

died on August 1 after just 6 weeks in ICE custody. He was only 41 years old. He was a father.

Edwin's story should stop us in our tracks because he is not alone. People are dying in ICE detention. People have been killed during immigration enforcement operations. The people the Trump administration is going after are not serious criminals or the worst of the worst.

In July, more than one-half of the people arrested by ICE had no criminal convictions and no pending criminal charges. These are workers, parents, and caregivers. They are people who have lived in our communities for years, yet the administration is stripping away legal protections to detain and deport them.

Look at Haitian families with temporary protected status. For years our government told them: You can come live here, and you can come and work here.

They built their lives here. They pay taxes. They cared for our parents and our grandparents. In Florida alone, an estimated 93,000 Haitian workers with TPS spent years caring for Holocaust survivors. Some had worked there for over two decades, and then this administration got rid of their protections. Scores of people lost their jobs.

Those caregivers were not here illegally. The government changed their status so they could send them back to a country where their lives are in danger.

Then, let's look at what happened to Lorenzo Salgado Araujo. Lorenzo was a 52-year-old father of three with no criminal record, and he had applied for a legal work permit. Lorenzo had lived in this country for nearly 35 years and built his own construction business. Yet, in July, ICE agents killed him while looking for another person.

One of Lorenzo's sons, Ronaldo, watched the video of his father and said: "My father was always a strong man and never wanted us to know if he was in pain. He never complained . . . but it hurt my heart to hear his scream."

Two fathers: One killed by ICE in the street; one dead after 6 weeks in ICE custody.

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This abuse does not stop with immigrants. U.S. citizens are being rounded up and deported.

When the Supreme Court allowed ICE to profile people racially during enforcement stops based on their race and their language, Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh wrote that if you are a U.S. citizen, you are going to be free to go after just a brief encounter.

That is not what happened to Brian Jose Morales Garcia. He is a U.S. citizen who was deported to Mexico after a traffic stop in Texas, even though he repeatedly told the ICE officer he was a U.S. citizen and asked to get the proof of citizenship at his home. They ignored him. They deported him.

For 4 months, Brian was stuck in Mexico. Imagine this: an American citizen stuck in Mexico for 4 months, separated from your work and family before you are finally allowed to come back to this country and having to hire a lawyer.

Since Trump returned to office, more than 50 people have died in ICE custody. Others, including U.S. citizens, have died during immigration enforcement operations.

Congress must stop this out-of-control agency and hold them accountable for every death at the hands of ICE. People are dying. Americans are less safe because of this rogue agency that is out in the streets with masks and no identification.

Mr. Speaker, this administration and Republicans in Congress continue to kill innocent people and make us less safe. This must stop.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 46 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Gather us together, O God, in the company of those whom You have called to serve in this time and place. Then, may we, together, draw near to You with sincere hearts to receive the law You would place within them and to respond to the truth that You would write on our minds.

Cleanse us from our own guilty consciences and free us from our tendencies to seek our own well-being, to make our own rules, and to listen to our own voices.

Release us from all that keeps us from seeing You more clearly, loving You more dearly, and following You more nearly, this day and every day.

Then, having placed our faith in You, may we hold on unswervingly to the hope we profess. Allow the fruit of our faith to be borne in our efforts, and may we be more inclined to support one another with love and mutual encouragement and to live lives reflective of Your grace and mercy.

These things we pray in the strength of Your eternal love and in the power of Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. STRONG) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. STRONG led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 2, 2026.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from Ms. Jana M. Lean, Chief, Elections Division, California Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special General Election held on August 18, 2026, the Honorable Aisha Wahab was elected Representative to Congress for the Fourteenth Congressional District of California.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.,
CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE,
Sacramento, CA, September 1, 2026.

Hon. KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. MCCUMBER: This is to advise you that as of September 1, 2026, the county of Alameda had an estimated 0 unprocessed ballots. The current U.S. House of Representative 14th District encompasses the county of Alameda.

As of August 26, 2026, at 3:21 p.m. the unofficial results of the Special General Election held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, for U.S. House of Representative 14th District show that Aisha Wahab received 51,692 votes or 53.1% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

According to the unofficial results, it appears that Aisha Wahab has received the majority of votes cast for the U.S. House of Representative 14th District of California.

To the best of the Secretary of State's knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by the registrar of voters for the county of Alameda, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

JANA M. LEAN,
Chief, Elections Division.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE AISHA WAHAB, OF CALIFORNIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from California, the Honorable Aisha Wahab, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the California delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise her right hand.

