

CONFUSION OVER WHO SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THIS COUNTRY

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, like many Americans, I caught a little of the TV over the weekend, which was dominated by the tragic events in Minneapolis.

However, there is one thing I felt had to be commented on because I think there is a lot of confusion as to who we should be removing in this country.

Right now in America, we have no shortage of people who are here from other countries. We are at an all-time high, even greater than the 1890s or 2010s in the number of people in this country who were not born here. That is over 15 percent. We are naturalizing about 850,000 people a year.

Nevertheless, there are Congressmen who keep getting confused and think the only people that should be removed from this country after Joe Biden left about 10 million people in the country illegally are people who committed serious crimes. That is ridiculous. Of the 10 million people that Joe Biden let in or 8 million people, whatever, obviously it is up to ICE to remove as many as possible and get back to historical norms.

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END QUALIFIED IMMUNITY FOR ICE AGENTS

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in defense of communities across America terrorized by the dangerous, rogue, and violent actions perpetrated by ICE agents.

Millions have seen the videos of ICE shooting and killing Renee Good, a poet and mother who was unarmed and trying to drive away.

Following her tragic death at the hands of law enforcement, Republicans rushed to deny the truth and smear the victim, a playbook that has been employed frequently, especially against the Black community.

Now, the White House is claiming ICE agents have immunity from lawsuits. Enough.

That is why I will reintroduce my bill to end qualified immunity to hold Federal agents accountable for breaking the law and killing our neighbors.

This bill is for Renee Good and so many others, like Keith Porter, a proud girl dad who was killed by an ICE agent in Los Angeles. This bill is also for Nenko Gantchev from Chicago, who died in ICE custody after living in the United States for 30 years.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is for every person in America, citizen or not, to know that when ICE agents break the law, they should be held accountable.

For the families of these victims, Congress must end qualified immunity.

UPLIFTING SPIRIT OF OLYMPIC SKATER MAXIM NAUMOV

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to uplift the inspiring and persevering spirit of our Nation's people, embodied in an extraordinary young American, U.S. Olympic figure skater Maxim Naumov.

Despite having endured unspeakable loss, the tragic American Airlines crash over Arlington, Virginia, in January of last year that claimed the lives of both his parents, Vadim Naumov and Evgenia Shishkova, Maxim stepped onto the ice this past weekend with courage, composure, and grace under pressure.

At the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, he delivered a powerful short program for 85.72 points, fourth place, and a spot on the U.S. Olympic team. He then spoke with humility and love, paying tribute to his beloved parents who shaped his life.

President John F. Kennedy defined true grit as courage, grace under pressure, perseverance in the face of adversity. Maxim personifies that ideal. He teaches us that determination can rise even from the deepest loss and that discipline and artistry can become a language of hope.

Bravo, Maxim.

Maxim's dedication as a genuine athletic ice artist inspires every young American to a higher purpose. May he stay the course. He makes America proud for his generation.

Onward, Maxim. Onward, America.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD the article titled: "Maxim Naumov Credits His Parents, Who Died in DC Plane Crash, For making U.S. Olympic Team: 'We Did It Together.'"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

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MAXIM NAUMOV CREDITS HIS PARENTS, WHO DIED IN DC PLANE CRASH, FOR MAKING US OLYMPIC TEAM: 'WE DID IT TOGETHER'

(By Drew Weisholtz)

Maxim Naumov will represent the United States at the Milan Cortina Winter Olympics as a member of the figure skating team and will be guided by his late parents, who died a year ago in a plane crash that rocked the figure skating world.

Former Olympians Evgenia Shishkova and Vadim Naumov were among those on board an American Airlines plane that collided with a Black Hawk helicopter on Jan. 29 last year. Sixty-seven people died in the crash, including 28 members of the figure skating community.

Naumov held up a photo of his parents after competing in the men's free skate at the United States Figure Skating Championships in St. Louis on Jan. 10.

Naumov, 24, later sat down with Hoda Kotb for an exclusive interview that aired on TODAY Jan. 12. He spoke alongside fellow skaters who were named to Team USA after the championships.

