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Southwest engine explosion began when fan blade broke: NTSB

(Reuters) - Federal air safety officials investigating why the engine of a Southwest Airlines jet blew apart, killing a passenger after shattering a plane window, said on Wednesday that the incident began when a fan blade already suffering metal fatigue snapped off in mid-flight. National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Robert Sumwalt told a news conference that he could not yet say if the incident, the first deadly airline accident in the United States since 2009, pointed to a fleet-wide issue in the Boeing 737-700. “We want to very carefully understand what was the result of this problem, and as I mentioned a few minutes ago, I’m very concerned about this particular event,” Sumwalt said at the news conference at the Philadelphia airport. “To be able to extrapolate that to the entire fleet, I’m not willing to do that right now.” The CFM56 engine exploded over Pennsylvania about 20 minutes after Dallas-bound Southwest Flight 1380 left New York’s LaGuardia Airport with 149 people on board, sending pieces of shrapnel into the plane. Bank executive Jennifer Riordan, 43, was killed when she was partially pulled through a shattered window next to her seat in row 14 as the cabin suffered rapid decompression. Fellow passengers were

able to pull her back inside but she died of her injuries later on Tuesday. Southwest crews were inspecting similar engines the airline had in service, focusing on the 400 to 600 oldest of the CFM56 engines, made by a partnership of France’s Safran and General Electric, according to a person with knowledge of the situation. It was the second time that style of engine had failed on a Southwest jet in the past two years, prompting airlines around the world to step up inspections. A National Transportation Safety Board inspection crew was also combing over the Boeing 737-700 for signs of what caused the engine to explode. Sumwalt said the fan blade, after suffering metal fatigue where it attached to the engine hub, suffered a second fracture about halfway along its length. Pieces of the plane were found in rural Pennsylvania by investigators who tracked them on radar. The metal fatigue would not have been observable by looking at the engine from the outside, Sumwalt said. According to Sumwalt, the jet was traveling at 190 miles per hour when it made an emergency landing at Philadelphia International Airport, much faster than the typical 155-mile-per-hour touchdown. Passengers described scenes of panic as a piece of shrapnel from the engine shattered a window on the aircraft, almost sucking Riordan out.



NTSB investigators on scene examining damage to the engine of the Southwest Airlines plane in Philadelphia



NTSB photo shows parts of the engine cowling from the Southwest Airlines plane which blew its engine in mid air yesterday over the skies of Philadelphia

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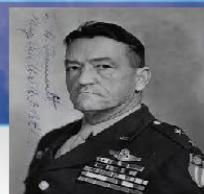
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‘How is 41?’ Update on George H.W. since wife’s passing

By Craig Hlavaty and Jay R.

The love bonding former first lady Barbara and former President George H.W. Bush was evident even in the former’s last moments.

The ailing former first lady, who died at her Houston home Tuesday, did so with her beau by her side. A heartbroken, yet “stoic,” George H.W. Bush held his wife’s hand throughout her last day, a family spokesperson said, living out his commitment made more than 73 years ago to love and care for her until death did they part.

Barbara Pierce Bush, the fiercely loyal, yet independently strong wife of one U.S. president and mother of another, died Tuesday surrounded by her family at her west Houston home. She was 92.

But George H.W. Bush is still determined to be the rock of the Bush family, his Chief of Staff Jean Becker said.

“It will not surprise all of you who know and love him that he also is being stoic and strong, and is being lifted up by his large and supportive family,” Becker said. “He is determined to be for them as well.”

The couple held the title for the longest presidential marriage in American history, beating out John and Abigail Adams’ 54-year union in 2000.

The elder Bush couple married on Jan. 6, 1945, as World War II raged in the European and Pacific theaters. They tied the knot in Rye, New York, as Bush was recuperating from fighting in the Pacific. He was 20 and Barbara was 19.

They met when Bush was just 16 years old at a Christmas dance at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts.

“I married the first man I ever kissed,” Barbara once told reporters. “When I tell my children that they just about throw up.”

They would later have six children, including future President George W. Bush, former Florida governor and GOP presidential candidate Jeb Bush and Neil Bush.

