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## TAHIRIH CONDEMNS FINAL REGULATIONS THAT WILL END ASYLUM

Today, on Human Rights Day, the administration finalized [regulations](#) that will overturn U.S. asylum law—making it effectively impossible for people fleeing persecution to obtain protection in the United States. The rule will take effect on January 11, 2021. Once implemented, the rule will eliminate [gender-based asylum](#)—shutting the door to anyone fleeing life-threatening persecution due to their gender, while undoing decades of legal precedent. Women fleeing rape and severe domestic violence and those escaping other fatal gender-based harms will no longer be allowed to seek safety within our borders.

“These regulations are the final nail in the coffin of the fundamental right to seek asylum,” said Archi Pyati, Tahirih Chief of Policy and Communications. “On its way out the door, the administration finalized an anti-asylum rule of extreme breadth and depth, and ignored more than 80,000 public comments against it. Undoing this harsh new regulation under the new administration could take years. In the meantime, survivors of gender-based violence will be left out in the cold to face persecution and even death.”

The Tahirih Justice Center intends to challenge the rule by all possible means and hold the incoming Biden administration accountable to the promises they made to ensure that immigrant survivors of violence are protected.

*Archi Pyati is available for comment on this topic. Please contact [rachelp@tahirih.org](mailto:rachelp@tahirih.org) to arrange an interview.*

### **About the Tahirih Justice Center**

The Tahirih Justice Center is a national, nonprofit organization that serves immigrant women, girls, and other survivors of gender-based violence seeking safety and justice. We amplify the voices of survivors in communities, courts, and Congress to create a world where everyone can enjoy equality and live in safety and with dignity.