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This manuscript is highly relevant and current topical issue with current administration policies impact families, separation of families and individual children in their migration process.

Timely citations in current administration reflecting concerns about health, mental health and well-being of children. Explanation of terms and grounding of terms in social work and present implementation of policy.

I think the article is even handed in its review of the plight of UMCs and how this issue is being blundered by the current admin. It is an critique piece, as the title suggests, and it does exactly that.

Would be a great article to publish as a review (high citation probability) and its timeliness, I think, is a huge asset. Excellent tables, data and time periods (12 years – ie multiple administrations, 2012 Obama, Trump, Biden)

Feels like a dissertation “background and scope” turned into a first journal article. Which, is excellent of course, and really has been reviewed and very well edited.

So, in light of this analysis I do think that this article is FRONT heavy, lots of background, analysis etc and very little done to transition the cut off of the B&S into an article. I think the sections: “Implications for Policy, Practice, and Advocacy” and “Conclusion”

Need to be revised and have citations added. These portions are out of sync with the rest of the paper in this sense.