"You were holding the picture of your parents who perished in that plane accident," Hoda said to Naumov. "What were you saying to them from inside?"

"I was telling them that we did it, and we did it together," Naumov said.

"One of the favorite words that you say right now is the word 'we.' 'We are going to do this.' 'We can make it.' 'We're going to the Olympics.' It's not just you, is it?"

"No, no, I would not be here without them in any capacity," he said.

Naumov's godmother, Gretta Bogdan, was moved when she saw him receive his Olympic jacket and takes comfort in believing his parents are also beaming.

"Probably one of the best moments of my life," she told Hoda. "I know that his parents are watching down on him, and they're incredibly proud of him, and they know what's happening. They do."

Naumov has previously spoken about what his parents meant to him and how he dealt with his grief.

"They were beautiful people. They were so incredibly kind," he told TODAY in March 2025. "The only way out is through. There's no other way. There are no options but to keep going. I don't have the strength or the passion or the drive, or the dedication of one person anymore. It's three people."

The 2026 U.S. figure skating team is a loaded group, headlined by Ilya Malinin, known as "The Quad God," who will be making his Olympics debut. His parents, Tatiana Malinina and Roman Skorniakov, previously skated in the Olympics for Uzbekistan.

"It's just such an honor, and I'm so grateful that I'm also just following in my parents' footsteps," Malinin said. "They were two-time Olympians as well, and I'm just so excited to go there."

Andrew Torgashev is also a son of Olympians and understands the magnitude of his accomplishment.

"To call myself an Olympian is just so surreal. It makes me tear up, actually. It's quite awesome," he said.

The women's team will feature three current and former U.S. champions in Alyssa Liu, Isabeau Levito and Amber Glenn. They will each try to become the first American woman to win gold at the Olympics since Sarah Hughes did so in 2002.

"I think it's great that it's not just one person or singular hope. I think three people go at it—like, someone's going to stick," Glenn said while speaking to Hoda alongside Levito and Liu.

When Hoda pointed out that the trio represents sisterhood and family, the skaters said it's only natural.

"I mean, I feel like it's kind of normal. I feel almost weird to be praised for—" Liu said.

"Friendship?" Glenn finished.

"I think one of the reasons that we all get along so well is because not that many people understand what it takes and understand the ups and downs of such an intense sport like we do," she continued. "And I wouldn't be here without these two ladies."

Married couple and ice dance duo Madison Chock and Evan Bates are also on a quest to win gold at the Olympics after doing so in a team event in Beijing in 2022. This will mark their fourth Winter Games, which has some people wondering if they plan to call it quits anytime soon.

"You really never know when it's going to be our last, so this season we've been treating everything with respect and care for the moment and trying not to miss any little bit of it," Chock said.

“We’re best friends, and we get to skate together every day, so why would we stop?” Bates said.

Ice dance partners Christina Carreira and Anthony Ponomarenko will also compete in their first Olympics, but Ponomarenko is part of a trend: His parents, Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponomarenko, are also Olympians.

“Going to the Olympics in the same sport that my parents did, it’s unbelievable,” he said.

“It still hasn’t sunk in, to be honest,” Carreira said.

The U.S. figure skating team will feature 16 athletes who will put their best foot forward when the Winter Olympics begin Feb. 6.

HOLDING PRESIDENT TRUMP ACCOUNTABLE

(Ms. STANSBURY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, the American people want to know why the President of the United States and the Department of Justice are going after the Chairman of the Federal Reserve before they go after coconspirators in the Epstein case.

Mr. Speaker, the American people want to know why Donald Trump is using their taxpayer dollars to invade foreign countries and threaten our allies, but claims to not have enough money to fund American healthcare.

Mr. Speaker, the American people want to know why the President and Vice President are giving cover for lawless shootings by Federal agents while using political excuses to withhold funding for our communities, for public safety, housing, childcare, and food.