The former first lady was also the fourth cousin four times removed of Franklin Pierce, the 14th president of the United States.

George H.W. and Barbara Bush tied the knot as World War II raged in the European and Pacific theaters.

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In the past the couple had been caught on the “Kiss Cam” at a Texans game at NRG Stadium. They smooched to the delight of thousands, proving that even seven decades later they would still have fun with each other. They were even at the fifth game of the 2018 Astros World Series at Minute Maid Park, one of the biggest moments in Houston sports history.

The former first lady would have turned 93 on June 8 and the former president turns 94 years old just days later. “We’re still trying to build the brand,” said Russel Roegels of the three-year-old Roegels Barbecue Co. “We just need to keep our name out there.” But the best part of the fest, Roegels said, is connecting with the barbecue community.

“My favorite part is the camaraderie with the other pitmasters,” he said.

Jim Buchanan of Buck’s Barbecue, which is still trying to grow its business in anticipation of a brick and mortar location, said the festival offers invaluable exposure. And, he added, a chance to turn barbecue lovers onto what he does best: “I have a passion for barbecue,” he said. “I like to see the look on people’s faces when they enjoy what I do.”



Newly-elected U.S. Rep. George Bush flashes a winner’s smile as his wife, Barbara, gives him a victory kiss following his 1966 election to a seat in from the 7th district in Texas



George Herbert Walker Bush poses with his wife, Barbara, during his campaign for Congress in the 1960s.

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A woman walks at Saudi Arabia's first commercial movie theater in Riyadh



A NTSB investigator on scene examining damage to the engine of the Southwest Airlines plane in Philadelphia



Mohamed Khalifa Al Mubarak, Chairman of Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority speaks during a media preview of Warner Bros. World Abu Dhabi theme park in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates April 18, 2018. REUTERS/Christopher Pike TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



An Israeli girl plays with an inflatable hammer during celebrations marking Israel's 70th Independence Day in the southern city of Ashkelon



Former U.S. first lady Barbara Bush listens to her son, President George W. Bush, as he speaks at an event on social security reform in Orlando



U.S. President Donald Trump and first lady Melania dine with Japan's PM Abe and wife in Palm Beach



Markle attends a reception with delegates from the Commonwealth Youth Forum in London



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un greets Song Tao, head of the Chinese Communist Party's international liaison department, in this undated photo released by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) in Pyongyang



German weekly cabinet meeting in Berlin



“A former first lady of the United States of America and relentless proponent of family literacy, Barbara Pierce Bush passed away Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at the age of 92,” reads a statement from the office of former President George H.W. Bush.

Mrs. Bush served as the country’s first lady from 1989 to 1993. She passed away shortly after deciding to forgo further medical treatments for her failing health.

Mr. Bush is “broken-hearted to lose his beloved Barbara, his wife of 73 years,” according to Jean Becker, chief of staff at the former president’s office. “He held her hand all day today and was at her side when she left this good earth.”

While it’s a “challenging time ... it will not surprise all of you who know and love him that he also is being stoic and strong, and is being lifted up by his large and supportive family,” Becker said.

Mrs. Bush’s funeral will be held at St. Martin’s Church in Houston, where she and the former president have been devoted members for decades.

Having been hospitalized numerous times while battling congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, she decided Sunday that she wanted to be “surrounded by a family she adores,” according to an earlier statement released by Mr. Bush’s office.

“It will not surprise those who know her that Barbara Bush has been a rock in the face of her failing health, worrying not for herself -- thanks to her abiding faith -- but for others,” the statement continued. “She is surrounded by a family she adores and appreciates the many kind messages and especially the prayers she is receiving.”

Barbara Bush’s passion for literacy was a hallmark of her life and legacy.

In January 2017, Mrs. Bush and her husband were hospitalized at the same time. She was being treated for bronchitis and the nation’s 41st president was being treated for pneumonia.

Mrs. Bush is one of only two first ladies in the history of the country who is also the mother of a president. Abigail Adams, the wife of John Adams, a founding father of the nation and its second president, was the mother of John Quincy Adams, the sixth U.S. president.

