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By Natalia Castro

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Arrivals (DACA) program, but that does not mean violent former recipients of the program need to be kept in the country.

On Monday, the Supreme Court denied a request from President Trump to hear a case surrounding DACA before an appellate court has heard the case, in hopes of receiving a ruling on the program before it is set to expire in March. By refusing to listen to the case early, the Supreme Court upholds an earlier decision which keeps the program open until litigation concludes, temporarily preventing Trump from ending the program.

The program, created by President Obama in 2012, provided legal status to illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as minors and those of parents with U.S.-born children in a sister program. Despite the President having no authority to grant amnesty to millions of immigrants violating Congressional law, Obama implemented this system and gave these “dreamers” a new sense of false hope.

The unconstitutionality of this law was confirmed when President Obama attempted to implement a second program entitled Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) which protected illegal immigrants that came into the country as adults and had children.

The Fifth Circuit Court immediately ruled DAPA as unconstitutional and noted that Obama’s decision to simply not enforce the law by deporting these illegal immigrants “does not transform presence deemed unlawful by Congress into lawful presence and confer eligibility for otherwise unavailable benefits.”

The Supreme Court chose not to hear the case and upheld the lower court’s ruling that the President had no authority to override the laws of Congress. With DACA facing similar legal challenges, President Trump elected to wind down the program and called upon Congress to enact legislation protecting the DACA recipients that deserve protection.

As Attorney General Jeff Sessions explained in a Sept. 2017 press release, “The executive branch, through DACA, deliberately sought to achieve what the legislative branch specifically refused to authorize on multiple occasions. Such an open-ended circumvention of immigration laws was an unconstitutional exercise of authority by the Executive Branch... If we were to keep the Obama Administration’s executive amnesty policy, the likeliest outcome is that it would be enjoined just as was DAPA... Congress should carefully and thoughtfully pursue the types of reforms that are right for the American people.”

As a result, DACA has become a centerpiece of the immigration reform debate. But while Democrats like House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi call these DACA recipients “innocent young people in communities across America,” she paints a wildly inaccurate picture of the group she is protecting.

The Washington Times’s Stephen Dinan reported on Jan. 2018, Border Patrol agents in San Diego arrested two illegal immigrant “dreamers” for their roles in separate smuggling operations. This has been a common trend, Dinan also reports on a Texas highway checkpoint which arrested several more dreamers in smuggling operations last year. These are only some of the cases which led to some 2,139 dreamers having their DACA status revoked as of this summer.

In his September statement, Sessions also noted, “The effect of this unilateral executive amnesty, among other things, contributed to a surge of unaccompanied minors on the southern border that yielded terrible humanitarian consequences. It also denied jobs to hundreds of thousands of Americans by allowing those same jobs to go to illegal aliens.”

Inevitably, with the promise of amnesty given to millions of young people, security cannot be maintained.

Most recently, Frank Miles of Fox News has reported, just days after the shooting of 17 students in Parkland, Florida, a 21 year old DACA recipient, Abigail Hernandez, posted to the East High School Facebook page, "I'm coming tomorrow morning and I'm going to shoot all ya b-----es".

Police found a shotgun in her home during the arrest.

Not only was Hernandez living in the country under the protection of the DACA program, but the city where she resides, Rochester, N.Y., is considered a sanctuary city, so Hernandez will likely not be deported.

Despite DACA being held up in courts, this is where Trump can act now to protect the American people. For those who violate the terms of the DACA program, having been arrested for a felony offense, nothing is preventing President Trump from enforcing the law and deporting these individuals. Dare the left to challenge that in court.

President Trump must show the American people that not all DACA recipients are the "innocent young people" and "dreamers" that the left describes. The dangerous, violent illegal immigrants residing in this country, often protected by their local municipalities must be deported.

President Obama may have attempted to usurp congressional authority by enacting DACA and DAPA, but now President Trump must restore the rule of law and the separation of powers. By deporting illegal immigrants who have broken the laws of this country while living under Obama's protective veil, Trump will send the strong message that the President will always do the executive's one true job: enforce the law.

