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Supreme Court Upholds Public Charge Rule That Includes English Proficiency



The United States Supreme Court has upheld the Trump administration's public charge rule geared toward stopping likely welfare-dependent legal immigrants from permanently resettling in the USA. English language proficiency is a key factor in the new rule.

The Supreme Court rejected requests from New York and Illinois for emergency intervention. There were no published dissents by the Court.

As ProEnglish first reported in August of 2019, the Trump administration is seeking self-sufficient immigrants who are proficient in English for green cards to permanently remain in the USA over those who are non-English speakers and reliant on welfare.

Under the terms of the new public charge rule, the Department of Homeland Security "will consider whether the alien is proficient in English or proficient in other languages in addition to English as part of the public charge inadmissibility determination. People who spoke a language other than English at home were less likely to be employed, and less likely to find full-time work when employed."

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Official English Supporter Mark Meadows Is New White House Chief Of Staff



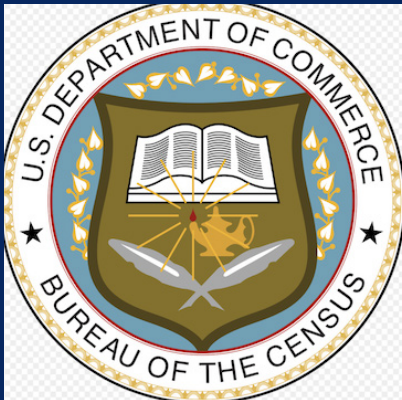
Former Rep. Mark Meadows is the new White House Chief of Staff to President Donald Trump.

Meadows served as a member of Congress from the 11th District of North Carolina from 2013-2020. He also was the chairman of the House Freedom Caucus.

During his time in Congress, Meadows was a faithful supporter of the English Language Unity Act (H.R. 997). ProEnglish had several meetings with former Rep. Meadows and various members of his staff during his congressional tenure.

Now that Meadows is in the White House as the new Chief of Staff to President Trump, ProEnglish looks forward to further engagement with him as we continue to advocate for passage of the English Language Unity Act in Congress, as well as a new Executive Order to be signed by President Trump that would effectively repeal and replace former President Clinton's onerous Executive Order 13166.

United States Census Materials Available In 59 Non-English Languages



The 2020 United States Census announced that its Internet Self-Response Instrument and questionnaire assistance will be available in 12 non-English languages and, in addition, that its language guides, language glossaries, and language identification cards will be available in a whopping 59 non-English languages.

ProEnglish believes that there are 5 key reasons to oppose census materials in 59 non-English languages, similar to the reasons to oppose multilingual ballots and election materials: (1) there is no justification for the need to produce census materials in 59 non-English languages; (2) it is arbitrary and wasteful to produce census materials in 59 non-English languages; (3) census materials produced in 59 non-English languages are a very costly and growing burden on U.S. taxpayers; (4) census materials produced in 59 non-English languages are a very costly and growing burden on the federal government; and (5) census materials produced in 59 non-English languages do not decrease the likelihood of errors and fraud.

District Of Columbia To Feature Over 40 Languages At Vote Centers

The District of Columbia has announced in advance of the 2020 elections that voters at its Vote Centers “will have access to over 40 languages, including... language access kits (translated voting information), bilingual election workers, and multilanguage signs/posters.”



ProEnglish agrees with the late Dr. John Silber, the former President of Boston University, who stated during his 1996 testimony to Congress that bilingual ballots “impose an unacceptable cost by degrading the very concept of the citizen to that of someone lost in a country whose public discourse is incomprehensible to him.”

ProEnglish believes that there are 5 key reasons to oppose multilingual ballots and election materials: (1) there is no justification for multilingual ballots and election materials, such as the District of Columbia will be providing in more than 40 languages in 2020; (2) multilingual ballot and election material requirements are arbitrary and wasteful; (3) multilingual ballots and election materials are an unfunded mandate on local governments; (4) multilingual ballots and election materials increase the likelihood of errors and vote fraud; and (5) multilingual ballots and election materials are a very costly and growing burden.



Official English Looms As Issue In Puerto Rico Statehood Referendum

The Governor of Puerto Rico, Wanda Vazquez, has announced that the island will hold a nonbinding referendum in November about whether Puerto Rico should become a U.S. state.

The referendum will ask a single question: Should Puerto Rico be immediately admitted as a U.S. state? Previous referendums have presented voters with more than one question or with various options, including independence, statehood, or upholding the current territorial status.