Mrs. Bush is the mother of George W. Bush, the 43rd president of the United States, and Jeb Bush, the former governor of Florida who ran for president of the United States

Mother And Wife of Two Presidents

Former First Lady Barbara Bush Dies At 92

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in 2016.

During her tenure as the nation’s first lady, Mrs. Bush, the mother of six children, was a champion for global literacy and continued the work after she and her husband left the White House.

In 1989, she formed the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, which encourages parents to read to their children.

“Literacy fits in with so many other things,” she once told The Chicago Tribune. “If more people could read, fewer people would have AIDS. There would be less homelessness. I’m absolutely convinced of that.”



President George Bush and First Lady Barbara attend the 1992 Republican National Convention in Houston, Texas. Bush, the GOP nominee for president, lost his second bid for office to democrat Bill Clinton.

Descendent of a president

Barbara Pierce Bush was born in New York City, New York, on June 8, 1925, to Marvin and Pauline Pierce. Her father, a magazine publishing executive, was a descendant of Franklin Pierce, a Democrat and the nation’s 14th U.S. president who served from 1853 to 1857. Her mother was the daughter of an Ohio Supreme Court justice and was active in civic causes.

The third of four children, Bush later recalled a childhood where her parents would gather and read around the fireplace, fostering her early love of reading.

She graduated high school from the all-girls private Ashley Hall boarding school in Charleston, South Carolina, in the early 1940s and enrolled in Smith College, a women’s college in Northampton, Massachusetts.

At Smith, which was racially integrated, Mrs. Bush became captain of the freshman soccer team, but she dropped out of college in 1945 at the beginning of her sophomore year. She later admitted that she was more interested in her future husband than in her studies.

She had met George Herbert Walker Bush at age 16, while at a Christmastime dance at the Round Hill Country Club in Greenwich, Connecticut. The pair were immediately attracted to each other and began exchanging letters, even as Mr. Bush completed his training to become the then-youngest pilot in the Navy. He named his bomber plane “Barbara” in her honor.

The pair were engaged shortly before Mr. Bush left to fly in World War II, and they wed Jan. 6, 1945, while he was on leave.

The Bush Family Through The Years



Mr. and Mrs. Bush celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary on Jan. 6.

In an alumni magazine from Smith College, Mrs. Bush said the marriage has endured because of the couple’s love for each other.

“I am still old and still in love with the man I married 72 years ago,” she said in the interview published in “Smith Alumnae Quarterly” earlier this month.

“George Bush has given me the world,” she also said in the magazine. “He is the best -- thoughtful and loving.”

Family joys and sorrows

Mrs. Bush gave birth to their first child, future President George Walker Bush, on July 6, 1946, in New Haven, Connecticut. As the family moved about in Texas and California, the couple had five more children, who would eventually deliver the Bushes more than a dozen grandkids.

Mrs. Bush took great joy in her family and told Barbara Walters in 1994, “If you opt to have children, I feel very strongly that they should be your top priority.”

The family was dealt a blow in October 1953, when daughter Pauline Robinson “Robin” Bush died of leukemia at age 3.

“Because of Robin, George and I love every living human more,” said Mrs. Bush, who became increasingly active in cancer research -- notably, the Leukemia Society of America -- following her daughter’s death.



After a failed senatorial bid, Mr. Bush was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1966. He quit his job as an oil executive in Houston to relocate the family to Washington, D.C.

In the 1970s, Mrs. Bush followed her husband from Washington, D.C., to New York City, to Beijing as Mr. Bush filled a succession of appointed political posts: ambassador to the United Nations, chairman of the Republican National Committee, head of the U.S. liaison office in Beijing and director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mrs. Bush at that time volunteered at the Washington Home, a hospice where she bathed and fed the dying.

Popular first lady

Mr. Bush landed firmly in the public eye as he served as Ronald Reagan’s vice president from 1980 to 1988, and he was elected as Reagan’s successor and 41st president of the United States in 1988.

Mrs. Bush generated headlines herself in the 1984 Reagan-Bush re-election campaign by calling vice presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro -- the first female vice presidential candidate from a major party -- something that “rhymed with rich.” She later phoned Ferraro and issued a public apology.

