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'Defend democracy': Pelosi calls Trump 'ongoing threat' in impeachment debate



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) speaks ahead of a vote on two articles of impeachment against U.S. President **Donald Trump** on Capitol Hill in Washington, U.S., in a still image from video December 18, 2019. House TV via REUTERS

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Wednesday called Donald Trump a threat to American democracy who left Congress no choice but to impeach him as bitterly divided lawmakers debated before historic votes on charges accusing the Republican president of abusing his power and obstructing Congress.

With billowing partisan differences on full display, the Democratic-led House of Representatives launched a planned six hours of debate on the two articles of impeachment arising from the president's actions toward Ukraine.

Trump would become the third U.S. president ever to be impeached. That would set the stage for a trial in the Republican-led Senate next month, with House members acting as prosecutors and senators as jurors. A conviction would result in his removal from office, but the Senate's top Republican has said there is "no chance" of that happening.

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On the House floor, Pelosi read the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, then said, "today we are here to defend democracy for the people," to applause from fellow Democratic lawmakers. As the debate unfolded, Trump on Twitter called the proceedings "AN ASSAULT ON AMERICA" and on his party.

Trump, who has denied wrongdoing, later added of Pelosi: "Will go down in history as worst Speaker."

While the House twice previously has voted to impeach presidents - Bill Clinton in 1998 and Andrew Johnson in 1868 - no president has ever been removed from office via impeachment.

Separate votes on the two charges are expected in the early evening. The votes are expected to fall almost entirely along party lines, with Democrats in favor and Republicans opposed.

In speeches on the House floor, Republicans defended the president and accused Democrats of seeking to use an unfair, rigged process to nullify the results of the 2016 election in which Trump defeated Democrat Hillary Clinton. The House voted down a Republican bid to adjourn and a motion accusing Democrats of violating the chamber's rules.

"If we do not act now, we would be derelict in our duty. It is tragic that the president's reckless actions make impeachment necessary," Pelosi added.

"He gave us no choice. What we are discussing today is the established fact that the president violated the Constitution. It is a matter of fact that the president is an ongoing threat to our national security and the integrity of our elections - the basis of our democracy," Pelosi said. House Democrats accuse Trump, 73, of abusing his power by asking Ukraine to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden, a leading contender for the Democratic nomination to face Trump in the November 2020 election. Trump is also accused of obstructing the House investigation by directing administration officials and agencies not to comply with subpoenas for testimony and documents related to impeachment.

Republican Representative Mike Rogers said, "The matter before the House today is based solely on a fundamental hatred of our president. It's a sham, a witch hunt - and it's tantamount to a coup against the duly elected president of the United States."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) speaks ahead of a vote on two articles of impeachment against U.S. President Donald Trump on Capitol Hill in Washington, U.S., in a still image from video December 18, 2019. House TV via REUTERS

The debate underscored the deep divide in Congress over Trump's conduct during his tumultuous presidency and the larger political schism dividing the United States.

Republican Representative Barry Loudermilk invoked the name of Jesus during the debate. Referring to the ancient Roman provincial governor who presided over the trial of Jesus and ordered the crucifixion, Loudermilk said,





WORLD NEWS

Exclusive: Ukrainian tycoon's lawyer says he lent money to Giuliani associate

DUBAI (Reuters) - A lawyer for a Ukrainian oligarch on Wednesday said he had lent \$1 million to Lev Parnas, an associate of U.S. President Donald Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani, and Parnas' wife in order for them to buy a home in Florida.

FILE PHOTO: Ukrainian oligarch Dmytro Firtash arrives at court in Vienna, Austria, February 21, 2017. REUTERS/Heinz-Peter Bader In his first public comments on the transaction since it was revealed by U.S. prosecutors this week, the Dubai-based lawyer, Ralph Isenegger, said in an emailed statement to Reuters that the interest-bearing loan was a personal business transaction.

"The funds were entirely mine and I was not acting in this matter at the request of or on behalf of any of my clients or indeed anyone else," he said in the statement.

Isenegger is a lawyer for Dmytro Firtash, one of Ukraine's wealthiest businessman who is fighting extradition by U.S. authorities on bribery charges from Vienna, where he has lived for five years.

U.S. prosecutors said Ukraine-born U.S. citizen Parnas, who has been charged with campaign finance violations, concealed the payment from them. Parnas, who is under house arrest in Florida, denied hiding it.

Parnas was charged alongside another Florida businessman, Belarus-born Igor Fruman, with illegally funneling money to a pro-Trump election committee and other politicians. Fruman and Parnas have pleaded not guilty.

