Trump Tweeted that Many DACA Recipients Are 'Hardened Criminals,' But He Vowed to Make a Deal with Democrats to Let Them Stay in the US

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Mainstream media reported that the Supreme Court seemed likely to shut down the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals/ DACA program, the federal scheme that has allowed nearly 800,000 young people, known as "dreamers," to live and work in the US, protecting them from deportation. However, President Trump tweeted that he would strike a deal with Democrat lawmakers to allow the DACA recipients to stay in the US if the Supreme Court eliminates the Obama-era initiative. His promise to allow the Dreamers to stay goes against his campaign promise to his base in 2016 to deport them. About 8% of the DACA recipients have criminal records.

On Tuesday morning, President Donald Trump signaled a deal with congressional Democrats if the U.S. Supreme Court were to rule in his favor concerning the controversial Obamaera DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) immigration program.

"If Supreme Court remedies with overturn, a deal will be made with Dems for them to stay!" the president said via Twitter regarding DACA.

The Supreme Court will consider the Trump administration's decision to end the DACA program, which has been argued to have been unconstitutionally enacted by the Obama administration via executive action.

The program defers deportations of immigrants brought over by their parents at a young age.

In the same tweet where Trump signaled a forthcoming deal, he ripped DACA. "Many of the people in DACA, no longer very young, are far from 'angels,'" he wrote. "Some are very tough, hardened criminals."

According to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, about 8% of DACA recipients have criminal records:

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