As first lady, Mrs. Bush pursued a passion to fight literacy and in 1989 formed the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, which supported existing literacy programs to boost participant retention.



Mrs. Bush believed that tackling illiteracy would also solve social issues that went unaddressed, such as AIDS, homelessness and teenage pregnancy. Her crusade against illiteracy and learning disabilities stemmed from her tireless efforts with her son Neil’s dyslexia.

“George Bush and I know the frustration of living with an undiagnosed or untreated learning problem, and we know the great joy and relief that comes when help is finally found,” she wrote in a 1989 edition of “Their World,” a publication of the National Center for Learning Disabilities. “I foresee the day when no American -- neither child nor adult -- will ever need to be limited on learning.”

Always standing proudly beside the president, Mrs. Bush maintained high popularity -- partly, she once said, “‘Cause I’m fat and old and nobody feels threatened by me.”

In 1990, Mrs. Bush penned “Millie’s Book”, a best-seller attributed to the family’s springer spaniel, Millie. It was her second book: in 1983, she published “C. Fred’s Story”, about

the family’s pampered cocker spaniel. The books reportedly generated more than substantial funds to Bush’s literacy foundation.

In 1992, Democratic Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas defeated Bush in his re-election to a second presidential term.

The couple retreated to their estates in Houston and the family estate in Kennebunkport, Maine.

Health issues

Mrs. Bush has had a long history of health problems, dating back to her time as the first lady. In 1989, she revealed that she suffered from Graves’ disease, an autoimmune disorder that affects the thyroid. She later began taking medications for the disease and received radiation as part of her treatment.

After experiencing abdominal pains in 2008, Mrs. Bush was hospitalized at Methodist Hospital in Houston. She underwent laparoscopic surgery to close a hole in her small intestine caused by an ulcer.

That same year, she underwent precautionary open heart surgery at the same hospital to replace her aortic valve. Hospital officials reported that the procedure was a success.

During her four years as the first lady, and eight years before that as the wife of the vice president in the Reagan administration, Mrs. Bush embodied what many believed to be the traditionally dutiful political wife: silent on most issues, but enthusiastically supportive of her husband and family.

In her 1994 book -- “Barbara Bush: A Memoir” -- she revealed her pro-choice stance on abortion, a position that ran contrary to her husband’s.



She also reproduced an open letter to her children containing life’s credo.

“Value your friends,” she wrote. “They are your most valuable asset.

“Love your children,” she added. “You are the best children any two people ever had. I know you will be as lucky. Your kids are great. Dad and I love them more than life itself.” (Courtesy <http://abcnews.go.com/US/>)

Funeral Arrangements

Funeral services for Barbara Bush are planned for 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church in Houston, which she and former President George H.W. Bush regularly attended.

According to a post on the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation website, Barbara Bush will lie in repose from noon to midnight Friday at the church for members of the public wishing to pay respects.

The funeral service Saturday is by invitation only.

Burial will be on the grounds of the Bush library at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, about 100 miles (161 kilometers) northwest of Houston. The couple’s 3-year-old daughter, Robin, who died in 1953 of leukemia, also is buried at the site.

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Appearing before a Senate committee last Tuesday, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg told Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., that administrators of large pages and those who wish to buy political ads will be required to provide verification of identity and location, as part of an effort to prevent foreign influence in future elections. Those who refuse to provide the information will have their pages prevented from posting to the News Feed or their ads blocked, TechCrunch reported.

To fight fake news and election interference, Facebook will require the admins of popular Facebook Pages and advertisers buying political or “issue” ads on “debated topics of national legislative importance” like education or abortion to verify their identity and location. Those that refuse, are found to be fraudulent or are trying to influence foreign elections will have their Pages prevented from posting to the News Feed or their ads blocked.

Meanwhile, Facebook plans to use this information to append a “Political Ad” label and “Paid for by” information to all election, politics and issue ads. Users can report any ads they think are missing the label, and Facebook will show if a Page has changed its name to thwart deception. Facebook started the verification process this week; users in the U.S. will start seeing the labels and buyer info later this spring, and Facebook will expand the effort to ads around the world in the coming months.

