

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

DOC SOCIETY, INTERNATIONAL
DOCUMENTARY ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ANTONY J. BLINKEN, in his official
capacity as Secretary of State, and
ALEJANDRO N. MAYORKAS, in his
official capacity as Secretary of Homeland
Security,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 19-cv-3632 (TJK)

JOINT STATUS REPORT

In this case, Plaintiffs challenge a Government policy requiring most applicants for immigrant and nonimmigrant visas to disclose their social media identifiers for twenty social media platforms.

On March 23, 2021, the Court stayed the case *sua sponte*, observing that the Government was actively reviewing its current use of social media identifiers in screening and vetting visa applicants. *See* Minute Order of March 23, 2021. On July 2, 2021, the Court granted the parties' joint motion to leave the stay in place for an additional 45 days. *See* Minute Order of July 2, 2021. On August 16, the Government informed the Court that it anticipated completing its review of the challenged policy within 60 days, and the parties agreed that the stay should remain in place for no more than 60 days. *See* Joint Status Report, ECF No. 53. The Court ordered that the stay remain in place until October 18, 2021 and for the parties to file a further joint status report by that date. *See* Minute Order of August 18, 2021. Pursuant to that order:

The Government hereby informs the Court that despite its best efforts to conclude its review of the challenged policies by the date of this filing, the Government's active review of the challenged policies remains ongoing. The Government cannot predict the outcome of this policy review or the precise date on which it will be completed. The Government will notify the Court when the policy review is complete.

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