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Pope leaves a lasting impression on leaders



Pope Francis speaks during a joint session of Congress on Sept. 14, 2015. During his address, he invoked the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Freedom March from Selma to Montgomery in Alabama and urged lawmakers to embrace “the stranger in our midst.” ANDREW P. SCOTT/USA TODAY FILE

Three U.S. presidents say they were inspired by meetings, even if the pontiff didn’t always agree with their policies

Michael Collins USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – Barack Obama was moved by Pope Francis’ moral perspective on world problems. Donald Trump said the pontiff made him more determined than ever to pursue peace. And Joe Biden said Francis was happy he was a good Catholic. • There was a time when the idea of a president meeting with a pope would have been unthinkable. Anti-immigrant sentiments in the 19th century focused on Catholics, with popes portrayed as manipulative leaders of a mysterious fringe religion. But times change. So do popes and presidents.

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During their 2014 meeting at the Vatican, President Barack Obama said he and Pope Francis discussed international conflict, human rights, religious freedom and “the responsibilities that we all share to care for the least of these, the poor, the excluded.” KEVIN LAMARQUE/REUTERS FILE

“I was extremely moved by his insights about the importance of us all having a moral perspective on world problems and not simply thinking in terms of our own narrow self-interests.”

Former President Barack Obama

Detained citizen’s transcript released

Man held after DHS says he claimed to enter U.S. illegally

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He showed up at the vehicle gate of the Border Patrol station in Tucson, Arizona and presumably tapped the buzzer. Then, Jose Hermosillo, a U.S. citizen, told an agent he had entered the country illegally. After two days in custody, Hermosillo told a judge he was a U.S. citizen. But he was still ordered held for seven more days before his family showed up in court to provide proof of that. In total, Hermosillo was held for 10 days before his release April 17. On that day, prosecutors dropped the misdemeanor charge of illegal entry that was filed against him. The evidence for that charge, a document shows, came solely from Hermosillo’s own lips.

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Cuts threaten free kids vaccine program

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Dr. Ali Sherif normally gives about 50 doses of the measles vaccine to children each month at his clinic in Hobbs, New Mexico, near the Texas state line. The number of shots at his clinic has surged about 25% in recent weeks, however, as local parents seek immunizations to protect their toddlers and school-age children from a growing measles outbreak that has infected more than 600 people and led to three deaths. Like thousands of other doctors across the country, Sherif relies on a little-known federal program to ensure he has those shots on hand for families at no cost to them. The Vaccines for Children program

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