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This verification and name change disclosure process could prevent hugely popular Facebook Pages from being built up around benign content, then sold to cheats or trolls who switch to sharing scams or misinformation.

“Today, we’re also announcing that people who manage Pages with large numbers of followers will need to be verified. Those who manage large Pages that do not clear the process will no longer be able to post. This will make it much harder for people to administer a Page using a fake account, which is strictly against our policies. We will also show you additional context about Pages to effectively assess their content. For example, you can see whether a Page has changed its name,” Zuckerberg added. This leads to the question, “... how much personal information will Facebook require?” And what will the company do with that information? Will it be made public to everyone on the platform? And

Facebook To Demand Admins Of Large Pages Verify Identity, Location

More Censorship On The Way?

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will Facebook be held liable for any damages resulting from the disclosure of that information? The potential for abuse and even more censorship is staggering. (Courtesy <https://conservativefiringline.com>)

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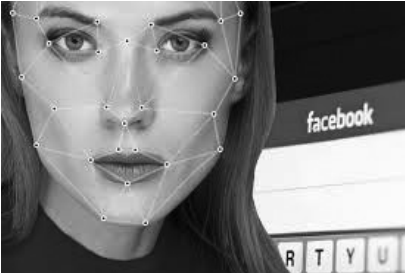
Facebook plans to bring back facial recognition in Europe and Canada despite promising regulators it would drop the technology over privacy concerns. Facial recognition, launched in 2010, suggests names for people it identifies in photos uploaded by users. The program was suspended for users in Europe in 2012 over privacy concerns, but still lives on in the US and other regions worldwide.

Facebook began rolling out changes last week on how it handles private data

1. Users will be asked to review and make choices about ads they receive
2. They will also be asked to choose what to share about their personal data
3. This will include political, religious and relationship information on their profiles
4. Users will be allowed to opt in or out of use of its facial recognition technology

The program was suspended for users in Europe in 2012 over privacy concerns, but still lives on in the US and other regions worldwide. Now the firm says it will make a comeback, using the new European data protection

regulations as a chance to collect more information if users opt in.



The move to reintroduce the image scanning software is likely to ruffle feathers, coming in the wake of the Cambridge Analytica data handling debacle. Private information taken from 87 million users was supplied to the consultancy firm, which was working for Donald Trump’s 2016 presidential campaign. Facebook claims its facial recognition technology helps people manage their identity online. It can also help the visually impaired know who is shown in a photo. But it also provide Facebook with a huge amount of data on an individual, such as who they are friends with and where their location. Facebook will begin to ask users if they want to opt in or out of the facial recognition feature under the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) this week, ahead of it coming into force on May 25. Under the new policy, Facebook users will also be asked to review and make choices about ads they receive, including whether they want Facebook to use data from third

parties. They will also be asked to review and choose what to share about the political, religious, and relationship information on their profiles. These are designed to ensure the Menlo Park, California, firm complies with the forthcoming EU rules, with European residents seeing the measures first.



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg speaking at a company meeting.

Facebook also announced today (last Wednesday) that it will begin rolling out changes this week to how it handles private data (notification pictured). This is designed to ensure the firm complies with the forthcoming EU rules, with European residents the first to see the new measures. ‘Everyone - no matter where they live - will be asked to review important information about how Facebook uses data and make choices about their privacy on Facebook,’ chief privacy officer Erin Egan and deputy general counsel Ashlie Beringer said in a written statement. The statement also said users will be told that facial recognition is optional, but that it could offer some benefit, such as being notified when someone is using an unauthorised picture. ‘We not only want to comply with the law, but also go beyond our obligations to build new and improved privacy experiences for everyone on Facebook,’ Ms Egan and Ms Beringer wrote. Founder Mark Zuckerberg told congressional panels Facebook intends to offer the same privacy protections embodied in the EU’s General Data Protection Regulation for its worldwide users. **WHAT IS THE EU’S GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION?** The European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a new data protection law that will go into effect on May 25, 2018.