Mr. Speaker, the American people didn’t ask for this. They asked for safe communities to ensure they can live their lives with dignity and opportunity and to leave a country their children can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, this is not that. We will continue to fight and hold this President accountable.

DEFENDING FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIR JEROME POWELL

(Mrs. McCCLAIN DELANEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McCCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with grave concern over President Trump’s vicious attacks on Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell.

I know Jerome Powell. He is a man of integrity. More importantly, he is an honorable and faithful public servant with extreme knowledge and expertise of our financial ecosystem.

The President’s effort to criminally target him with baseless accusations is an unprecedented assault on our democracy and the independence of the Federal Reserve.

An independent Federal Reserve is essential to America’s economic sta-

bility, market confidence, and fairness to working families. The Federal Reserve is nonpartisan for a reason. It is guided by evidence, data, and duty. It does not cater to the whims of a President interested in his own political and personal fortune.

If the Federal Reserve loses its independence, the consequences will be felt on an international stage, undermining global confidence in our economy, destabilizing financial markets, and risking economic chaos worldwide.

The threat against Jay Powell is part of a growing and dangerous pattern. We must stand with Jay Powell and defend those independent agencies that underpin our economic resilience and national security.

INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, eastern North Carolina residents deserve access to clean drinking water and safe neighborhoods. We understand that aging water infrastructure, prone to leaks and contamination, and law enforcement agencies lacking the tools they need to be successful, directly impact the well-being of our communities.

Working with local officials, we have prioritized these issues. I am glad to share that over \$5 million is being directed to eastern North Carolina communities for upgrading water infrastructure. Funds will also be used to purchase safety gear to better protect our law enforcement officers.

There is so much work to be done, and we plan to continue working with our local communities. By investing strategically in vital infrastructure and public safety, we are supporting eastern North Carolina’s communities and economy for decades to come.

FIGHTING FOR DETROIT

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

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, the last time Donald Trump visited Detroit, he insulted our city, saying the whole country would end up like Detroit if Kamala Harris was elected. Mr. Trump promised to bring manufacturing jobs and economic success.

For the last 8 months, we have lost 68,000 jobs. Unemployment has hit a 4-year high. His tariffs have hurt Detroit’s auto industry.

Mr. Speaker, Detroit does not need any more of Donald Trump’s lies and insults. Detroit needs affordable housing, not Trump’s insults. Detroit needs skilled jobs, not Trump’s insults.

Mr. Speaker, I am fighting for Detroit, fighting to bring costs down, and make life more affordable for all.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION TO ARREST NICOLAS MADURO

(Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. CRAWFORD of Arkansas was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, it is particularly important with this Special Order to clear the air. Americans deserve no less than to understand the truth of what just transpired in Venezuela.

Nicolas Maduro has been removed as the reigning despot, narcoterrorist, and illegitimate President of Venezuela. This fact is a momentous and great thing, pure and simple.

Notwithstanding what you might have heard from many Democrats when President Trump’s successfully ordered Maduro’s arrest and exfiltration, the realization on the part of the world, especially Venezuelans, that Maduro’s sword of repression has come to an end resulted in praise and thanksgiving. This mission clearly showed America’s full force and capability to instigate good in the world and battle the forces of evil.

Americans woke up on January 3, 2026, to news that our truly courageous and skillful intelligence community, law enforcement, and military had executed a mission that is simply unbelievable if we had not heard about the exploits soon thereafter.

What an unprecedented risk our men and women took on that day to do what no other political administration in the world had ever contemplated as remotely possible: to remove and exfiltrate for prosecution a ruthless dictator whose direct involvement in narcoterrorism has led to the death of scores of Americans and other allies’ citizens.

Please don’t take my word for the nature of Maduro’s reign over Venezuela. My Democrat colleagues have for years been raising the alarm of Maduro’s destruction through a multitude of legislative measures. Just a small subset of this Democrat-led legislation is cited in a House resolution—H. Res. 987—we have introduced today.

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Examples include H.R. 328, a Democratic-sponsored bill that excoriates the Maduro regime which “has refused to respect the overwhelming choice of