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Can Trump decide who's an American?

Birth citizenship case is a historic test

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WASHINGTON – Who is an American?

That's the fundamental question the Supreme Court is taking up as it debates President Donald Trump's ability to sharply restrict which children born in the United States are automatically American citizens.

The court's ruling is likely to land

shortly before the nation celebrates its 250th anniversary, adding to the significance of a case that is already a blockbuster.

The court is set to hear oral arguments in the case April 1. It's another opportunity for the Supreme Court to weigh in on the expansive authority Trump has claimed since returning to the White House last year.

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President Donald Trump has sought by executive order to restrict who is an American citizen by birth.

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Cuban émigrés gather in Miami in July 2021 after hearing reports of public unrest on the island.
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With Cuba on precipice, Rubio meets his moment

Island's fate has long driven son of refugees

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MIAMI – For Marco Rubio, disdain of the Cuban government was practically a birthright.

He was raised among Cuban exiles in Florida, and his political ascent from local politician to U.S. senator was propelled by an unwavering hard line toward Fidel Castro and his successors.

But the old guard was out. Donald Trump was on his way back in. And a Cuba deal reached by members of President Joe Biden's administration – which called for the United States to remove Havana from its list of state sponsors of terror to win the freedom of 553 political prisoners – would rest in Rubio's hands.

As members of Biden's team briefed the incoming secretary of state on the agreement, most expected the zealous Republican to squash the deal as too soft on Cuba's authoritarian government, according to two people familiar with the meeting.

Instead, a different Rubio emerged, one who appeared to see the world through the lens of America's top diplomat rather than a politician winning votes through anti-Castro slogans. He listened carefully with Mike Waltz, the incoming national security adviser. (Cuba was placed back on the list within hours of Trump being sworn in last January.)

Now it's Rubio himself, the hard-liner who disavowed rapprochement, conducting talks at Trump's behest as

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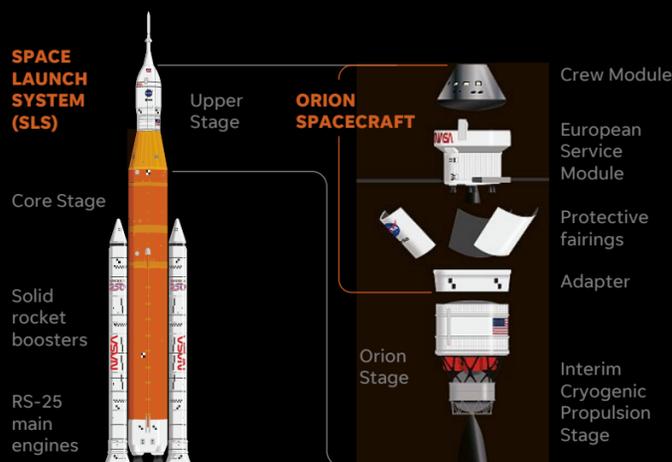
First crewed flight to the moon since Apollo

Launch
The crew will lift off from Florida and orbit Earth while testing the craft.



Landing
Splashdown in Pacific Ocean.

Transit to moon
The crew will take four days to get to the moon.



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Earthlings set return to moon after long void

Crew will test life-sustaining systems

Jennifer Borrenson and Ramon Padilla USA TODAY

Humanity is headed back to the lunar surface for the first time in more than half a century – but first, a flyby. ● Four astronauts are set to orbit the moon during NASA's Artemis II mission.

Hitching a ride atop the Space Launch System rocket, the Orion capsule they will ride toward the moon is due to get off the ground April 1 during a two-hour launch window opening at 6:24 p.m. ET. If the launch is scrubbed, NASA will try again as soon as April 2. ● During the 10-day trip, the crew will test systems designed to sustain life during deep space travel and a permanent lunar presence. See **ARTEMIS II**, Page 4A

Justices side with Christian counselor

Conversion therapy ban violates speech rights

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WASHINGTON – The Supreme Court on March 31 said Colorado's ban on LGBTQ+ "conversion therapy" for young people infringes on the free speech rights of a Christian counselor, reversing a lower court's decision that had upheld the law.

Colorado officials argued that the law – which is similar to restrictions in about half the states – regulates professional conduct, not speech. And major medical groups have repudiated conversion therapy as ineffective and harmful.

But the Supreme Court sided 8-1 with the therapist challenging the ban, agreeing that the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals should have applied a stricter constitutional test to evaluate the law.



People protest at the Supreme Court as justices hear arguments Oct. 7 in a case concerning conversion therapy and free speech. JACK GRUBER/USA TODAY

Enacted in 2019, Colorado's Minor Conversion Therapy Law defines conversion therapy as attempts to "change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity, including efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attraction or feelings toward individuals of the same sex."

Writing for the majority, Justice Neil Gorsuch said Colorado's law tells the therapist "what views she may or may not express."

"Colorado may regard its policy as essential to public health and safety. Certainly, censorious governments throughout history have believed the same," Gorsuch wrote. "But the First Amendment stands as a shield against any effort to enforce orthodoxy in thought or speech in this country."

Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, who read portions of her dissent from the bench, said the court's decision threatens to prevent states from regulating medical care, risking "grave harm to Americans' health and wellbeing."

"The Constitution does not pose a barrier to reasonable regulation of harmful medical treatments just because substandard care comes via

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