It aims to strengthen and unify data protection for all individuals within the Eu-

ropean Union (EU). This means cracking down on how companies like Google and Facebook use and sell the data they collect on their users. The law will mark the biggest overhaul of personal data privacy rules since the birth of the internet. Under GDPR, companies will be required to report data breaches within 72 hours, as well as to allow customers to export their data and delete it. The European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a new data protection law that will enter into force on May 25. It aims to crack down on how companies like Google and Facebook use and sell the data they collect on their users. Part of the expanded rights of data subjects outlined by the GDPR is the right for data subjects to obtain from the data controller confirmation as to whether or not personal data concerning them is being processed, where and for what purpose. Further, the controller must provide a copy of the personal data, free of charge, in an electronic format. This change is a dramatic shift to data transparency and empowerment of data subjects. Under the right to be forgotten, also known as Data Erasure, are entitled to have the data controller erase their personal data, cease further dissemination of the data, and potentially have third parties halt processing of the data. The conditions for erasure include the data no longer being relevant to original purposes for processing, or a data subject withdrawing their consent. This right requires controllers to compare the subjects’ rights to ‘the public interest in the availability of the data’ when considering such requests. This means cracking down on how companies use and sell the data they collect on their users. The law will mark the biggest overhaul of personal data privacy rules since the birth of the internet.



Under GDPR, companies will be required to report data breaches within 72 hours, as well as to allow customers to export their data and delete it. The laws will be welcome news to anyone affected by the Cambridge Analytica scandal. (Courtesy <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sci-encetech>)

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“美国优先” 移民靠边 美国不再是移民天堂了

近期，对于加州州长特赦有犯罪记录无证移民的做法，美国总统唐纳德·特朗普表示看不下去了。

从上任开始，特朗普在美墨边境造隔离墙以阻隔非法移民的计划就一直争议不断。如今，特朗普执政下的美国，对移民已不再敞开怀抱。

“州长杰里·布朗赦免了5名犯罪非法外国人，他们的罪行包括：绑架和抢劫，殴打、恐吓妻子，毒品交易。这真是伟大的加州人民想要的吗？”美国有线电视新闻网报道，特朗普在3月31日的推文中批评了布朗。

埃菲社称，美国总统特朗普4月4日签署一项命令，旨在“尽快”向美墨边境部署国民警卫队。

据洛杉矶当地媒体报道，目前即使是通过庇护身份合法留在美国的移民，都可能因政策调整面临被遣返的结果。对于多变的移民政策，一些留在洛杉矶的华人做好了离开的心理准备。

移民新法 六亲不认

美国侨报网日前刊文称，美国移民

法修改议案，以及总统特朗普三番五次瞄准“亲属移民”，冲击了一贯注重父母、家人传统观念的华裔群体。根据新的移民政策，许多华裔美国公民将不能把自己的父母列为“直系亲属”。

“西方人和我们华裔文化不同，我们注重孝道，注重父母家人团聚。”特朗普亚太裔顾问委员会成员之一，在洛杉矶的王焜坚决不支持“砍”亲属移民，尤其是父母移民。

洛杉矶聚居着大量的华人移民，其中也包括部分通过美国移民系统庇护政策取得合法居留和工作权利的人。移民政策的变动风声，让人不再安心。

美国有线电视新闻网还报道，美国公民及移民服务局发布了针对政治庇护面试安排规程的变动。特朗普3月28日决定停止更新对利比亚难民的庇护政策，并限令近万名庇护难民在一年内准备遣返。特朗普移民政策的改革引发不同族裔社区民众的不安，这一新变化也让以庇护为由留在美国的华人产生危机感。

早在2017年8月，特朗普就正式宣布了新的移民改革政策。美国有线电视

新闻网显示，根据新政策，美国将大量削减移民数量，10年之内将每年接纳100万移民，削减为每年50万。改革后美国公民将不能给父母或者兄弟姐妹申请绿卡。

“美国优先” 移民靠边

美国本是世界人种大熔炉，外来人才对美国社会发展做出的贡献不容忽视。特朗普的反移民政策事出何因呢？

中国社会科学院美国研究所外交研究室主任袁征在接受本报采访时分析，全球化的冲击是特朗普想收紧移民政策的重要原因。全球化固然给美国带来巨大益处，但就业机会也被移民大量抢占。