Giuliani has said Parnas and Fruman assisted him in investigating Trump's political rival Joe Biden and Biden's son Hunter, who served on the board of a Ukrainian energy company.



FILE PHOTO: Ukrainian oligarch Dmytro Firtash arrives at court in Vienna, Austria, February 21, 2017. REUTERS/ Heinz-Peter Bader

Isenegger said Lev and Svetlana Parnas had requested the \$1 million loan in August this year and that it was extended to them in five installments of \$200,000 with a 5% interest rate. The loan is repayable in full by 2024, he added.

According to court filings, the account into which the payment was deposited was in the name of Parnas' wife.

Prosecutors said in court the loan was meant for Parnas, not his wife. They said it was not plausible the lawyer would extend "an unsecured, undocumented loan to a housewife with no assets."

Isenegger on Wednesday said the loan was made in full before Parnas's arrest. "I then requested the return of the funds, but neither Mr. Parnas nor his wife has responded to my request," he said.

"This was a personal business transaction between myself and Lev and Svetlana Parnas...
Mr Parnas asked to keep the loan confidential, so I told no one else about it."

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Japanese journalist Shiori Ito holds a banner reading "Victory" outside the Tokyo District Court after a court verdict in Tokyo



A riot police officer fires tear gas towards demonstrators during a protest against a new citizenship law in Seelampur, area of Delhi, India December 17, 2019. REUTERS/Danish Siddiqui TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



A demonstrator is detained by members of the security forces during a protest against Chile's government in Santiago, Chile December 17, 2019. REUTERS/Ivan Alvarado



Participants prepare for the annual London Pantomime Horse Race in Greenwich, London, Britain, December 15, 2019. REUTERS/Tom Nicholson NO RESALES. NO ARCHIVES TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



U.S. President Donald Trump attends the annual Army-Navy football game at Lincoln Finnanical Field in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.



Fans of Universidad de Chile soccer club take part in a protest against Chile's government in Plaza Italia in Santiago, Chile, December 14, 2019. REUTERS/Andres Martinez Casares TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



A riot police officer chases a demonstrator during protests against Chile's government in Santiago, Chile, December 14, 2019. REUTERS/Ricardo Moraes TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY

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COMMUNITY

Astronaut Is Accused Of Accessing Her Wife's Bank Account From The International Space Station

NASA Investigates The First Possible Alleged Criminal Activity In Space



Bitter Divorce Battle on Earth Led to Claims of a Crime in Space

Astronaut Anne McClain was accused of accessing her estranged wife Summer Worden's bank account while she was in space. Worden filed an identity theft complaint with the FTC against McClain. Her parents also filed a complaint with NASA's Inspector General. McClain said that she was just checking up on Worden's finances. Worden's parents claim that McClain's actions were part of a custody battle over her son, who she gave birth to a year before the couple were married.

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

NASA is looking into claims that an astronaut accessed her estranged wife's bank account from space during a sixmonth stint on the International Space

Decorated astronaut and US Army lieutenant colonel Anne McClain has been accused of improperly gaining access to Summer Worden's online bank account using NASA computers, the New York Times reported.

McClain allegedly accessed the bank account as part of a 'highly calculated and manipulated campaign' to obtain custody of Worden's son, who she had given birth to about a year before the couple got married.

Worden, a former Air Force intelligence officer, brought a complaint against Mc-Clain with the Federal Trade Commission, claiming that McClain had committed identity theft, even though none of Worden's funds had been tampered with.

She told the Times that she discovered McClain's actions after becoming curious about how McClain knew details about the way she'd been spending her money, even though they were separated and McClain was orbiting the earth.



Astronaut Anne McClain has been accused of improperly accessing her estrange spouse's financial information while on the International Space Station earlier this year

Worden's parents went a step further, filing a complaint against McClain with NASA's Office of Inspector General, alleging identity theft and improper access to Worden's private financial records.

Last week, McClain, who is back on terra firma, sat down for an under-oath interview with the inspector general, during which she was said to have admitted that she did access Worden's banking information.

However, McClain apparently claimed that she was just doing something she had always done while she and Worden were still a couple - checking in on Worden's finances to make sure that there was enough money to support Worden's child, who they had been raising together.

McClain claimed that she was using the same password that she had always used during their relationship and that she had not been told to stop accessing Worden's bank account.



McClain's (left) estranged spouse, Summer Worden (right), filed an identity theft complaint with the FTC over the incident, while Worden's parents lobbed a complaint to NASA's Inspector General, claiming it's part of McClain's efforts to gain custody of Worden's child.

McClain and Worden married in 2014, with Worden filing for divorce in 2018 after McClain accused her of assault, a claim which Worden denies and said was part of McClain's efforts at gaining custody of her son. The assault case was eventually dismissed.

