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President Donald Trump talks to reporters on the South Lawn of the White House before departing for his Bedminster, N.J., golf club on Friday.

# Trump to pursue citizenship question on the 2020 Census

Legal path is still unclear

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WASHINGTON — The Justice Department said Friday it will continue to look for legal grounds to force the inclusion of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census, hours after President Donald Trump said he is “very seriously” considering an executive order to get the question on the form.

Trump said his administration is exploring a number of legal options, but the Justice Department did not say exactly what options it has now that the Supreme Court has for now barred the question.

The government has already begun the process of printing the census questionnaire without that question.

The administration’s focus on asking broadly about citizenship for the first time since 1950 reflects the enormous political stakes and potential costs in the once-a-decade population count that determines the allocation of seats in the House of Representatives for the next 10 years and the distribution of some \$675 billion in federal spending.

The Census Bureau’s own experts have said the question would discourage immigrants from participating and result in a less accurate census that would redistribute money and political power from Democratic-led cities where immigrants tend to cluster to whiter, rural areas where Republicans do well.

Trump, speaking as he departed the White House for a weekend in New Jersey, said he might take executive action.

“It’s one of the ways that we’re thinking about doing it, very seriously,” he said.

An executive order would not, by itself, override court rulings blocking the inclusion of the citizenship question. But such an action from Trump would perhaps give administration lawyers a new basis to try to convince federal courts that the question could be included.

“Executive orders do not override decisions of the Supreme Court,” Thomas Saenz, president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said in a statement Friday. The organization is representing plaintiffs in the census lawsuit in Maryland.

Later Friday, Justice Department lawyers formally told U.S. District Judge George Hazel in Maryland the administration is not giving up the legal fight to add the citizenship question to the next census. But they also said it’s unclear how they will proceed, according to a court filing.

“They still say they don’t have clear instructions on what to do,” said Saenz, who took part in a conference call with the judge and lawyers for both sides in one of three lawsuits seeking to keep the question off the census. The other two are in New York and California.

Hazel had expressed mounting frustration with the mixed signals the administration was sending, first telling him on Tuesday that the question was off only to have Trump tweet the next day that the administration was “absolutely moving forward” with efforts to include the question.

Trump’s administration has faced numerous roadblocks to adding the question, like last week’s Supreme Court ruling that blocked its inclusion, at least temporarily. Both the Justice and Commerce departments indicated on Tuesday that they were moving forward

with the census, minus the citizenship question.

But Trump has insisted otherwise, pushing his administration to come up with a way to include the controversial query. He suggested Friday officials might be able to add an addendum to the questionnaire with the question after it’s already printed.

In the Supreme Court’s decision last week, Chief Justice John Roberts joined the court’s four more liberal members in saying the administration’s current justification for the question “seems to have been contrived.”

The administration had pushed the Supreme Court to decide the case quickly, citing a July 1 deadline to begin printing the forms. The court made the rare move of taking up the case directly from a trial court in New York before an appeals court had weighed in. As recently as June 20, Solicitor General Noel Francisco reminded the justices of the need for a quick decision, writing that “for all practical purposes, the Census Bureau needs to finalize the 2020 questionnaire by June of this year.”

The Trump administration had said the question was being added to aid in enforcement of the Voting Rights Act, which protects minority voters’ access to the ballot box.

But the question’s opponents say recently discovered evidence from the computer files of a Republican redistricting consultant who died last year shows that, far from helping minority voters, discrimination against Hispanics was behind the push for the citizenship question.

Hazel is considering reopening the Maryland case to take account of the new evidence, which could provide a separate basis for blocking the citizenship question.

## OBITUARIES

### Shirley Elaine (Hart) Turman

Astoria

June 13, 1941 — June 20, 2019

Shirley Elaine (Hart) Turman, 78, devoted wife, mother and grandma, passed away Thursday, June 20, 2019, in Astoria, Oregon, surrounded by the love of her family.

Shirley was born in Akron, Ohio, on June 13, 1941. Her parents moved the family to Southern California in 1943, where she was raised and met Ben Turman, the love of her life, in 1956.

They were engaged the day of her high school graduation from Southgate High School in 1959, and married a year later on June 18, 1960.

In November 1972, they moved their family to the great Pacific Northwest’s Astoria, Oregon. Shirley retired from The Daily Astorian in 1998 after 23 years of employment.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Murlin and Esther Hart, and her brother, Roger Hart.

