



Day Two

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The Fight for DACA

Part 2: Last read

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“...Our American dream shouldn’t have an expiration date.” These are the words of Dulce Garcia.

Garcia came to the U.S. from Mexico as a little girl. Like other young immigrants, she benefitted from a program called DACA. DACA gives some young immigrants the right to work. It gives them temporary legal status. It protects them from deportation. 44 57

When Trump ended DACA in 2017, Garcia decided to fight back! She filed a lawsuit, along with five other young people. Their goal was to block Trump from ending DACA. 72 87

What was their argument? They claimed that the government was breaking its promise. The young immigrants had offered sensitive personal information to the government. In exchange, the government had promised to protect them from deportation. Without DACA, they could be deported at any time. The lawsuit also argued that Trump was biased against Latinos. 100 111 123 139 141

Viridianna Chabolla Mendoza joined Garcia in the lawsuit. Mendoza was brought to the U.S. from Mexico when she was two years old. In college, she was accepted into the DACA program. She was allowed to work. She saved money for law school. She’d been in law school a few days when the government decided to end DACA. Mendoza remembered what her grandpa had said when she was little. He had told her that lawyers fight with words. “I am not a physical person. But I can write. I can argue,” Mendoza said. 154 170 185 199 215 233

On June 18, 2020, Dulce Garcia checked her phone. She and her friends had won the lawsuit! “For now, we won,” Garcia said. “We know our power.” 249 260

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Garcia and Mendoza say that the government broke its promise by ending DACA. Do you think they’re right? Why or why not?

Share ideas with your partner.

We agree about this

We disagree about this