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With Trump in attendance, Supreme Court weighs his bid to end birthright citizenship

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The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday heard arguments in a case that could redefine who is entitled to American citizenship as justices weigh President Donald Trump's effort to

end birthright citizenship for some children born on U.S. soil — a move that critics warn could upend generations of constitutional law and civil-rights protections.

The case, *Trump v. Barbara*, centers on whether the president can reinterpret the 14th Amend-

ment to deny citizenship to babies born in the United States to parents who are not citizens or lawful permanent residents. If allowed, the policy would mark one of the most sweeping changes to U.S. immigration law in modern history.

In South Florida — home

to one of the nation's largest immigrant populations — the court's decision could carry immediate and far-reaching consequences. The region includes hundreds of thousands of families with mixed immigration status, which can be fluid or temporary. A ruling that restricts birthright

citizenship could potentially affect hospitals, schools and local governments across Miami-Dade and Broward counties, where officials rely on clear definitions of citizenship to provide services.

In a first in U.S. history, President Donald Trump attended the hearing brief-

ly, but left after the administration's representative made his case to the high court.

At issue is a constitutional principle long understood to guarantee citizenship to nearly anyone born in the country. Ratified in

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Fidel Castro's grandson criticizes Cuban leader Díaz-Canel and says Cubans want capitalism

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Amid ongoing talks between the Trump administration and Cuban leaders, Sandro Castro, the controversial grandson of Fidel Castro, told a major U.S. television news network that most Cubans on the island want to embrace capitalism and that the country's hand-picked president, Miguel Díaz-Canel, has done a poor job.

His statements to CNN's Havana correspondent, Patrick Oppmann, echoed calls by Secretary of State Marco Rubio for a change of leadership in Havana and seem to suggest that some people in the government would be in favor of striking a deal with the Trump administration.

"There are many people in Cuba who think in a capitalistic way. There are many people here who want to do capitalism with sovereignty," Castro said. "I think the majority of Cubans want to be capitalist, not communist."

That's the opposite of the official government line, which has communism enshrined in the country's constitution and has refused to open up the country's economy. Castro's comments contrast with the array of recent interviews by Cuban officials, including Díaz-Canel, with U.S. news media and other international outlets, trying to convey the message to the Trump administration that Cuban leaders are united and unwilling to

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Sandro Castro, Fidel Castro's grandson, often enrages Cubans on the island and abroad because of his lavish lifestyle.



Memorial Healthcare System

Chevon Byfield poses with nurses who cared for him at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood before leaving with his new heart on Monday. The 39-year-old father has lived in and out of the hospital for much of his children's lives while undergoing treatment for his failing heart.

'I have got the greatest gift'

Broward dad's 7-year wait for a heart transplant ends

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After nearly seven years, Chevon Byfield finally found his perfect match: a large, and strong, beating heart.

"I feel like, even right now, it still hasn't hit me yet," the dad of two told the Miami Herald during a recent FaceTime call from his hospital bed at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, just weeks after he was rolled into surgery to have his new heart implanted.

"I have got the greatest gift that God could ever give anyone," he added.

The 39-year-old father has lived in and out of the hospital for much of his children's lives while undergoing treatment for his failing heart. For years, he has relied on the help of an LVAD, a device that pumps blood to the organ, to keep him alive.

On Monday afternoon, he walked out of the hospital



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Chevon Byfield is kissed by his grandmother Brylon Brown before heading into a procedure at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood on Feb. 3.

with his new heart *thump thump thumping* inside his chest.

"I'm coming home, I'm coming home, tell the world I'm coming home," the music lover sang.

Byfield, Memorial's long-

est-waiting heart-transplant patient, waited nearly seven years for this moment, far longer than most patients wait for a heart transplant in the U.S.

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Gangs use bullets and fire to send rural residents running for their lives in Haiti

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Farming communities in Haiti's Lower Artibonite region continued to come under renewed attacks as armed men aligned with the Gran Grif gang swept through several rural towns on the outskirts of the city of Marchand-Dessalines, firing weapons and forcing residents to flee.

Videos circulating on social media showed young men carrying automatic weapons while wearing shorts and backpacks and moving through dusty country roads as they opened fire in the localities of Martin, Bwajou, Pont-Jou and Baraj.

THE ASSAULT ON TUESDAY MARKED THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE DAY OF ATTACKS IN CENTRAL HAITI, WHERE PEOPLE WERE BURNED ALIVE INSIDE THEIR HOMES AND SHOT TO DEATH.

The assault on Tuesday marked the third consecutive day of attacks in central Haiti, where people were burned alive inside their homes and shot to death by members of Gran Grif, which is based in the town of Savien. The massacre started around 2 a.m. Sunday in the locality of Pon Benwa before the gang members advanced to Jean-Denis, where a self-defense coalition resisted but failed to stop the onslaught.

Security experts say the attacks appear to be highly coordinated: gangs blocked and barricaded roads and dismantled a metal bridge linking Marchand-Dessalines to Petite Rivière de l'Artibonite to prevent police access. In the case of Jean-Denis, there had been warnings for weeks that an

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