She is survived by her husband, Ben, of Astoria, Oregon; three daughters, and numerous grand and great-grandchildren: Becky Worrell, of Astoria, Oregon, (partner Geoff Poole) and grandchildren Kevin Loomis, Kristin Loomis, Katie Loomis, Nick Worrell and Amber Worrell; Sherry Curtis, of Chandler, Arizona, son-in-law Jeff Curtis, and grandson Jeremy Rowland and his wife, Rachel, of Seattle, Washington; Susan Peart,

of Chandler, Arizona, son-in-law John Peart, and grandchildren Devin Jasper, Mark Peart and Kelly Peart; and great-grandchildren Starla and Lilli Loomis, Alexis Joyner, Hannah and Nevaeh Curtis, Maddy Aiken, Tommy Shaw, Kiah Hughes and Landon and Lincoln Houck.

She loved spending time with “her girls,” and together with Ben, loved traveling to California to visit family and go to her favorite magical place, Disneyland. They also had many wonderful adventures to Hawaii and taking cruises.

She enjoyed quilting, shopping, watching movies, attending local Astoria events, including the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival (she loved the Danish aebleskivers and Swedish meatballs), the Astoria-Warrenton Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival and walking the Astoria Sunday Market.

She was the rock of our family, a second mom to many, and one of the kindest women you could ever know.

In honor of this amazing woman, please join us for a celebration of life to be held Saturday, Aug. 17, from 12 to 4 p.m. in the Coho Room, on the second floor of the Duncan Law Building, at the Oregon State University Seafood Center, located at 2021 Marine Drive in Astoria, Oregon.



Shirley Turman

## Seattle naturalization ceremony underscores immigration tensions

500 new citizens sworn in Thursday

By PAUL ROBERTS  
Seattle Times

SEATTLE — In a ceremony that captured both the aspirations and tensions of immigration in America today, 500 men and women from 80 countries were sworn in as new U.S. citizens at an emotional Fourth of July event at Seattle Center.

“I’m so proud to be part of this,” said Omar Abbaker, a 44-year-old from war-torn Sudan who came to America as a refugee six years ago with his wife, Widad, 34, who was also being sworn in. He seemed dazzled and delighted by the diversity of his fellow citizens-to-be.

“Right now, all the world is here,” he added, nodding at a crowd that represented “our different colors and different nations and different cultures.”

Indeed, the breadth of nationalities represented at Thursday’s ceremony at Fisher Pavilion played like a spontaneous advertisement for the American melting pot, with newcomers from countries ranging from American Samoa and Armenia to Zambia and Zimbabwe, and, just outside the pavilion, a massive crowd of flag-waving family members and other well-wishers.

It was the 35th such event to be held in Seattle on the Fourth of July, according to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and one of 110 such ceremonies across the country that were slated to naturalize nearly 7,500 new citizens.

The ceremony, which cul-



Rebekah Welch/The Seattle Times

A woman from Armenia celebrates her newly granted U.S. citizenship during the annual naturalization ceremony at the Seattle Center.

minates in an Oath of Allegiance, is the final step in a long bureaucratic process that bestows new rights, including the right to vote, and adds new duties, not least an obligation to military service if called.

For many in Fisher Pavilion, the event marked the culmination of a dream some waited years — even decades — to achieve.

Gomez Conrado, 71, who arrived from the Philippines in 1999, says he was drawn to the U.S. by the promise of both economic and political freedom. “It’s a big day for me,” he said, eyes widening, as he waited for the ceremony to begin.

Seated in the front row was Gabriel Graterol, a 29-year-old from Venezuela who is serving in the Navy on Whidbey Island — one of 37 new citizens who are already serving in the armed forces. He talked of his excitement over the chance to participate in the democracy that his strife-torn home country no longer enjoys.