Worden had previously denied Mc-Clain's attempts to adopt the boy even after they'd gotten married.

In Worden's parents' complaint, they said that McClain's actions were part of a 'highly calculated and manipulative campaign' to obtain custody of Worden's

son, who she had given birth to about a year before the couple got married.

McClain's lawyer told the Times that McClain 'she strenuously denies that she did anything improper' and cooperating with the investigation.

Worden told the New York Times that the FTC had not yet responded to her identity theft claims, but that investigators were accessing her family's complaint to NASA.

NASA officials declined to comment on its Office of the Inspector General's actions regarding the claims against Mc-Clain.

Ms. Worden put her intelligence background to work, asking her bank about the locations of computers that had recently accessed her bank account using her login credentials. The bank got back to her with an answer: One was a computer network registered to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.



McClain claimed that claimed that she checked on Worden's bank account to make sure there were enough funds for the care of Worden's son, who they raised together while married.

Ms. Worden's spouse, Anne McClain, was a decorated NASA astronaut on a six-month mission aboard the International Space Station. She was about to be part of NASA's first all-female spacewalk. But the couple's domestic troubles on Earth, it seemed, had extended into

outer space. Ms. McClain acknowledged that she had accessed the bank account from space, insisting through a lawyer that she was merely shepherding the couple's still-intertwined finances. Ms. Worden felt differently. She filed a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission and her family lodged one with NASA's Office of Inspector General, accusing Ms. McClain of identity theft and improper access to Ms. Worden's private financial records. Investigators from the inspector general's office have since contacted Ms. Worden and Ms. McClain, trying to get to the bottom of what may be the first allegation of criminal wrongdoing in

"I was pretty appalled that she would go that far. I knew it was not O.K.," Ms. Worden said.

The five space agencies involved in the space station — from the United States, Russia, Japan, Europe and Canada have long-established procedures to handle any jurisdictional questions that arise when astronauts of various nations are orbiting Earth together. But Mark Sundahl, director of the Global Space Law Center at Cleveland State University, said he was not aware of any previous allegation of a crime committed in space. NASA officials said they were also unaware of any crimes committed on the



Astronaut Anne McClain back on earth.

Ms. McClain, now back on Earth, submitted to an under-oath interview with the inspector general last week. She contends that she was merely doing what she had always done, with Ms. Worden's permission, to make sure the family's finances were in order.

"She strenuously denies that she did anything improper," said her lawyer, Rusty Hardin, who added that the astronaut "is totally cooperating."

The domestic dispute in space may be the first such investigation, but it is unlikely that it will be the last.

"The more we go out there and spend time out there," A NASA spokesman said, "all the things we do here are going to happen in space." (Courtesy https:// www.msn.com and https://www.dailymail.co.uk)



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BUSINESS

Pork Industry Ready To Cash In On "Phase One" U.S.-China Trade Deal



Illustration/Axios

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

The U.S. pork industry — whose commodity was among the hardest hit by China's retaliatory tariffs — breathed a sigh of cautious relief following news of a deal that winds down tensions between the U.S. and China.

Why it matters: The deal in theory is a reprieve for farmers, a key part of President Trump's base who have borne the brunt of the trade war. China's purchases of goods like soybeans and pork have waned in the nearly two-year battle—pushing rural America into a financial tailspin in an otherwise solid economy.

Driving the news: U.S. officials said China would up annual purchases of U.S. farm goods to at least \$40 billion over a period of two years.

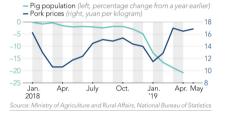
•But there are no details yet on which goods it'll buy or how China plans to absorb that level of imports. The most China ever purchased from U.S. producers was \$29 billion in 2013, per Bloomberg.
•Hog futures — along with other commodities — rose 1% on news of the deal. Industry experts say the ceasefire could create new prospects for farmers — but won't undo the missed opportunity to cash in on China's pork shortage, partly due to African swine fever.

•Pork exports to China haven't "accelerated at the rate that it could have if we didn't have these [trade] obstacles," Joe Schuele, head of communications at the U.S. Meat Export Federation, an industry trade group, tells Axios.

The backdrop: The trade war coincided with a breakout of African swine fever, a deadly pig disease that killed hundreds of millions of hogs in eastern Asian countries, as Axios' Jacob Knutson reported earlier this year.

•Pork prices in China surged triple digits from the prior year in November. The jump in prices pushed China's overall inflation index to rise at the quickest pace in about eight years, per the latest data from the Chinese government.

