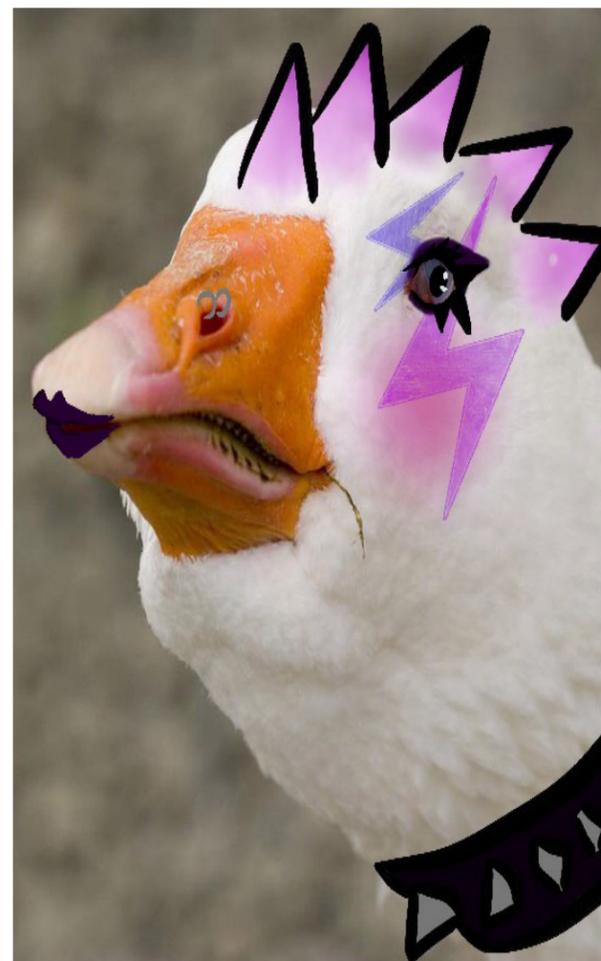
Now, thanks to the recent legislation, voters are able to download and print this petition, physically sign it, and scan it back in. By allowing this option to print the document and e-mail it back to campaign headquarters, people can still support, and feel connected to this issue.



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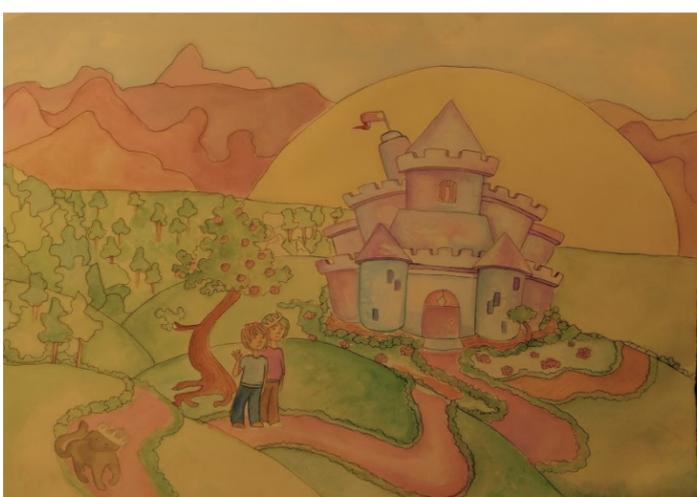