The ceremony illustrated

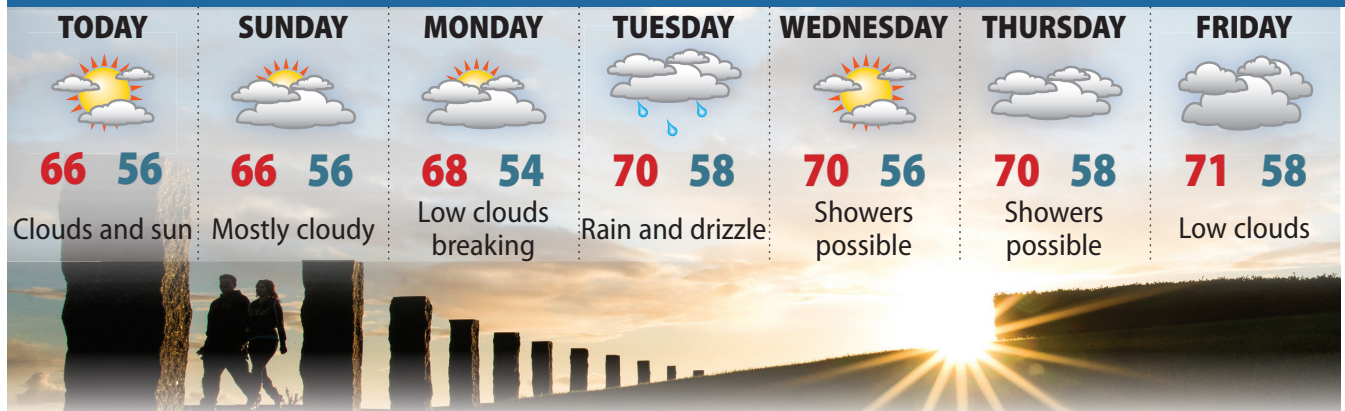
the shifting demographics of immigration to the Pacific Northwest. Although the crowd was drawn from around the world, several countries were particularly well represented: There were 25 new citizens from Ukraine, 27 from South Korea, 27 from Mexico, 30 from China, 40 from India and 50 from the Philippines.

The tone was largely celebratory, with inspirational sentiments from King County Executive Dow Constantine, Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan, U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell and Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman, and a gorgeous a cappella version of “America the Beautiful” by Josephine Howell.

Yet, proceedings also reflected the rising tensions around U.S. immigration policy.

Even as the 500 immigrants and refugees prepared to take the Oath of Allegiance, controversies over the federal crackdown on immigration, as well as family separations and detention centers, hung in the air.

### SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



### ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 65/51  
Normal high/low ..... 66/52  
Record high ..... 84 in 1975  
Record low ..... 45 in 2012

**Precipitation**

Thursday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.02"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.19"  
Year to date ..... 22.89"  
Normal year to date ..... 36.10"

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### UNDER THE SKY

**Tonight’s Sky:** Halfway up the southern sky as night falls is Saturn, the second-largest planet in the solar system.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today ..... 5:31 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 9:09 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 10:11 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... none

First Full Last New  
July 9 July 16 July 24 July 31

### TODAY’S TIDES

**Astoria / Port Docks**

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
4:05 a.m.	8.5	11:09 a.m.	-1.4
5:36 p.m.	7.5	11:24 p.m.	2.0

**Cape Disappointment**

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
3:39 a.m.	8.2	10:13 a.m.	-1.8
5:12 p.m.	7.2	10:30 p.m.	2.2

**Hammond**

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
4:42 a.m.	8.9	10:32 a.m.	-1.7
5:21 p.m.	7.8	10:49 p.m.	2.2

**Warrenton**

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
4:00 a.m.	8.9	10:53 a.m.	-1.3
5:31 p.m.	7.9	11:08 p.m.	2.1

**Knappa**

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
4:42 a.m.	8.7	12:10 p.m.	-1.2
6:13 p.m.	7.7	none	

**Depoe Bay**

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
2:50 a.m.	8.5	9:44 a.m.	-2.0
4:26 p.m.	7.4	10:01 p.m.	2.2

### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	91/74/pc	89/73/pc
Boston	87/71/t	76/62/pc
Chicago	82/64/pc	79/62/pc
Dallas	96/75/s	98/76/pc
Denver	77/56/pc	87/60/pc
Honolulu	89/77/pc	88/77/pc
Houston	96/73/s	95/75/s
Los Angeles	79/61/pc	77/62/pc
Miami	91/80/pc	91/78/t
New York City	88/74/t	84/67/pc
Phoenix	107/84/pc	106/78/s
San Francisco	69/55/pc	66/56/pc
Wash., DC	91/76/t	89/74/t

**Weather (W):** s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

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