China's plunging pig population sends pork prices soaring



Data: China's monthly consumer price index via FactSet;
Chart: Axios Visuals

•The epidemic had China — the world's top pork consumer — looking offshore to fill the supply gap, a potential goldmine for U.S. farmers.

•U.S. ramped up herds in anticipation of more demand, with processors slaughtering about 1 million more pigs per week than a year ago, per Reuters.

Yes, but: The U.S. pork industry faced three rounds of retaliatory tariffs. In 17 months, tariffs on pork exports to China increased sixfold (from 12% to 72%).

•That made it less palatable for Chinese buyers to turn to the U.S. for help, but not totally out of the question.

•Those that did import from the U.S. sometimes pushed the price hikes back onto U.S. packers and producers — making it less profitable to export to China, Schuele says.

As a result, European suppliers have capitalized much more on China's pork shortage. So has Brazil.

What's next: "We're encouraged that a deal has been reached and we're anxious to get the details," Schuele says — a sentiment echoed by the industry's most prominent trade groups.

•There may be some opportunity to take advantage of China's upcoming all-im-

portant Lunar New Year celebration, which tends to be the country's biggest period of pork consumption. (Courtesy

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Chicken consumption is closing in on the red meat market

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Data: USDA, National Chicken Council; Chart: Axios Visuals

Popeyes only makes up a small portion of profits for owner Restaurant Brands International, but the success of its chicken sandwich could change the calculus for the brand.

The big picture: Chicken has been an increasing share of Americans' diets since the 1980s when doctors began

warning that eating too much saturated fat from red meat could increase the risk of heart disease.

•Last year more poultry than red meat was eaten by U.S. consumers per capita, with chicken almost closing the gap with a combination of beef, pork, veal and mutton/lamb by itself.

•Popeyes already is growing faster than both Restaurant Brands International's Tim Hortons and Burger King, according to Q2 results.

•The intrigue: Chicken also has become much less expensive in recent years, driving a surge in buying from cash-strapped U.S. workers who have seen the costs of health care, education and housing skyrocket while their paychecks have stayed roughly the same.



Popeyes Chicken sandwich.

•"In 1960 a pound of chicken cost half as much as a pound of beef. This ratio has now fallen to one-third," the Economist notes.

•"The proliferation of antibiotics in industrial agriculture allows farmers to keep chickens in denser and dirtier conditions than ever before. A study by Martin Zuidhof from the University of Alberta found that the average broiler chicken, raised for meat, weighed 4.2kg at 56 days of age in 2005, up from just 0.9kg in 1957." (Courtesy axios.com)







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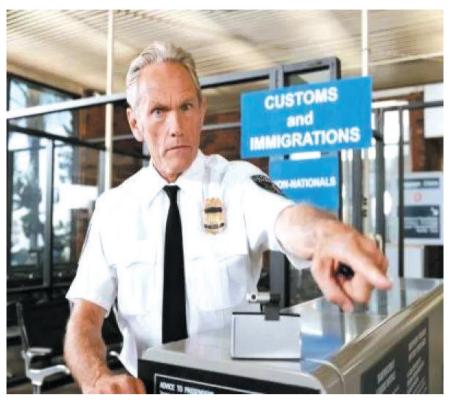


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据美国当地新闻报道,在美国的西 海岸门户洛杉矶,海关检查明显越来越 严格,不少拒绝入境的案例。

华女多聊两句意露馅!

11月底,一名来美旅游的中国大妈 Z女士在LAX入境时运气不好,被请进 小黑屋进行背景调查。机场海关问了她 好多来美的目的和家庭情况,Z女士英 语不太好,她磕磕绊绊的回答称自己退 休已久,这次来纯属旅游,家里也没有

人住在美国。

士出来后却发现自己忘记取行李了,便回国探了个亲。 敲门要求进入屋内取行李。

此时,另一名移民官上前和她攀谈 了起来。移民官问道,"退休这么久了 ,来美国一定会想家人,你有没有想过 _{回国} 和孩子在美国相聚?"

