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Women's History Month, 2021

“Gendered Racist Nativism Targeting Latina Immigrant Motherhood”

Separating migrant mothers and their children at the border appeared after three decades of anti-immigrant rhetoric. It is worth examining how migrant mothers have been stripped of their humanity and submitted to this state sanctioned violence. Previous researchers note that in times of low anti-immigration sentiment, images of the migrant mother-child dyad appeared as symbols of our shared humanity. How did we reach a point that migrant women and children are viewed as unworthy of asylum and as economic and security threats? Revisiting my research on an Arizona-based women's anti-immigration group, Mothers Against Illegal Aliens (MAIA), I trace the themes, images and metaphors introduced and later incorporated into the Republican Party and normalized in the Trump administration.



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