美国国浩律师事务所张凌云律师也认为，特朗普更愿将工作机会留给本土人。美国更欢迎去投资的移民，而不是抢占社会福利的移民。

袁征指出，部分移民对社会治安的影响也让美国更慎重地对待移民问题。拉美非法移民是影响治安的一大群体，不同的文化背景和宗教习俗造成一系列冲突，给社会带来了安全隐患。

《华盛顿邮报》提到，新移民政策将用“积分系统”取代现在的“低端移民体制”，提高移民门槛。新移民需要具备流利的英文水平，拥有美国需要的工作技能以及稳定的财政状况。而且，新移民不能申请政府福利。

“在面临种族混杂带来的一系列社会问题时，美国人开始对社会种族的组成深深担忧。”袁征谈到，“塞缪尔·亨廷顿在‘9·11’事件后出版的《我们是谁》中，就提出了美国人到底是谁的疑问。”袁征认为，特朗普制定新的移民政策正是想“为民解忧”。

据《华盛顿邮报》报道，特朗普称：“现行的移民政策对我们的民众、公民和工人不公平，新的移民改革议案显示了我们为正在挣扎的美国家庭着想的决心，该议案也贯彻了‘美国优先’的政策。”特朗普说，这份议案将减少非技术性移民的数量，此举能减少贫困，增加美国工人的工资，并节省纳税人数十亿美元。

“特朗普是个把‘美国优先’放在绝对位置的领导人。”专家强调，“特

朗普愿将本国利益推到极致。在这种‘极致’之下，移民政策走向‘极致’也就不意外了。”

“不乐观的经济形势也使移民问题凸显，新移民很容易在此时成为攻击对象。”袁征补充道。

修改议案 前途未明

《北美经济导报》称，特朗普上台后，美国社会反移民倾向逐渐形成一股潮流，不仅针对非法移民，且开始针对合法的移民。

美国移民法修改议案目前尚未通过，至于未来会不会通过，专家表示较难预测。张凌云分析，如果移民法修改议案通过，亲属移民可能在近期会面临困难，但也无法预计移民政策收紧会持续多久。随着领导人的更换，移民政策也容易变动。

美国移民政策本就存在争议，各党派看法不一。但美国要保持强大的竞争力，就需要引入人才。只是当前美国对移民的关注度上升，对移民的要求会提高。

拿荷兰永居入籍更容易 融入考试免考新政5月1日实行

据荷兰华侨新天地微信公众号报道，近日，荷兰移民融入考试终于出了具体新政策。

日前，荷兰社会事务部大臣Koolmees公布了他对融入社会考试——劳动力市场导向部分的终审面试(Eindgesprek)的具体改革方案。新政策将从5月1日起开始正式实施。

如何才能免ONA面试？

由于融入考试一直存在考生太多、考官人手不够的问题，也常被考生吐槽要等待很长时间才出考试成绩。尽管融入期限有3年，其实考生并没有几次考试机会，ONA面试被认为是一锤子买卖。

此外，很多华人朋友不是全职学习荷兰语，还有自己的工作和生活、分身乏术，经常“开夜车”学荷兰语，甚是辛苦。但是现在，因为面试考官的人手真的不够，免面试对于广大在荷兰的华人而言，绝对算是个好消息了。

据悉，从5月1日起，凡是满足以下条件的考生可以免面试：

- 1)需至少参加了64小时的ONA课程；
- 2)该ONA课程的授课院校得到了Blikop werk(https://www.blikopwerk.nl/inburgeren/scholen)质量检测证明；
- 3)为了避免偷袭和剽窃等行为，凡是想免面试的考生必须把自己的作业选集上传至政府指定网站；
- 4)政府将通过大数据检查上传的作业选集是否有剽窃嫌疑，所以切记不可抄袭。

从5月1日起，考生依然可以主动选择参加最终面试。如果选择参加面试，则不用提交参加了64小时ONA培训课程的证明，也可以选择以其它方式提交作业选集(比如：邮寄)。但是如果考生不愿意上传其作业选集，则该考生必须参加终审面试。