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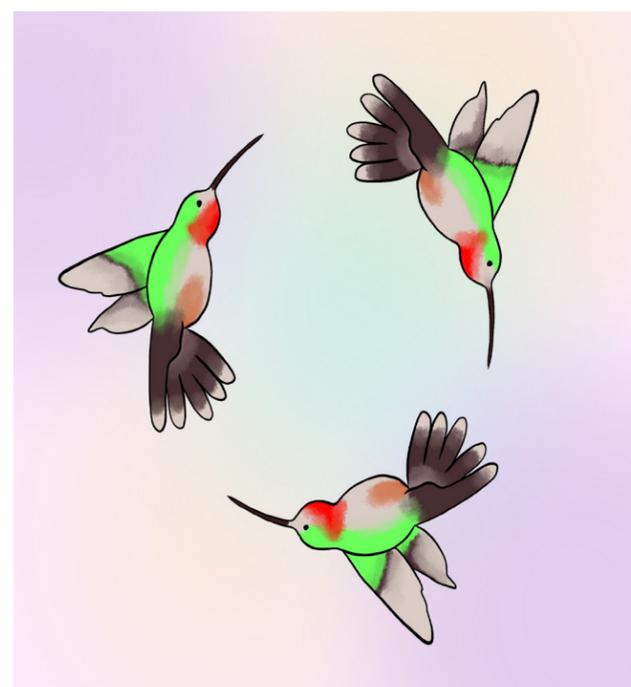
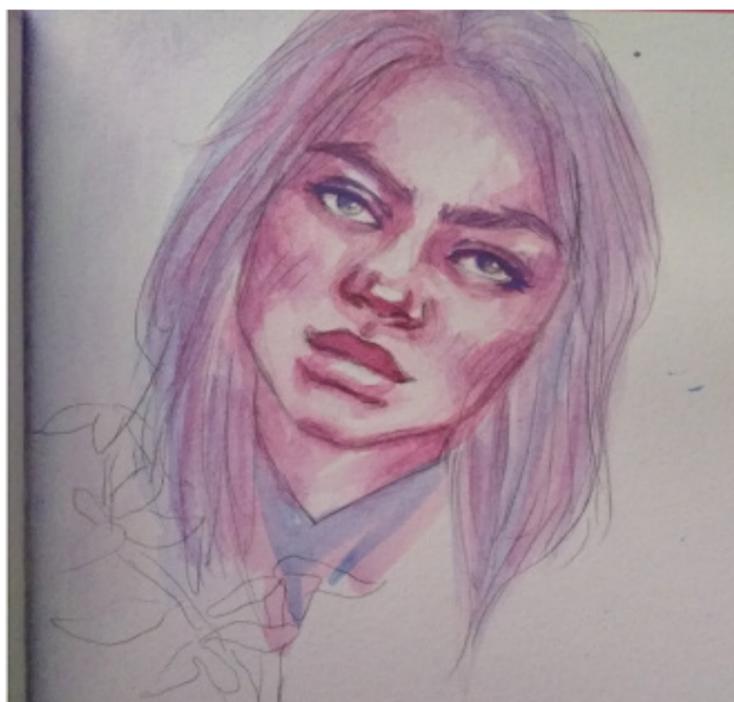
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Immigration activists hold signs against family separation during a rally to protest against the Trump Administration's immigration policy, outside the White House in Washington, US, June 30, 2018. © 2018 Reuters

Zero Tolerance Plan in 2020 continued

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age of 5, happened before the Trump administration implemented its “zero tolerance” policy. Officials have cited the zero tolerance policy as the cause of the majority of family separations.

In a audit done on November 25th, 2019, DHS came forward with the results:

DHS Lacked Adequate IT Functionality to Record and Track Family Separations

DHS Did Not Address IT Deficiencies or Provide Guidance and Standard Procedures Prior to Zero Tolerance Implementation

DHS Could Not Accurately Account for Separated Families or Accomplish Reunifications as Mandated

DHS Did Not Achieve Zero Tolerance Goals Amid Ineffective IT Tracking and Management of Separated Families

On March 22nd, 2020 Bloomberg posted a press release by Francis Wilkinson, entitled

“The U.S. Still Can’t Say How Many Families It Separated.” This article brings to light the horrors the nation’s youngest migrants went through, contrasted with today’s current pandemic. As our 45th President tries to remain in the mindset of a business mogul, the lives he traumatized and destroyed continue to be pushed down in the headlines. The President is scrambling words together to calm this nation, ironically casting a bad shadow over him. But President Donald Trump’s efforts to deter illegal migration and legal asylum-seeking by traumatizing children and parents will always rank among this administration’s worst moments. In an email to Bloomberg directly, Michelle Brane, an expert on migrants’ rights at the Women’s Refugee Commission had this to say, “[t]he decision to move forward and intentionally harm children and parents through family separation amounts to criminal action, and at the very least criminal negligence. Despite all these findings and the outrage expressed by the public and courts, no government officials have been held accountable for these actions.”

