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Hello colleagues,

There is so much in the news concerning the psychological implications from separating immigrant families. Parents and children are being separated from one another for hours, days months and possibly years depending on the outcome of court cases. This is a policy choice of the current administration and not a legal requirement.

Listed below are articles that highlight possible traumatic psychological implications that separation may cause for migrant children.

Separating kids from parents at the border mirrors a 'textbook strategy' of domestic abuse, experts say — and causes irreversible, lifelong damage
<http://www.businessinsider.com/psychological-effects-of-separating-immigrant-kids-and-parents-2018-6>

Detaining Migrant Children Has Lifelong Psychological Effects, Experts Say
https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/detaining-migrant-children-has-harrowing-lifelong-psychological-effects_us_5b22eae4b0d4fc01fcd311?ncid=engmodushpimg00000004

Doctors Concerned About 'Irreparable Harm' To Separated Migrant Children
<https://www.npr.org/2018/06/15/620254326/doctors-warn-about-dangers-of-child-separations>

Zero tolerance policy stirs fears in health community
<http://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/392879-zero-tolerance-policy-stirs-fears-in-health-community>

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