Z女士回答说自己有个儿子,平时 工作比较忙,也不会特别想他。

没想到话音刚落,移民官突然 板起脸来,说她的答案与刚刚在 底有没有孩子和工作。

Z女士完全没有想到移民官还 会来这么一出,她英语不好,一 着急更解释不清楚。僵持了两三 中国政府任何干扰; 分钟后,移民官便判定她涉嫌欺 骗移民官,将她立刻遣返,并称 害的样子; 她永久不得进入美国。

持庇护绿卡回国遭遣返 无独有偶,另外一位华人女性 因持政治庇护绿卡回国探亲,遭 到海关的质疑,绿卡被吊销并且

这名女士入关时被移民官拦下 ,针对她回国探亲一事接连发问 ;比如"为什么要回国?还需要 政治庇护吗?"之类的问题。

移民官气势咄咄逼人,女士虽 然在翻译帮助下回答了问题,但 却不能让移民官满意。

好不容易通过小黑屋的盘问,Z女 放二胎政策了,她觉得不会很危险,便

对此移民官表示需要进行进一步的 背景调查,并将其送进了小黑屋,一番 折腾下来,女士也被吊销了绿卡,遣送 履薄冰,申请移民庇护的艰难程度也和

律师警告!移民政策史上最紧

。持庇护绿卡回中国再返回美国,在机 作假成分,那此中介或律师经手的所有 民。

场确实有极少数可能被当场遣返。

通常情况下是会没收绿卡,然后等 小黑屋接受面试时给出的答案有 待移民法庭的裁定,但如果庇护绿卡者 出入,并质问她为什么撒谎,到 有以下四种情况,遭到遣返的可能性会 大大增加:

持庇护绿卡多次来回中国;

返回美国时气色良好,没有受到迫

移民官询问时,回答的事实与此前 的身份同样也可以被取消。 移民申请材料不相符。

移民官会综合以上4点进行判断, 以上任何情况都会增加遣返的可能性。

美国移民政策收紧已经成为大家的 ,另外对于H1B的申请检查也更严格。

律师透露,有人收到移民局的电话 ,称15分钟内到他工作的公司检查是否 在上班, 当时那人还以为是诈骗电话, 谁知移民官真的15分钟后到公司,核查 申请人的工作情况。

律师表示,不管游客还是绿卡持有 女士说自己当初申请政治庇护 者,都有可能受到影响。从目前移民的 是出于中国禁止二胎政策,现在中国开 大环境来看,政治庇护通过率明显降低 ,和两三年前相比更呈直线下降的趋势 ,数据可以说是惨不忍睹。

另外,近期联邦政府开始疯狂打击 办移民庇护的中介和律师,移民办理如 几年前也大不相同。同时,移民中介本 身也宛如一个定时炸弹。如果联邦政府 目前移民政策收紧到了疯狂的程度 发现某家中介或律师提交上来的申请有

案子,都会被翻出来重新审核。

通常在以下三种情况下会被取消绿

1.因为刑事罪或者移民的犯罪,而 被取消永久居民身份。

2.他们在美国境外的时间过长,超 每次在中国停留时间过久,未受到 过一年的时间,而被认定已经放弃了他 们的美国居留权。

> 3.如果证实他们获得永久居留的理 由原本不成立的话,那么这个永久居留

在任何的时候,如果绿卡的持有者 放弃了把美国作为长期的居住地的意图 ,他就失去了拥有绿卡的权利。 如果不长居住美国,为避免海关移

共识,目前除了庇护绿卡申请难度增加 民局质疑你的永久居留意图,一定要做 好以下几点:

1、每年依照美国税务局的规定, 按时报所得税。并且保留好报税的记录

2、拥有一个在美国的居住地址。

3、拥有一个在美国的银行账户。

4、拥有一个有效的美国驾驶执照, 并且在入境时随身携带美国驾驶执照。

5、拥有美国的信用卡

6、在美国拥有房屋,汽车等产业 7、随身携带你的社会安全卡入境

8、保持你的绿卡在有效期之内,

在有效期到期前申请新的绿卡。 满足考美国公民的绿卡持有人,如

果不是生意两边跑,建议还是考美国公

"背调"到底调查啥? 誦讨什么涂径调杳?

我们在申请他国政府批准的正规移 民项目时,相关机构都会对移民申请人 犯嘀咕:调查我的背景,具体都调查些 交虚假信息

一、何为背景调查?

背景调查,即为"背调",大部分 时候,背调主要取决于移民申请所递交 的材料是否完整。这时,材料的完整性 、准确性和真实性就显得尤为重要

首先,背调不是考察申请人是否满 足移民条件,因为如果不满足移民条件 时,签证官会直接拒签。只有在满足移 民条件后,同时签证官对所提供的材料 有所怀疑时,才会开展第二步——背调

调查结束后,调查员会提供调查报 告,如是满意的结果,申请程序继续; 如不满意,签证官会要求补充材料。

其实,移民背景调查是移民路上必 须经历的步骤,移民局只有通过调查确 认申请人是否符合该国的移民要求,才 会放心地签发移民通行证

二、到底调查什么?

