

Thème 1

For Magaly Licolli, the pandemic will (always) remain a dark period / Magaly Licolli will always remember the pandemic as a dark / gloomy / bleak period. A Mexican immigration living in Arkansas, she is the founder of Venceremos, an organization that provides help / aid to the numerous poultry workers in this rural southern state, where food giant Tyson Foods' headquarters are located. Since they did not have / they were not given any personal protective equipment / For want of PPE, "*some farmworkers got sick, died and many others injured themselves*" she recalls. "*It was only a matter of time before the firms found a way to replace these vulnerable individuals*"

The proponents of the bill / Advocates of the legislation claim that it will allow to / make it possible to expand / increase the available workforce and thus cope with the post-Covid labour shortage. For its opponents / critics, it paves the way for / opens the door to child labour in hazardous environments such as slaughterhouses or meatpacking factories.

Arkansas is not the only state that lifted / trimmed or simplified **its** restrictive laws on child labour. All in all, between 2021 and 2023 ~~as many as~~ "ten states at least" either adopted / passed or introduced bills aiming to do so. Most of them are Republican-controlled states / Republicans hold control of most of them / Most of them are red states.

Thème 2

LETTER THE NINTH - MADAME DE VOLANGES TO THE PRÉSIDENTE DE TOURVEL

I have never doubted, my fair and youthful friend, either of the kindness which you have for me, or of the sincere interest which you take in all that concerns me. It is not to elucidate that point, which I hope is settled between us, that I reply to your *reply*; but I cannot refrain from having a talk with you on the subject of the Vicomte de Valmont.

I did not expect, I confess, ever to come across that name in your letters. Indeed, what can there be in common between you and him? You do not know this man; where should you have obtained any idea of the soul of a libertine? You speak to me of his *rare candour*: yes, indeed, the candour of Valmont must be most rare. Even more false and dangerous than he is amiable and seductive, never since his extreme youth has he taken a step or uttered a word without having some end in view which was either dishonourable or criminal.