此外，如果发现考生提交的作业选集中有剽窃行为，主管部门将依照《融入社会皇家决定》第3.6条声明作业选集无效。



之前有传言，表示已经在荷兰工作的人士可以免考融入考试。官网对此给出了这样的官方回复：针对工作人士的新政策有可能会出台，并可能将在2019年开始实施。

所以，在新政实施之前，大家还是必须继续按照现有的政策规规矩矩地考试。

ONA报名费大降价

从5月3日开始，向荷兰移民局申请和更换居留卡的费用也将大降价。而从5月1日起，ONA的考试费从目前的100欧降低为40欧。

如果已经报名ONA考试，也可以在5月1日后选择上传64小时证明申请免面试。而且，政府依照作业选集的具体递交时间来决定考试费金额(是100欧还是40欧)。所以，就算已经报名考试但是还没有提交作业选集，也不用担心多交冤枉钱了。

ONA的前世今生

从2015年1月1日起，荷兰的融入社会考试添加了劳动力市场导向这部分。ONA的目的并非考察荷兰语能力，而是

让需要融入社会的新移民尽早了解荷兰的劳动力市场并能尽快帮助他们在劳动力市场上找到立足点。虽然说不考荷兰语，但考试全程都使用荷兰语。

不过这项政策并非只针对华人，因为2015年和2016年的难民潮带来了大量需要参加融入社会考试的考生。带来的矛盾问题主要集中体现在了ONA这部分。

ONA考试内容

需要填写的表格在DUO官网：inburgeren.nl上下载，选择Examen Doen,再选择Oriëntatie Nederlandse Arbeidsmarkt。

1)考生需要提交一套精美完整的作业选集；

- 具体步骤是：
- A. 用DigiD登陆Mijn Inburgering；
 - B. 选择Oriëntatie Nederlandse Arbeidsmarkt；
 - C. 完成书面作业选集填写，有时还需要附加一封信并提交；
 - D. 在提交完成后，将会收到账单。你可以直接用iDeal付款，也可以选择贷

款。

2)参加终审面试，整个面试时长大约有40分钟；面试时，考生要面对两名有资质并被认可的考官。整个面试的安排需要很多时间准备。有资质并被认可的考官人数极为有限。

这样导致了考生经常要苦等数月才能见到考官的真容。部长希望考生能尽快通过考试，走上就业岗位。所以，Koolmees大臣现决定给予考生们免面试的机会。

如果你通过了最终面试，那你就相当于通过了整个ONA考试。如果没有的话，就要把上述步骤再重复一遍，当然也要再交一次报名费。

教你怎么免考或延考

荷兰是一个非常人性化的国家。在荷兰，你可以任性地跟老板说：“我心情不好，不上班”，也可以“任性”地免考或延考。

下列几种情况里你可以申请免考融入考试，或者获得延期的特权：

已经在荷兰、比利时或苏里南拿

到荷兰语授课的学位，可能可以免考融入考试或者免考其中的某几科。

- 已经在荷兰生活和工作了很长时间。
- A. 在荷兰生活了10年或更久
 - B. 已经在荷兰工作了5年或更长时间，志愿工作也算。
 - C. 你的荷兰语说得很好，当然向DUO申请之后，你要参加面试，只有通过才能免考。

如果你压根不具备读写能力，需要先上识字扫盲班，就可以在本身3年的融入考试期限基础上，再申请2年的延期。

生病或残疾。如果你、你的孩子或伴侣生病超过3个月以上，你可以获得额外6个月的考试期限。如果因为身体残疾，真的没办法参加考试，有可能可以全部豁免。

对于女性来说，如果在融入考试期间怀孕或生产了，你可以申请额外16个星期融入期限。

已经很努力了，但还是无法通过考试。

为了能多给自己2年的融入时间，你必须符合下列情况：

- A. 已经参加了至少300个小时的融入课程
 - B. 课程授课院校是在Blik op Werk列表上的
 - C. 没有通过的科目你已经考了至少2次
 - D. 你的融入时间还有6个月就要到了
- 当然，如果你满足了下列情况，你甚至都不用再参加融入考试了：
- A. 已经参加了至少600个小时的融入课程
 - B. 课程授课院校是在Blik op Werk列表上的
 - C. 没有通过的科目你已经考了至少4次
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