背调的三大主要调查内容主要是以 下三个方面:

1、调查申请者亲属关系真实性

例如:申请人的出生证明是否真实 就存入申报的账户,并且今后必须用同 ,婚姻关系是否真实。经常会查到的证 进行背景调查,俗称"背调"。看到 件包括家庭人员的户口本,身份证,护 "调查"两个字,很多申请人心里就会 照,亲属关系证明等文件,切忌不要提

记录

移民局会要求申请人和其家人提供 过去10年中,累积居住超过12个月的 所在国家的无犯罪记录证明。如果您无 法提交无犯罪记录证明,申请将会受到 影响。由于征信体系的完善,除了刑事 犯罪外,申请人如果是"限高人群"或 "严重失信人群",部分审核严格的项 目均无法办理。

需要特别注意的一点是,如果申请 人是所谓的PEP(政治敏感人员),需 要您如实申报。如果申请人政治敏感度 过高,则无法符合投资移民的要求

3、调查申请人的资金来源

一些移民项目要求申请人申报资金 来源,须由申请人自行提交证明文件, 包括公司文件、银行流水、收入证明等 。在某些移民项目中,移民局会致电税 务局、工商局或者银行等机构,以确认 申请人提交的文件是否真实有效,资金 账户是否满足申报的资金数额。在某些 国家,申请人的资金必须要在申请初期 一笔资金进行投资。

三、如何调查?

移民局会通过各种各样的手段进行 背景调查。最常用的手段之一就是通过 搜索引擎进行搜索,所有申请人和申请 人公司的相关新闻都可以被找到,比如 公示的诉讼文件以及股权转让信息等等

某些国家还会利用专门的调查机构 进行调查,对申请人的申报文件进行核 实通常,这些调查机构主要针对申请人 的社会背景以及犯罪背景进行调查。

通常,以下方式比较常见:

1、发邮件

申请人在工作推荐信或者证明材料 下面往往会留下公司或者推荐人的电子 邮箱。一般来说,省一级的签证官外语 能力有限,如果想要调查申请人的真实 性,通常都会联系申请人的推荐人,并 且通过邮件方式进行简单调查。这种方 式最常见。

2、打电话

我们遇到过旅游签证、留学签证和 技术移民签证的申请人接到使馆工作人 员电话调查的情况。一般来说电话调查 是委托使馆会讲中文的工作人员进行, 亦可能委托第三方调查机构进行中文电

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3、网页搜索 这个是最简单直接的方式。有时候 使馆的工作人员会利用互联网搜索申请 人提供的工作单位和公司名称是否存在 。如果申请人之前在网上有较为敏感信

息,需要注意这个环节。

4、预约面试

疑,又人手不足,就会把申请人预约到 使馆进行一对一面试。面试官会在小屋 子里,询问申请人工作和生活情况,通 常这个事情发生在投资移民、团聚移民 和同性伴侣移民的案件上。

5、第三方机构

如果是投资类移民, 使馆往往委托 第三方机构调查申请人资产情况。这个 调查一般仅局限于投资类移民,其他移 民方式不会出现。

6、秘密调查

这个情况仅限于安全背景调查环节 。这个部分涉及到国家机密和安全部门 如果使馆对申请人条件还是严重怀 以及他们采取的手段。涉及到的申请一 般属于高级机密人员以及敏感工作来源 申请人。

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在中国的地形图上,一条高耸挺拔 歌中。 的山脉横亘在甘肃省和青海省之间,俯 视着河西走廊,这就是古时被匈奴称为

"天山"的祁连山。祁连山是一座对河 西走廊举足轻重的山,从祁连山发源的 河流滋养着河西走廊的绿洲。而且祁连 山不仅仅是地理意义上的高峰,更是不 同民族精神的巅峰。

祁连山位于甘肃和青海境内,是两 省的界山。古时匈奴称"天"为祁连,从 河西走廊南望,陡峭高大的祁连山直插云 霄。祁连山地处西北干旱区,北边是北山 戈壁和巴丹吉林沙漠,南边有柴达木干旱 盆地,西边是库姆塔格沙漠,东边有黄土 高原,祁连山像是一座伸进西部干旱区的 湿岛。在祁连山的庇护下,河西走廊形成 一个个绿洲城市,并产生了东西方文明交 连。山峰多海拔4000-6000米,山间谷 流的通道——丝绸之路。

在中国的名山大川中,祁连山对大 众来说并不陌生,它横亘在甘肃和青海 之间,是中国西部有名的山脉,但很多 人知道它并不是从地理书本中,而是从 '失我祁连山,使我六畜不蕃息;失我 焉支山,使我嫁妇无颜色"这首匈奴民

