

This bi-weekly email newsletter is part of NHMC's Information Education Movement and aims to educate and empower the NHMC community by providing accurate information, debunking information fraud, and encouraging civic engagement.

Quote of the Week:

“Make no mistake, empathy is not weak or woke...woke just means you give a damn about other people.”

-Jane Fonda

After receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Screen Actors Guild, Jane Fonda made sure her voice was heard!

Quick Information:

In February, consumer confidence registered the largest monthly decline since August 2021. February's fall in confidence was shared across all age groups but was deepest for consumers between 35 and 55 years old.

Debunking Information Fraud:

The Worst of the Worst?

In November 2024, Tom Homan, the current border czar, said that the Trump Administration is “going to concentrate on the worst of the worst,” when describing the start of deportation operations. This narrative is currently being repeated by Spanish speakers across the country on radio, social media, and in group chats on platforms like WhatsApp. A Spanish radio interview from Florida that aired in February broadcasted the claim that “all those being deported have committed serious crimes, including being pedophiles, abusing children, murder, rape, and robbery.”



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The truth is, that while the Trump Administration has promised to prioritize the “worst first” when it comes to arrests and deportations, the number of detainees in ICE custody without a criminal conviction or pending criminal charges increased by more than 1,800 in the first two weeks of February, representing 41% of the 4,422 total new detainees in that period. ([NBC News](#))

The generalization that “*only the worst get deported*” and “*all those being deported have committed serious crimes*” is inaccurate and promotes a harmful narrative about immigrants.



Legislation Lookout:

DIGNIDAD (Dignity) Act

Bipartisan collaboration in Congress may still be a thing.

The ‘Dignity for Immigrants while Guarding our Nation to Ignite and Deliver the American Dream Act’ or “DIGNIDAD (Dignity) Act” is an example of bipartisan legislation that proposes a forward-looking approach to immigration reform.

Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-Florida) introduced the bill in the previous Congress alongside co-sponsors Reps. Veronica Escobar (D-Texas), Adriano Espaillat (D-New York), Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-Oregon), Mike Lawler (R-New York), and Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon (R-Puerto Rico). Rumors are circulating about whether or not the almost 500-page bill will be reintroduced in this current Congress. The DIGNIDAD (Dignity) Act is divided into five comprehensive sections that aim to revamp immigration laws including border security, asylum reform, TPS holders, agricultural workers, DACA, and more. You can [learn more about this bill here.](#)



Legislation Lookout:

Alabama House Bill 231

In February, the Alabama Legislature proposed an amendment that would mandate reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer that is “consistent with Judeo-Christian values” at the start of each school day at K-12 public schools. In addition, it would require schools to display the Ten Commandments in each classroom. This bill would allow the state Legislature to withhold up to 25% of funding from the noncomplying local boards of education. Many believe that this bill is a direct violation of the First Amendment and that students should not be required to have a certain religious affiliation. Supporters view this bill as a way to instill values and unity within the state. Alabama voters will have the opportunity to decide whether to approve this constitutional amendment. To learn more, click [here.](#)

Matters of the Press:

Buying Opinions

The Washington Post Opinion section has been placed under restraints by billionaire owner Jeff Bezos. On February 26, Bezos shared that Washington Post Opinion is only going to focus on two things: free markets and personal liberties.



What was once a place where journalists can have their personal voices heard is now limited to Bezos' topics. [David Shipley](#), the Editor of the Washington Post Opinion section, decided to leave the role once Bezos made this change.

Some critics believe that this is an encroachment of a free and independent press. Senator Bernie Sanders [said](#), "This is what Oligarch ownership of the media looks like: The second-richest guy in the world, Bezos, owns the Washington Post. He has now declared that the editorial page of that paper is going Trump right-wing. Surprise, Mr. Musk agrees. We must support independent media."

Weekly Dose of Positivity:

Investing in Latinos



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Netflix's Co-CEO Ted Sarandos announced that Netflix is investing \$1 billion annually to the Mexican film industry for the next four years. Alongside President Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo, Sarandos emphasized the success of Mexican films such as *Roma*. This investment will make huge strides for Latino representation and culture in entertainment. We look forward to seeing the projects! To learn more, [click here](#).

Useful Tips and Tools:

[Partnership Opportunities for NHMC's Gala](#)

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