The Government Accountability Office, as of April 2020, is still in review of documents and interviews of personnel. This office is responsible for putting together a report on the ways in which agencies in the Department of Homeland Security, including Customs and Border Patrol, the Office of Field Operations, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, managed to separate children from parents or guardians and how they effectively lose track of the children, the adults or both.

The importance of this information cannot be understated. The “zero tolerance” family separation policy was a crisis shrouded in secrecy before the public learned what was happening in 2018. The public community has a right to know what happened leading up to, during, and following the peak of this national crisis. The information is vital for holding the government accountable, and seeing justice handed out. Most importantly, being knowledgeable helps ensure the shameful practice and resulting harm will not be repeated.

America Fears Murder Hornets

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WASHINGTON STATE - A recent invasive hornet species has come into light. The species is known as the Asian Giant Hornet, and goes out of the way to slaughter honeybees, while also being deadly to humans. These so called ‘murder-hornets’ are sparking concern across the United States, despite minimal sightings. In March, the Washington State Department of Agriculture started hunting for Asian giant hornets. The hunt began after two confirmed sightings of the hornets.

The alarming nickname is based off a presentation from March, given by Washington State Department of Agricul-

ture entomologist, Chris Looney. For humans that are unfortunate enough to undergo a scenario with an Asian giant hornet, Looney gave the simple advice in his presentation to “[j]ust run away.”

To date, there have only been two confirmed sightings of this dangerous hornet, according to the Washington State Department of Agriculture. However, America is vastly overwhelmed with this ‘murder hornet’. N’dea Yancey-Bragg, with USA TODAY, notes that America is already home to some deadly insects and arachnids that are more common than the Asian giant hornet.

Notorious to record are Black Widow spiders, who contain a neurotoxic bite. Scattered around everywhere there are woods are Brown Recluse spiders, which are human tissue destroyers. Mosquitoes have been claimed to be the “[m]ost dangerous creature on the planet” according to Yancey-Bragg. Arizona Bark scorpions have a painful sting that gives unusual symptoms. Leaving Kissing Bugs, who are blood sucking disease transmitters. So next time ‘murder-hornets’ come up in discussion, make sure to mention the other more common dangerous insects and arachnids.



Asian giant hornets, also called Murder Hornets, are up to two inches long, and can sting its victim multiple times. Video screenshot by Bonnie Burton/CNET

Hot Dog Bandit on Loose in Newport

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Newport RI - The RISPCA is offering a \$1,000 reward for information regarding the perpetrator aiming to hurt canines. A resident of a Newport neighborhood reported to Newport police that he had found hot dog pieces wrapped by nails. While taking his dog out for a walk, this man had found these hot dog pieces scattered throughout the town. Police are under the impression the perpetrator has a vendetta against dogs.

Currently, the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has offered a \$1,000 reward for the information that can lead to an arrest and conviction. Dog lovers across Rhode Island have rallied together to take their anger to social media.

Facebook forums went from angry to violent, as many commented on what they would like to do to this perpetrator.

RISPCA President Joe Warzycha has stated in a May 6th press release that, “[h]aving investigated many cases like this in the past, I know offering a reward can often encourage someone to come forward with helpful information. It’s incomprehensible how someone could commit such a malicious act and hopefully this reward will help bring this person to justice.”

The man who originally found the tampered hot dogs is Micheal Turskey Jr. He is thankful that his 18-month old pup Max seems to be unharmed. Turskey had told NBC

10 “I discovered these hot dogs two doors down from my house and pulled one from my fur buddy’s mouth.” Although he seems eased his dog is okay, Turskey is still shocked and appalled.

Turskey had passed another dog Walker after coming in contact with his findings. He had cautioned her, but after a brief conversation decided to contact the police. Turskey has heard rumors about tampered hot dogs in other communities. However, after talking to a detective it was told that no other people have reported such a scenario. Turskey seeks justice for his furry friend, his family, and his neighbors. Newport police said they’re in an open investigation and that anyone with information should call Detective Patrick Walsh at 401-845-5775.