虽然这首匈奴民歌广为流传,但真 正走进祁连山的人并不多,它还只是少 数冰川学者和水文学家关注的区域。但 当你真正走进祁连山的腹地,从东到西 、从南到北沿着山谷穿行后,才能感受 到它的博大精深,才明白地理教科书和 有限的文献资料对祁连山的描述太过简 单,祁连山的地理意义和文化内涵远超 出我们的想象。

祁连山由多条西北东南走向的平行 山脉和宽谷组成,包括野马山、托勒山 、托勒南山、野马南山、疏勒南山、党 河南山、土尔根达坂山和宗务隆山。祁 连山西端在当金山口与阿尔金山脉相接 ,东端至黄河谷地,与秦岭、六盘山相 地也在海拔3000-5000米之间。

祁连山位于甘肃和青海境内,是两 省的界山,东起乌鞘岭,西止当金山口 与阿尔金山相接,东西长约1000公里, 南北宽约300公里。祁连山并不是一条 单独的山岭,而是由一群西北东南走向

到西有冷龙岭、托勒山、托勒南山、疏 勒南山、党河南山等大山,自北而南包 括有8个岭谷带,其间夹杂有湖盆、河 流和谷地。

这种地形和新疆境内的天山相似, 天山同样由众多高山组成,山间有很多水 草丰美的宽谷盆地。古时匈奴呼"天"为 "祁连",祁连山脉被匈奴人视为天山, 从河西走廊向南望去,高耸陡峭的祁连山 积雪覆盖,直插云端,与天相连。

高大的山峰截住了气流和云团,在 高山发育了众多的雪山和冰川。祁连山 已查明共有冰川3066条,总面积2062平 方公里,储水量约1320亿立方米,这是 一个巨大的固体水库。冰川是宝贵的淡 水资源,在西部干旱区冰川更是河水的 主要来源。图为祁连山西段大雪山北坡 的透明梦柯冰川,透明梦柯是蒙古语译 音,意为高大、宽广,上世纪70年代被 冰川学者命名为老虎沟12号冰川,它是 祁连山区最大的山谷冰川。

疏勒河水系位于河西走廊西部,是 河西走廊仅次于黑河的第二大水系,以 的高山与宽谷盆地平行排列组成,从东 昌马河为干流,主要支流有小昌马河、

石油河、榆林河和党河。疏勒河水系滋 养着走廊西段的玉门、瓜州及敦煌三地 ,其中党河成为灌溉敦煌平原的唯一河 流,没有党河就不会有敦煌莫高窟世界 级的文化和艺术。疏勒河古名"冥水" ,发源于祁连山西段疏勒南山和托勒南 山之间的沙果林那穆吉木岭。

将祁连山放入更大的地理尺度中, 你才能真正理解它对甘肃乃至中国的意 义。摊开一张中国地形图,你会发现祁 连山脉是被干旱区包围着的高地,它的 北边是戈壁和沙漠(北山戈壁和巴丹吉 林沙漠),南边有柴达木干旱盆地,西 边是库姆塔格沙漠,东边有黄土高原, 祁连山像是一座伸进西部干旱区的湿岛 ,祁连山的冰川融水从山间流向荒漠。 如果没有祁连山,内蒙古高原的沙漠就 会和柴达木盆地的荒漠连成一片,直逼 青藏高原, 那也就不会有河西走廊和东 西方文明交流的通道——丝绸之路了。

黑河发源于祁连山的北麓中段,是 中国第二大内陆河,依次纳山丹河、梨 园河、摆浪河、讨赖河之水,穿甘肃省 张掖市的临泽县、高台县,跨正义峡进

入金塔县内,最终注入内蒙古居延海, 总长度800多公里。黑河从高大的祁连 山中蓬勃而出,流戈壁、过盐泽、穿凹 地,收纳万川之水,神奇地点化了荒芜 的沙漠。黑河自古就是河西走廊中部地 区的生命线,其流域形成了200多公里 长的天然绿色屏障,使张掖成为西北茫 茫戈壁中一块绿色的"飞地",河西走 廊最富庶的城市。

在祁连山北麓的山脚下,有一片水 草最为丰美的草原——祁连山草原。每到 夏季,绿毯似的草原一直延伸至祁连山脚 下,一群群牛羊点缀其中,远处的祁连山 白雪皑皑,直耸天际,整幅画面充满田园 牧歌式的静谧。当你在祁连山东部蜿蜒曲 折的山谷和森林间穿行,翻过焉支山就会 与这片碧波万顷的草原相遇,眼前豁然开 朗,心里也不由为之震撼。

冬季,祁连山腹地背风面阳的低山 地区雪并不大,不会全部覆盖住牧草, 是极优良的"多窝子"。夏季,牧民把 畜群赶到地势较高、气候凉爽的高山草 甸地带,将这里作为他们的夏营地,并 度过一年中最欢乐和舒心的季节。