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Workers Defeat UFCW



By Richard McCarty

In recent years, the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW) has experienced a number of setbacks. Since 2001, the union has lost over 100,000 members. In addition to declining membership, the union has experienced unwanted press attention over the past few years. For example, after a 2015 indictment, UFCW's organizing coordinator for the marijuana industry was sentenced to prison for fraud and other crimes late last year. Another UFCW boss, Mickey Kasparian, has been mired in a scandal involving sexual harassment and discrimination for over a year. In January, two officials at two different UFCW locals were indicted for crimes, including racketeering; both men are alleged to have had ties to the Mafia.

On February 7th, the UFCW suffered another setback. On that day, there was an ambush unionization election at a co-op grocery store in Northfield, Minnesota, a Democratic-leaning city about 40 miles south of Minneapolis. While the workers who supported unionization had the backing of UFCW Local 1189, the workers who opposed the union were on their own. The co-op's management remained neutral; and no third-party organization intervened. In the end, however, the union's opponents didn't need help; they were able to defeat the UFCW — one of the largest and wealthiest unions in the country — with over 55% of the vote.

The secretive unionization effort began last summer, but it took until last month for the union to finally collect the 12 signatures that it needed for an election. Pathetically, the unionization campaign still resorted to using dishonest tactics to gather these few signatures. For example, some co-op employees were told that signing a union authorization card only meant that they wanted more information. (In actuality, signing such a card gives a union the right to represent an employee.) Co-op workers were also falsely told that over two-thirds of the staff had already signed the cards.

Many co-op employees were unaware of the UFCW's campaign until the posting of the Notice of Petition for Election in January. There was no agreement among union supporters as to why exactly the store needed a union. Some workers wanted higher pay, while others claimed the co-op had engaged in unspecified unfair labor practices. The union organizer claimed the co-op was hiding money from its workers and could afford to pay them more. It's unclear how she would know this.

Several co-op employees decided to fight the union. One of the union's opponents, Bob N., managed to get a copy of the contract that the UFCW negotiated with a Minneapolis co-op grocery store. Bob posted this contract in his store's break room. It turns out that the Northfield co-op's wages and benefits were as good as — and in some ways better than — the compensation package that the UFCW had negotiated with the co-op in the much larger city. Of course, unlike the employees of the Minneapolis store, the workers at the Northfield store don't have to pay union dues. Bob also wrote several newsletters and put up a number of posts from the UFCWMonitor.com, a blog that chronicles the activities of the union, for his co-workers to read.

Although the UFCW had the advantage of both time and resources, it still lost the ambush election. It appears the UFCW would like to try to unionize the Northfield co-op again next year. The good news is that next time, the union's opponents will have had an entire year to prepare for the election, rather than less than three weeks. Bob and his co-workers who opposed the UFCW are a great example of how regular people, with very little time to organize, can still defeat a powerful union when they're armed with the facts.

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President Trump and CFIUS must block Singapore's Broadcom takeover of Qualcomm

Feb. 28, 2018, Fairfax, Va.—Americans for Limited Government President Rick Manning today issued the following statement urging President Donald Trump and the Committee on Foreign

Investment in the United States (CFIUS) to block the hostile takeover of Qualcomm by Singapore's Broadcom:

"The federal government should immediately reject attempts by Singapore's Broadcom company to acquire San Diego, California-based Qualcomm Corporation.

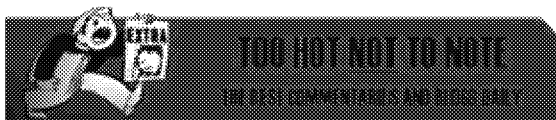
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"Qualcomm is one of the companies most likely to create the software to make this system run, but China's Huawei and South Korea's Samsung are among those competing to be first. This matters because whoever wins the battle in developing 5G, will be providing the guts of the world's industrial future. It can be expected that an unscrupulous company controlled by a foreign government would use this advantage to put backdoors into various systems making the world's economy vulnerable to blackmail.

"Given the national security importance of Qualcomm's continuance as a U.S. company, the federal government's Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, should immediately meet and block any takeover of the company by its foreign rival.

"In 2016, President Obama succeeded in giving away operational control over the Internet's domain name system to a foreign focused vendor, now it is up to the Trump administration to deny the foreign takeover of the one company in America that is building the guts of how business will use the Internet in the future. With all the threats around the world, this little discussed one is as important over the long-run as the nuclear threat posed by North Korea and others. We simply cannot afford to have foreign governments through their managed corporations, have the ability to claim exclusive control the technology that will be running the economy of the future."

