



#WelcomeWithDignity Talking Points on the Expansion of Title 42 and the Creation of a Limited Parole Program for Some Venezuelans

- The Biden administration's decision to expand Title 42 will put vulnerable Venezuelans in harm's way, and further erode the asylum system President Biden promised to restore.
 - Seeing the Biden administration embrace a failed policy that rapidly expels people to danger, denying them their legal and human right to seek asylum, is appalling.
 - Title 42 has [disproportionately impacted](#) Black people seeking asylum.
 - People seek asylum at the U.S. border because it is their last, best chance at survival.
 - The CDC itself has recognized that Title 42 does nothing to protect public health. The Biden administration's decision to expel Venezuelans is about politics, not safety.
- By expanding Title 42 to Venezuelans, the administration is essentially doubling down on an asylum ban. Harming many, many more people than the limited parole program will help.
 - New protection pathways should not come at the expense of others' ability to seek safety at the U.S.-Mexico border.
 - Many other countries, including Mexico, are not safe for asylum seekers and migrants due to xenophobia and persecution, particularly towards [Black, Indigenous, and LGBTQ+](#) people, and the presence of dangerous organized crime groups that prey on migrants.
- All people seeking safety deserve a chance to seek asylum, regardless of their nationality. Access to life-saving protections should never be limited only to people with ties in the United States.
 - Very few will qualify for humanitarian parole under the new program's restrictive eligibility criteria, limiting access to a narrow category of Venezuelans with sponsors in the United States. The program also excludes Venezuelans who have traveled through Mexico en route to the U.S. border.
 - The restrictive eligibility criteria will deepen inequities marginalized groups already face, including LGBTQ+ people, Indigenous communities, Black, Afro-Latino, and impoverished communities.
- It's past time for the administration to stop responding crisis by crisis, one nationality at a time with narrow, temporary protections, honor its promises, and finally uphold its legal and moral obligations to people seeking asylum.
- Expanding Title 42 expulsions to Mexico will harm many more people, who will be pushed to cross the border in search of safety along more dangerous routes. Rather than continuing to erode the asylum system that the president promised to restore, the administration should ensure all people can apply for protection in a fair, humane, and orderly process.





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- Though litigation brought by anti-immigrant politicians has forced Title 42's continuation, no court has required the Biden administration to expand the policy to Venezuelans seeking safety.
 - That the administration is choosing to ramp up deadly expulsions - while its attorneys defend its decision to terminate Title 42 in court - is baffling and counterproductive to its commitment to establish a fair and humane asylum process at the border.

Read the #WelcomeWithDignity Campaign for asylum rights' complete statement in response to the expansion of Title 42 [here](#).