亚龙湾位于中国最南端的热带滨海 旅游城市三亚市东南部,是一个半月形 海湾,也是海南名景之一。亚龙湾原名 "牙龙湾",后景区内沙粒洁白细软, 海水澄澈晶莹,还有珊瑚礁、各种热带 鱼、名贵贝类等

去过亚龙湾的人都说,亚龙湾风景 如画,这里不仅有蓝蓝的天空、明媚温 暖的阳光、清新湿润的空气、连绵起伏 的青山、千姿百态的岩石、原始幽静的 红树林、波平浪静的海湾、清澈透明的 海水、洁白细腻的沙滩以及五彩缤纷的 海底景观等,而且8千米长的海岸线上 椰影婆娑,生长着众多奇花异草和原始 热带植被,一幅热带风光

在海底,还有珊瑚礁、各种热带鱼 、名贵贝类,加上洁白细软的沙粒,澄 澈晶莹的海水,不愧于"天下第一湾" 的美名。

远眺亚龙湾,只见绵延20千米的海 岸线上,海天相连,碧波荡漾,渔帆点 点个海上小岛似海中行走的船舰,若隐 若现。靠近亚龙湾,可以发现,其北岸 群山叠翠,崖悬壁陡,巍峨壮观

南边码头巨石嶙峋,大气磅礴。这 里的山不是很高,但被翠绿包裹着的山 体以极为优雅、舒缓的姿态将碧蓝清澈



的大海拥入怀抱时,却构成了一幅极为 和谐完美的月牙形曲线,向世人展示着 亚龙湾特有的丰姿绰约。海滩上星罗棋 布的蒙古包式帐篷,一张张躺椅,向人 们展开一幅幅优美的海滨图画

亚龙湾的沙滩洁白,因为它是由珊 瑚和贝壳风化而成的,因而平缓宽阔, 细腻滑溜。脚踩在软软的、绵绵的沙子

中,好似踏雪履棉,脚心有一种微微酥 痒的感觉。人在沙子上行走,仔细聆听 ,不时会有"吱吱"的响声,非常舒适

亚龙湾的海水很蓝,但又隐隐透着 一股绿,可以说是碧绿中带着光泽,湛 蓝中隐藏着细纹,就像不含一点杂质的 翡翠一样。微风吹拂的时候,它像一尘

不染的丝绸样,绿色、蓝色、黛青色相 互夹杂,在阳光的照射下,更显得光彩 夺目,柔情万种海很静,很难见到它怒 吼的形象,不论什么时候,它魷像一个 温暖、优雅的女子。

波波潮水轻轻地涌来,在翻起雪白 的浪花后,又缓缓地退去,抚平人们留 在沙滩上的一串串脚印。有时,一朵朵

浪花像一个个调皮的孩童,成群结队地 追逐着踏浪的人群,洒下一串串银铃般 的笑声。

沿亚龙湾沙滩,排列着一串度假酒 店,而酒店的建筑物各有特点,在沙滩 上看这些酒店,有的掩映在绿树丛中, 如古典的园林建筑,有的高矗在沙滩上 ,体现着现代的气息,还有的被仙人掌 所包围,干脆叫仙人掌酒店。

这些酒店的共同特点,是都拥有 片面海的沙滩。在沙滩上,一溜排开的 各种躺椅,上面撑的伞各有特色,有的 返璞到用稻草制成,有的用现代的化纤 材料制造,看得人眼花缭乱,也把热带 的风情不加掩饰地展现出来

如果说白天的亚龙湾是张开双臂热 情欢迎游客的到来,那么夜晚的亚龙湾 又换了一种面貌。当晚霞把海面染红的 时候,一抹红日落入大海,与碧蓝的海 水交相辉映,气象万千

站在沙滩上,在柔和的海风吹拂下 ,举目望去,一轮弯月高挂天边,星星 在闪闪烁烁;耳旁听到阵阵海涛声,却 看不见浪花的翻动,大海被夜色蒙上了 一层神秘的面纱。而此时,你想就这样 在沙滩上呆呆地坐着, 傻傻地听着, 什 么都不想,什么都不用管

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热情奔放的休斯顿 法拉利车队节日前再度 归来年度节庆。无数的 改装和重建法拉利出现 在 city centre 的街道上 吸引了众多观众粉丝们 的青睐。各式经典车款 和最新款式也再次亮相 。法拉利车队游行队伍 气势如虹。令来宾们都 感受一下法拉利经典华 丽的阵仗,的确是让车迷们







