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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Migrant Controversy]

GAYLE KING: Republicans send migrants to blue states to make a point. Democrats say these people being sent north are political pawns.

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN: Instead of working with us on solutions, Republicans are playing politics with human beings, using them as props.

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JIMMY KIMMEL [on ABC's *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, 09/15/22]: The governor of Florida is bragging today because he sent two planes full of immigrants to Martha's Vineyard.

STEPHEN COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 09/15/22]: Hey, Ron, if you're trying to discourage immigration, maybe don't send people to one of the loveliest parts of New England just in time for leaf peeping season.

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KING: Stephen Colbert, that is an excellent point and I know he's been to Martha's Vineyard —

NATE BURLESON: Right.

KING: — so he knows it's a really great place.

BURLESON: I mean, he's not lying.

TONY DOKOUPIL: It is a pretty island. That is sure.

KING: That's one way to look at it.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Martha's Vineyard Migrant Fight; Democrats Accuse GOP Governors of Playing Politics With Migrant Lives]

KING: We're going to begin, though, this morning with the growing fallout from what Democrats say is just a political stunt by Republicans using migrant lives, they say, as props. We're talking about the dozens of asylum seekers flown to Martha's Vineyard without notice, and in some cases, they didn't know where they were going. They were sent from Texas by Florida Governor DeSantis, who says he's just making a point about America's immigration policies. Elaine Quijano is on Martha's Vineyard with more on the story. Elaine, good morning to you.

ELAINE QUIJANO: Good morning to you, Gayle. I'm standing outside a church here in Edgartown where some 50 migrants, including several children, are receiving food and shelter. Now, the community here has rallied behind these migrants, and local officials are coordinating with the state to find them other housing as cities prepare for an ongoing political battle. In a whaling port-turned-popular vacation destination, St. Andrews Episcopal Church normally only needs to provide shelter for a few people at a time. But today, it's offering accommodations for about 50, a group of Venezuelan migrants including elderly and children as young as four. None of whom speak English, and some without relatives or resources in the U.S. Some documented their trip, taking pictures and videos with their cell phones. This mother was told she was heading to Washington. She says, "I want my son to be safe, go to school, and have the safety we didn't have in our home country." The migrants flew in from Texas on two planes chartered by Florida's Republican governor, Ron DeSantis.

GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS (R-FL): We are not a sanctuary state.

QUIJANO: Have you ever seen anything like this before?

IVAN ESPINOZA: This is an unprecedented crisis.

QUIJANO: Ivan Espinoza is part of a team of lawyers working to determine the next steps for the migrants who arrived in Martha's Vineyard. He says none of the migrants knew they would end up here, and some who were in need of medical care did not receive it before leaving Texas. Some migrants say they were handed a map of the island before arriving but were told little else or given conflicting information.

ESPINOZA: The misinformation, the misrepresentations are seen in every step of the way.

QUIJANO: On Thursday, buses carrying about 100 asylum seekers and migrants from Texas arrived unannounced outside Vice President Kamala Harris's residence at the U.S. Naval Observatory. So far, Texas and Arizona have sent at least 295 buses with approximately 13,000 migrants to D.C., New York, and Chicago, drawing strong criticism from Democratic leaders and the Biden administration.

BIDEN: Republicans are playing politics with human beings. What they're doing is simply wrong, un-American, reckless.

QUIJANO: In a statement yesterday, Governor Abbott said he would continue sending migrants to asylum cities until there is reform at the southern border. Several of the migrants we spoke with say they believe they were misled. And the district attorney here in the state of Massachusetts is now seeking guidance from the Justice Department on how to move forward. Nate?

BURLESON: I've heard that life is a chess game, but people should not be used as pawns politically or not. Elaine, thank you.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Migrant Relocation]

KING: Republicans continue to use migrants to score political points against Democrats as around 100 people are bussed to Vice President Harris's home.

DESANTIS: Every community in America should be sharing in the burdens. It shouldn't all fall on a handful of red states.