Supreme Court rejects Trump's view of birthright citizenship

Rules executive order issued violates 14th Amendment

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The Supreme Court struck down President Donald Trump's executive order seeking to end birthright citizenship Tuesday, June 30, defeating one of the administration's standout immigration policies.

The court split 6-3 in Trump v. Barbara, with Chief Justice John Roberts writing the majority opinion asserting that the executive order violates the 14th Amendment.

President Trump signed Executive Order 14160 in January 2025, directing federal agencies not to recognize citizenship for children born in the U.S. if neither parent is a citizen or lawful permanent resident. Multiple district courts blocked the order before the case reached the Supreme Court.

The justices considered whether children born in the U.S. to noncitizen parents are "subject to the jurisdiction" of the United States under the 14th Amendment's Citizenship Clause, and therefore entitled to birthright citizenship.

The phrase was interpreted by the majority to mean physical presence in, and obligation to U.S. law, not the "domicile" or "allegiance" standard the administration argued for, under which undocumented immigrants and many visa holders would not qualify their children for citizenship.

"Citizenship, then and now, was the right to have rights — to freely participate in our political community. The Framers of the Fourteenth Amendment extended that promise to 'every free-born person in this land,'" Roberts wrote for the majority. "We keep that promise today."

Trump has long questioned birthright citizenship calling it a "magnet for illegal immigration" as far back as his 2016 campaign. He claims the policy is exploited by people entering the country specifically to give birth on U.S. soil.

The administration's current push centered on Solicitor General John Sauer's argument that the Citizenship Clause was written to secure citizenship for freed slaves and their descendants, not for "children of temporary visitors or illegal aliens," and on concerns about "birthright tourism."

That basis met skepticism at the April 1 oral arguments, notable also because Trump attended in person, a first for a sitting president.

The order would have applied only to babies born after it took effect, though legal experts have warned that any reasoning upholding it could later be used to question the citizenship of people already born. Sotomayor raised this issue directly at oral argument, suggesting a future administration could move to "unnaturalize" people born here to undocumented parents.

The dissent included Justices Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, and Samuel Alito. Notably Alito and Gorsuch were missing from the Court's session amidst rumors and even false reports of Alito's retirement.

On Tuesday, Trump said in a Truth Social post that it was "too bad for our country" that the high court upheld birthright citizenship and urged Congress to pass legislation outlawing it.

The ruling marks the second major loss for the administration this term, after the Court struck down a number of Trump's tariffs in February. An estimated 255,000 children born in the U.S. each year would have been affected had the order stood, per Migration Policy Institute.

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BOKF, N.A. DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA
Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFERY A HENDRIX
Defendant.

No. CS-26-233
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

JEFFERY A HENDRIX you are hereby noticed that you have been sued by BOKF, N.A. DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA and you must answer plaintiff's petition on or before the 12th day of August, 2026 or a money judgment in the amount of $345.50 plus interest will be rendered accordingly.

Dated this day June 15, 2026

By: /s/ Ashlynn Roberson
DEPUTY COURT CLERK
FOR DELAWARE COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT CLERK
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DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: The name of: David Henry Butler

CV-26-99
NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

TO: All interested parties.

Take notice that David Henry Butler has petitioned to change his/her name to David Henry Thompson.

A Hearing on said petition is set for 2:30 o'clock P.M. on the 20th day of July, 2026, before Judge Lelecas at 2:30 o'clock in his/her courtroom in the Delaware County Courthouse. Should you know of some reason why this change of name should not be allowed you must file a written protest in the above styled and numbered cause prior to the above date with the Clerk of this Court. Should you fail to do so, the petition for change of name will be granted as prayed.

COURT CLERK
/s/ Amber Dudley
By: DEPUTY

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DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: The name of: Walker Durham Wakeland

CV-26-103
NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

TO: All interested parties.

Take notice that Walker Wakeland has petitioned to change his/her name to Walker Crawford.

A Hearing on said petition is set for 2:30 o'clock P.M. on the 20th day of July, 2026, before Judge Lelecas at 2:30 o'clock in his/her courtroom in the Delaware County Courthouse. Should you know of some reason why this change of name should not be allowed you must file a written protest in the above styled and numbered cause prior to the above date with the Clerk of this Court. Should you fail to do so, the petition for change of name will be granted as prayed.

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NOTICE TO SELL COUNTY PROPERTY
(Acquired at Resale)

Notice is hereby given Pursuant to the receipt of bid, that I, TREASA EARP County Treasurer of Delaware County, Oklahoma, will on the 14TH day of JULY, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at my office in the Courthouse at Jay, Oklahoma, sell separately the hereinafter described tracts, parcels, or lots, of land, all situated in Delaware County, Oklahoma, and heretofore acquired by said County at Resale. Following the description of each property separately offered for sale is the name of the bidder and the amount bid, as follows:

DESCRIPTION
FLINT RIDGE 1 AMENDED LOT 31 BLOCK 1 BEAR LAKE AREA (11915)

FLINT RIDGE 1 AMENDED LOT 85 BLOCK 9 PINE RIDGE AREA (10945)

BERRY HILL AREA FLINT RIDGE 4 BLOCK 17 LOT 25 (10519)

BERRY HILL AREA FLINT RIDGE 4 BLOCK 17 LOT 46 (10498)

FLINT RIDGE RV PK 2 LOT 141 (10163)

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BIDDER
OAK ZARK HOLDINGS LLC
AMOUNT BID
$600.00

The said properties will be separately sold to the highest competitive bidder, for cash in hand, or to the original bidder at the amount bid if there be no higher price offered, subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners in its discretion.

The apportioned cost of advertisement and other expense incident to said sale shall be paid by the purchaser, in addition to the amount bid upon said properties.

Witness my hand this 17TH day of JUNE, 2026

TREASA EARP
County Treasurer

**Statute requires three(3) consecutive weekly publications preceding the sale.

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