

White House Executive Order/ Presidential Memorandum Tracker

President Donald Trump has spent his first days using his executive authority to rewrite American policy and undo a string of decisions made by former president Barack Obama. Here's a running list of the new president's executive actions:

- 1) **Providing “relief” from the Affordable Care Act (Executive Order 13765)**
Trump's first executive order on Inauguration Day involved “minimizing the economic burden” of the Affordable Care Act. This order allows the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the heads of other departments and agencies to waive or delay the implementation of any ACA provisions that would impose a financial burden or any state or a regulatory burden on any individuals.
- 2) **Freezing all regulations (Presidential Memorandum)**
Trump froze all pending regulations until they are approved directly by his administration or by an agency led by Trump appointees. The action, given in a memorandum from White House chief of staff Reince Priebus, delays all regulations with the exception of health, safety, financial or national security matters allowed by the Office of Management and Budget director.
- 3) **Reinstating the “Mexico City” abortion policy (Presidential Memorandum)**
The president reinstated the so-called “Mexico City Policy”, which blocks the use of U.S. taxpayer dollars to fund foreign non-governmental organizations that perform or promote abortions. It was established by former president Ronald Reagan and has been rescinded by Democratic presidents and reinstated by Republican presidents ever since.
- 4) **Scrapping the Trans-Pacific Partnership (Presidential Memorandum)**
Trump's next executive action withdrew the United States from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which former President Barack Obama negotiated with 11 other Pacific nations. The deal was never ratified by the Senate, so it had not gone into effect. Instead, the Trump administration says it plans on negotiating bilateral deals with individual nations.
- 5) **Freezing the federal workforce (Presidential Memorandum)**
Trump issued a presidential memorandum Tuesday that prohibits government agencies from hiring any new employees, effective as of noon on January 22. The order does not apply to military personnel and the head of any executive department may exempt positions that include national security or public safety responsibilities.
- 6&7) **Advancing the Dakota Access and Keystone XL Pipelines (Presidential Memorandum)**
Trump's next actions encouraged the construction of two controversial pipelines, the Dakota Access Pipeline and Keystone XL Pipeline. The DAPL action instructs an expedited review and approval of the remaining construction and operation of the pipeline by the Army for Civil Works and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Keystone XL action invites TransCanada, the Canadian energy company behind the pipeline, to re-submit its

application for a presidential permit to construct the pipeline. It also instructs the Secretary of State to reach a final determination within 60 days.

8) Expediting Environmental Reviews on Infrastructure Projects (Executive Order 13766)

On Tuesday, Trump issued an executive order to streamline environmental reviews of high-priority infrastructure projects. The action states that infrastructure projects in the U.S. “have been routinely and excessively delayed by agency processes and procedures.” The action instructs the Chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality to create expedited procedures and deadlines for environmental reviews and approvals for high-priority infrastructure projects.

9) Promoting “Made-in-the-USA” pipelines (Presidential Memorandum)

This memorandum instructs the Secretary of Commerce to create a plan for pipelines created, repaired or expanded in the United States to use materials and equipment produced in the country “to the maximum extent possible.” It establishes that all steel and metal used in such pipelines be completely produced in the United States, from the initial melting stage to the application of coatings.

10) Reviewing domestic manufacturing regulation (Presidential Memorandum)

Trump issued an action that instructs the Secretary of Commerce to contact stakeholders to review the impact of Federal regulations on domestic manufacturing. After the review, the Secretary of Commerce is instructed to create a streamlined Federal permitting process for domestic manufacturers.

11) Increasing border security measures (Executive Order 13768)

Trump signed an executive order Wednesday that directed the secretary of homeland security to:

- Begin planning, designing and constructing a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, including identify available federal funds and working with Congress for additional funding
- Construct and operate detention facilities near the border to make adjudicate asylum claims, subject to the availability of existing funding
- Hire 5,000 additional Border Patrol agents, subject to the availability of existing funding,
- End “catch and release” policy
- Quantify all “sources of direct and indirect Federal aid or assistance to the Government of Mexico on an annual basis over the past five years
- Take action to empower state and local law enforcement to act as immigration officers

12) Pursuit of undocumented immigrants (Executive Order number Not Provided)

Trump signed an executive order Wednesday that directed the secretary of homeland security to:

- Prioritize certain undocumented immigrants for removal, including those with criminal convictions and those who have only been charged with a crime
- Hire 10,000 additional immigration officers at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, subject to the availability of existing funding,
- Prohibit federal funding, with the help of the attorney general, to “sanctuary” jurisdictions, where local officials have declined to help enforce federal immigration laws
- Reinstate the Secure Communities program, which was terminated in 2014 and enables state and local law enforcement to effectively act as immigration agents\
- Sanction countries, with the help of the secretary of state, that refuse to accept the return of undocumented immigrants deported from the U.S.
- Create a list, updated weekly, of crimes committed by undocumented immigrants in sanctuary jurisdictions
- Create an “Office for Victims of Crimes Committed by Removable Aliens” to “provide proactive, timely, adequate and professional services to victims of crimes committed by removable aliens and family members of such victims”

13) Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into The United States (Executive Order Number Not Provided)

entry from seven countries for 90 days. Those countries (Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen) are all majority Muslim, and the order allows an exception for religious minorities, which Trump said was to protect Christians there. The order was subject to immediate action in three federal courts in the 48 hours after its signing, in order to protect people who were caught in legal limbo when they arrived at U.S. airports.

14) Rebuilding the U.S. Armed Forces (Presidential Memorandum)

It requires the Pentagon and Office of Management and Budget to come up with a plan to bolster the military, and calls for an examination of the nation's nuclear arsenal and missile-defense capabilities.

15) Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Employees (Executive Order Number Not Provided)

The Executive order on administration ethics imposes a lifetime ban on administration officials lobbying foreign governments, and a five-year ban on other types of lobbying.

16) Organization of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council (Presidential Memorandum)

Every modern president signs an order early in his term reorganizing the National Security Council. Trump's order most notably added his chief political strategist, Stephen Bannon, to sit on the influential Principals Committee.

17) Plan to Defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (Presidential Memorandum)

This memorandum calls for the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with other national security officials, to develop a plan within 30 days to defeat the Islamic State. The plan should include "recommended changes to any United States rules of engagement" as well as any diplomatic, financial or cyber measures that the Trump administration can take.

18) Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs (Executive Order Number Not Provided)

Trump's so-called "one in, two out" executive order would require agencies to rescind two existing regulations for every one new regulation – and that the regulatory costs of those new regulations balance out. The order would also tighten the president's grip on the regulatory process by giving each agency an annual quota of regulations through the federal budgeting process.