Puerto Rico is mired in a deep financial crisis after the island declared a type of bankruptcy, and currently it is under the supervision of an oversight board. Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens but cannot vote for President. Statehood would grant Puerto Rico two senators and five representatives. ProEnglish Board of Directors Chair Dr. Rosalie Porter has stated that “any legislative attempt by the island to become the 51st state must stipulate that English become its primary official language of the government, courts, and school system.”

Dr. Porter added: “Let’s remember that the 2011 recommendations from President Barack Obama’s Task Force on Puerto Rico’s Status says that if the U.S. commonwealth ever applies for statehood, Congress has ultimate authority over admission and English must play a central role in the daily life of the island. At a minimum, we believe a large majority must become fluent in English for statehood to be even considered.”

Accepting Puerto Rico as a new state, without a specific designation of English as the primary official language of the island, would automatically transform the United States into a bilingual nation. ProEnglish believes that the U.S. should look to Canada’s experience as a bilingual nation in order to remind us of the potential risks and consequences involved, including sharp cultural and political divisions and much higher costs for government-mandated translation and interpretation services.

Yu Darvish Learns English For Media Interviews

The coronavirus pandemic has caused a long delay to the start of the 2020 Major League Baseball season, but it also has allowed Yu Darvish of the Chicago Cubs to continue to learn English for his media interviews.



Darvish was born in Japan and has pitched for the Rangers, Dodgers, and Cubs since 2012.

Despite being a veteran big league pitcher, Darvish recently did something at the ballpark for the very first time: he gave his first mass media interview in English.

Darvish had given interviews in Japanese throughout his baseball career, but never before solely in English, and he knew that it was time to put his English language lessons to good use.

“I want to speak better English,” Darvish told ESPN. “I understand what you guys [in the media] are asking, but when I get nervous – like now – my English gets stuck a little.”

“Dealing with reporters and the public in English takes away a level of protection,” Cubs president Theo Epstein observed. “It’s an attempt to make a more genuine connection...I think not using an interpreter is a brave thing to do.”

“He takes a lot of pride in his ability to speak English,” Epstein added. “When we met with him [during free agency], it was all in English.”

“The most important thing is you guys [in the media] understand what I’m saying because pitching can be hard to explain sometimes,” Darvish told the assembled journalists that cover the Cubs. “I’ll have to take my time [explaining].”

“[Little] by little I’ve been more comfortable,” Darvish concluded.



Virginia Congressional Candidate Backs Official English

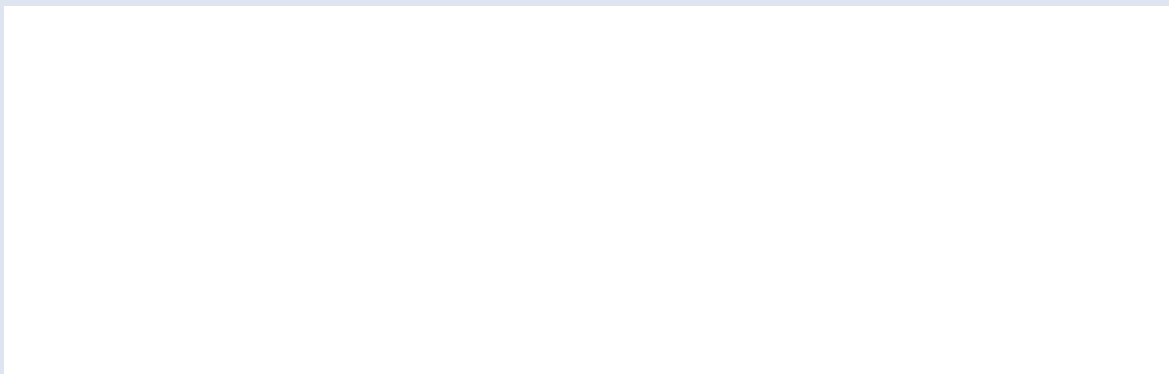
Virginia congressional candidate Bob Good won a recent Republican convention and is now the GOP nominee in Virginia’s 5th Congressional District.

Four Democrats are vying to challenge Good in the Nov. 3 election.

As Newsmax has reported, Good “wants English to be the official language of the U.S.”

If Bob Good wins his congressional election on Nov. 3, then it would be great to add him as a new cosponsor of H.R. 997, the English Language Unity Act, in the forthcoming 117th Congress.

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“We have but one flag; we must also learn one language, and that language is English.”

- President Theodore Roosevelt

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