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ALG Editor's Note: In the following investigative report from Wired Magazine: Antonio Garcia Martinez investigates the impact Russian Facebook ads compared with Trump Facebook ads had on the election:

WIRED

How Trump conquered Facebook – without Russian ads

By Antonio Garcia Martinez

IT'S NOT EVERY day that a former work colleague gets retweeted by the president of the United States.

Last Friday, Rob Goldman, a vice president inside Facebook's Ads team, rather ill-advisedly published a series of tweets that seemed to confirm the Trump administration's allegations regarding the recent indictments of 13 Russian nationals by Special Counsel Robert Mueller. To wit, the tweets said that the online advertising campaign led by the shadowy Internet Research Agency was meant to divide the American people, not influence the 2016 election.

You're probably skeptical of Rob's claim, and I don't blame you. The world looks very different to people outside the belly of Facebook's monetization beast. But when you're on the inside, like Rob is and like I was, and you have access to the revenue dashboards detailing every ring of the cash register, your worldview tends to follow what advertising data can and cannot tell you.

From this worldview, it's still not clear how much influence the IRA had with its Facebook ads (which, as others have pointed out, is just one small part of the huge propaganda campaign that Mueller is currently investigating). But no matter how you look at them, Russia's Facebook ads were almost certainly less consequential than the Trump campaign's mastery of two critical parts of the Facebook advertising infrastructure: The ads auction, and a benign-sounding but actually Orwellian product called Custom Audiences (and its diabolical little brother, Lookalike Audiences). Both of which sound incredibly dull, until you realize that the fate of our 242-year-old experiment in democracy once depended on them, and surely will again.

LIKE MANY THINGS at Facebook, the ads auction is a version of something Google built first. As on Google, Facebook has a piece of ad real estate that it's auctioning off, and potential advertisers submit a piece of ad creative, a targeting spec for their ideal user, and a bid for what they're willing to pay to obtain a desired response (such as a click, a like, or a comment). Rather than simply reward that ad position to the highest bidder, though, Facebook uses a complex model that considers both the dollar value of each bid as well as how good a piece of clickbait (or view-bait, or comment-bait) the corresponding ad is. If Facebook's model thinks your ad is 10 times more likely to engage a user than another company's ad, then your effective bid at auction is considered 10 times higher than a company willing to pay the same dollar amount.

A canny marketer with really engaging (or outraging) content can goose their effective purchasing power at the ads auction, piggybacking on Facebook's estimation of their clickbaitiness to win many more auctions (for the same or less money) than an unengaging competitor. That's why, if you've noticed a News Feed ad that's pulling out all the stops (via provocative stock photography or other gimcrackery) to get you to click on it, it's partly because the advertiser is aiming to pump up their engagement levels and increase their exposure, all without paying any more money.

During the run-up to the election, the Trump and Clinton campaigns bid ruthlessly for the same online real estate in front of the same swing-state voters. But because Trump used provocative content to stoke social media buzz, and he was better able to drive likes, comments, and shares than Clinton, his bids received a boost from Facebook's click model, effectively winning him more media for less money. In essence, Clinton was paying Manhattan prices for the square footage on your smartphone's screen, while Trump was paying Detroit prices. Facebook users in swing states who felt Trump had taken over their news feeds may not have been hallucinating.

(Speaking of Manhattan vs. Detroit prices, there are some (very nonmetaphorical) differences in media costs across the country that also impacted Trump's ability to reach voters. Broadly, advertising costs in rural, out-of-the-way areas are considerably less than in hotly contested, dense urban areas. As each campaign tried to mobilize its base, largely rural Trump voters were probably cheaper to reach than Clinton's urban voters. Consider Germantown, Pa. (a Philly suburb Clinton won by a landslide) vs. Belmont County, Ohio (a rural county Trump comfortably won). Actual media costs are closely guarded secrets, but Facebook's own advertiser tools can give us some ballpark estimates. For zip code 43950 (covering the county seat of St. Clairsville, Ohio), Facebook estimates an advertiser can show an ad to about 83 people per dollar. For zip code 19144 in the Philly suburbs, that number sinks to 50 people an ad for every dollar of ad spend. Averaged over lots of time and space, the impacts on media budgets can be sizable. Anyway ...)

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