

**Questions for the Record for Chad Wolf**  
**Hearing on “Politically Violent Attacks: A Threat to Our Constitutional Order”**  
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**QUESTIONS FROM SENATOR WHITEHOUSE**

**Please answer each question and sub-question individually and as specifically as possible.**  
**Where indicated, please provide only yes or no answers.**

1. Under what circumstances should threats against public officials and judges be investigated?  
In my view, threats should be investigated when there is a credible, resourced, and imminent violent threat.
2. Under what circumstances should the orchestration or instigation of threats against public officials and judges be investigated?  
Same answer as above.

**Questions for the Record from Senator Alex Padilla  
Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on The Constitution  
“Politically Violent Attacks: A Threat to Our Constitutional Order”**

**October 28, 2025**

Questions for Mr. Chad Wolf:

1. You were in senior leadership at the Department of Homeland Security when one of the most harmful immigration policies under the first Trump administration – family separation – was developed and implemented. Years later, there are still children who have not been reunited with their parents as a result of this policy. Please describe your involvement in the decision-making process.
  - a. **Do you recall an email you sent to Gene Hamilton, counselor to then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions, on Saturday, December 16, 2017 regarding policy options which included family separations?** I recall transmitting options that were drafted by DHS operational components. DHS never had a so-called “family separation” policy.
  - b. **Do you recall what justification you provided to pursue this as a policy that could be pursued in the short term at the beginning of the first Trump administration?** I did not provide input or justifications.
  - c. **Please detail why you advised then-Secretary Nielsen to consider this as a short-term policy goal to further the administration’s border policies.** See answer above. Secretary Nielsen was advised on all immigration matters by DHS operational component leadership.
  - d. **On June 12, 2019, you testified before the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee and were asked if you helped develop the family separation policy. You denied any involvement at that time, but the aforementioned email chain dated December 16, 2017, clearly states that you worked with others to “pull it together” when referring to the policy options document for then-Secretary Nielsen, which included family separation. Do you wish to recant your June 12, 2019 testimony that you did not have any involvement in the development of the family separation policy, including advising the Secretary on it?** No, and your understanding of the facts and timeline are rudimentary at best and misleading at worst.
2. As a result of this administration’s Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE)/Customs and Border Protection (CBP) widespread use of face masks, there are many reports of incidents involving individuals impersonating ICE or other federal law enforcement officials because they can easily mimic the clothing, masking, and unidentifiable tactical gear seen in enforcement actions across the country.
  - a. **Do you agree that requiring visible identification improves accountability and reduces impersonation risks?**

I agree that we need to protect law enforcement officers, first and foremost. Today's current threat environment (largely due to the irresponsible rhetoric from the left) requires necessary measures to protect officers. I support ICE's current posture, which requires that they carry badges and will identify themselves when required for public safety or by legal necessity.

3. DHS has claimed that assaults against ICE officers has increased by 1000% or more, but when asked to provide more detailed data, the Department has refused to do so.
  - a. **In your capacity as former Acting Secretary, please detail what kind of actions by an individual constituted assault for the purposes of collecting that data?** I did not direct collection requirements on these questions. DHS operational components determined those requirements.
  - b. **Please provide any data that has been shared with you that supports the assertion that assaults have increased by 1000% or more.** No information, aside from what is publicly available, has been shared with me personally.
4. When you were Chief of Staff at DHS, more than 300,000 Central Americans and Haitians were impacted by the termination of TPS, despite warnings from State Department officials advising against it. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee uncovered a pressure campaign from political leadership at the State Department and the White House for DHS to terminate TPS.
  - a. **Did you advise then-Secretary of Homeland Security Nielson to end TPS because Stephen Miller told you to?** No.
  - b. **Please describe how DHS weighed information from career State Department officials advising against termination of TPS for El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, and Sudan.** From my recollection, State Department input was coordinated through USCIS, who provided recommendations regarding extension or termination of TPS for various countries.
  - c. **Please describe the deliberation process about conditions on the ground that led to the determination that TPS was no longer warranted for these countries.** See answer above.
  - d. **Please describe communications from State Department political leadership and the White House regarding the reasons for why TPS should have been terminated.** I have no knowledge of any communications you describe.