AISHA WAHAB appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 119th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE AISHA WAHAB TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. LOFGREN: Mr. Speaker, we welcome a new Member of the California congressional delegation to our ranks.

Born in New York City to Afghan refugees and raised in Fremont, California, Dr. WAHAB earned her doctorate of social work from the University of Southern California. She was elected to the Hayward City Council in 2018 and to the California State Senate in 2022, where she served as assistant majority leader.

As someone who experienced foster care herself, Dr. WAHAB has made protecting vulnerable people a central focus of her public service. Today, she makes history as the first Afghan American elected to Congress.

As chair of the Democratic congressional delegation from California, I am proud to welcome her to the largest delegation in Congress. We look forward to working together on behalf of Californians and the most vulnerable among us.

I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WAHAB), the newest member of the California delegation.

Ms. WAHAB. Mr. Speaker, I begin by thanking the people of one of the most diverse districts in America, my home, California's 14th Congressional District.

In the gallery today are people from across our district, representing dif-

ferent walks of life, from educational backgrounds, economic circumstances, and immigration stories.

Yet, every single one of them is an American, and every one of them believes in the American Dream, a dream rooted in a simple promise, that we are all created equal and that, no matter where we begin, each of us deserves an opportunity for a better life.

Today, Americans are tired, tired of Democrats and Republicans fighting with one another, tired of the division that this Capitol sometimes represents. Republicans and Democrats alike are struggling to afford housing, utilities, groceries, education, healthcare, and the basic necessities of life. That struggle belongs to all Americans.

For generations, the American Dream has made this country a beacon to the world because of one powerful promise: Your past does not determine your future.

Today, I stand here as a reminder of that promise. I walked into Congress carrying the beating heart of a former foster care kid, the daughter of Afghan refugees who came here searching for a better life, the daughter of a murdered father from a family shattered by loss, a child born in New York City and raised in the bay area, a woman whose family was devastated by the Great Recession.

I am grateful for all of those experiences however heavy they may be, not because they were easy but because they taught me what it means to fight for justice for all.

I am a proud American. I often say Uncle Sam raised me. Because of that, I have always seen the people of this Nation as family, regardless of background: the people too proud to ask for help, the people who wake every morning and work hard, who struggle in silence, who hold on to hope that tomorrow can be better than today.

I have seen some of the darkest corners of our society, but I have also seen its greatest light. I have met many Americans: refugees, immigrants, foster children, people with disabilities, families relying on food assistance, seniors stretching every dollar, and people who have trusted me with their deepest fears and hardest setbacks. They believe dignity belongs to everyone, regardless of faith, gender, education, income, background, or circumstance. That is the belief of the American Dream that still burns today so brightly.

Millions of Americans are weary of the fighting, the rising bills, and being told to fear their neighbors while they struggle to make ends meet. They are tired of being overlooked by those in power, by the wealthy and those who have forgotten what it means to struggle.

Americans deserve better. They deserve justice, dignity, and a quality of life worthy of the promise this country has made to them. They deserve to be able to put food on the table and keep a roof over their heads. Their children

deserve an excellent education and the brightest possible future. A person who is sick should receive excellent care without fearing financial ruin, and those in their golden years or those who have simply fallen on hard times should know their country has their back. That must be our purpose here: the people.

As a policymaker, my goal is simple: to work with each and every one of you to deliver for the American people, regardless of party. These are our people. If we choose common purpose over division and people over politics, we can make the promise of America real again, because the American Dream does not belong to Republicans or Democrats. It belongs to every American who believes tomorrow can be better.

I believe in that dream. I believe in this country. As patriots of this beautiful Nation, we have a duty to fight for one another, to see one another as fellow Americans, and to deliver on the promise to the people. I stand with you in this fight for the people of the greatest Nation.

God bless the United States of America.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. Wahab), the whole number of the House is 433.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STRONG). The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING PENN STATE'S NATIONAL SECURITY INSTITUTE

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Penn State's National Security Institute, which advances national security solutions through research and partnerships with Federal agencies and industry.

For decades, Penn State has remained focused on addressing the challenges facing our Nation's security.

The launch of the National Security Institute is proof that the university is a trusted adviser for keeping the United States safe and secure.

Penn State's commitment to innovation allows us to increase the capabilities of our military and improve critical technologies.

The research conducted at the institute provides educational opportunities