



TRUMP 2.0 IMMIGRATION POLICIES: WHAT WE ARE FACING & KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

(1) MASS RAIDS, EXPANDED DETENTION & INCREASED DEPORTATIONS

On January 20, 2025, President Trump announced a series of Executive Orders and an Emergency Declaration that expand the detention machine and our country's will and capacity to carry out mass deportations against immigrants.

Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) is now raiding and detaining immigrants across the country. "Raids" usually means ICE arresting multiple people at their homes, on the streets, in a public place, or at a workplace. Immigrant-owned businesses are particularly at risk, as are businesses that are known to employ immigrants. ICE is targeting immigrants who have final orders of removal or criminal convictions, but the raids are often carried out as collateral arrests meaning anyone in the vicinity who is presumed undocumented is then targeted and detained in the encounter.

This means an individual without any criminal history might become collateral damage in a raid. In fact, anyone who is "removable" under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)- the federal immigration laws- can fall victim to a raid. This includes:

Undocumented people - both (1) individuals who entered unlawfully over a border or on a boat and do not have lawful status & (2) individuals who entered lawfully on a visa and overstayed the time the border official allowed them to stay in the US or violated the terms of their visa in another way;

Documented non-citizens (including lawful permanent residents or "green card holders") who have committed certain crimes or certain types of fraud, and/or violated the terms of their status;

Note: Citizens CANNOT be deported, but we are seeing some citizens swept up in raids. If the government finds that someone obtained citizenship through fraud, they can try to take away their United States citizenship.

(2) IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT CAN & WILL ENTER "SENSITIVE LOCATIONS"

An Executive Order rescinds the Sensitive Locations Memo which discouraged ICE from entering places of worship, schools, hospitals, etc. Now, we are seeing ICE enter these locations or wait in their parking lots to pursue immigrants of interest to them. The Fourth Amendment protects a facility from a "warrantless search," and staff at these facilities can deny ICE entry unless they present a warrant with the signature of a judge that lists the precise location of the facility.



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(3) THE SOUTHERN BORDER IS CLOSED TO ALMOST EVERYONE

Multiple Executive Orders focus on actions to “close” the border and prevent the arrival of immigrants into the country. They end various parole programs that allowed people to enter the country and live and work temporarily, like parole programs for immigrants from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. The CBP One App is no longer functional, and all appointments have been cancelled. In addition, the Remain in Mexico program has been restarted which forces people seeking asylum to remain in Mexico while their asylum case is ongoing. The military is now sending 1,500 troops and military equipment to the border to enforce the border closure.

(4) A CHALLENGE TO BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP

An Executive Order instructed government agencies to stop issuing citizenship documents (like passports) to children born inside the United States on or after February 19, 2025, if the father was not a U.S. citizen or a lawful permanent resident and the mother is undocumented or has temporary status (such as a student or work visa). **However, on January 23, 2025, this directive was put on pause at least temporarily for 14 days by a federal court judge. The judge called the executive order “blatantly unconstitutional” because the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution guarantees that everyone born inside the United States is a U.S. citizen.**

(5) IMMIGRATION LEGAL RELIEF HAS DIMINISHED

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) will slowly disappear for all countries that are currently protected because the Trump administration will not renew TPS designations. People who have TPS will not lose their protection immediately, but will only keep it until the expiration date. [Find all expiration dates here.](#)

Although we hope we are wrong, we expect the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to end as well.

Lastly, the Trump administration has released a rule that expands expedited removal effective immediately. This means that the government can now use this fast-tracked process to deport undocumented immigrants who crossed the border between “ports of entry” [designated locations where one may lawfully enter a country] and cannot prove that they have been in the country for at least two years before the arrest. **Immigrants’ rights organizations have sued to stop the implementation of this expansion of expedited removal. We will follow this lawsuit closely.**