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POLICY UPDATE: PRESIDENT TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS

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This tool tracks Executive Orders (EO), and actions issued by President Donald Trump that impact research, education, and academic medicine. Executive actions are organized by topic and this tool will be updated regularly.

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Government Operations

NEW:* *Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies

Issued February 6, 2025, this EO instructs the heads of executive departments and agencies to review all current funding provided to Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) and make future funding decisions based on NGO alignment to U.S. priorities and goals of the Trump Administration. Funding decisions should also align with applicable laws, regulations, and agency discretion. The purpose of this EO is to minimize contribution of tax dollars to NGOs that undermine the security, prosperity, and safety of the American people.

Ending the Weaponization of the Federal Government

Issued on January 20, this EO aims to ensure "accountability for the previous administration's weaponization of the Federal Government again the American people." It directs the AG to review actions from agencies in the prior Biden administration and report such actions and suggested action to be taken to the President. The EO also instructs the Director of National Intelligence to review activities conducted in the intelligence during the prior administration and submit such activities to the President with a suggestion for action to address such activity execution. It is important to note that the final paragraph of the EO states the order is not meant to enforce law against the U.S., federal departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents or any other person.

Return to In Person Work

Issued on January 20, this EO directs federal agencies and departments to end remote work agreements and bring the federal workforce back to the office full time.

Hiring Freeze

Issued on January 20, this EO freezes any new federal hires for at least 90 days. Of note, the EO instructs OMB and the newly named United States DOGE Service (USDS), to develop a plan to reduce the size of the federal workforce. This freeze is applicable to all non-military and law enforcement agencies and departments. Following the release of the report, the freeze will be lifted for all agencies except the IRS, that lift will be determined by the Treasury Secretary and OMB.

Restoring Accountability to Policy-Influencing Positions Within the Federal Workforce

Issued on January 20, this EO has been referred to as the "Schedule F" EO. The EO would impact civil service protections for a large swath of federal employees. It reinstates Executive Order 13957 of October 21, 2020 (Creating Schedule F in the Excepted Service). This action would designate career federal employees in policymaking positions as "Schedule F" positions. The impact of this change would exempt these positions from civil service merit-based protections.

- Guidance on Implementing President Trump's Executive Order titled, "Restoring Accountability to Policy-Influencing Positions Within the Federal Workforce"

Restoring Accountability for Career Senior Executives

Issued on January 20, this EO targets the Senior Executive Service (SES), the upper echelon of career civil servants. The EO calls for the development of performance plans which emphasizes loyalty to the Executive Agenda and makes it easier to move SES leaders around in the government, transferring them out of their current positions

Reforming the Federal Hiring Process

Issued on January 20, this EO is a mix of hiring reform (ex. hire people in less than 80 days and prioritize those who want to implement the Trump agenda) and some further reform of SES. The latter specifically calls out Agencies like NSF and OMB and calls for a plan to consider optimal allocation of SES in depts and agencies, which combined with the previous EO could lead to movement of agency leaders around the USG.

Restoring of Freedom of Speech and Ending Federal Censorship

Issued on January 20, this EO limits the ability of federal employees to address "misinformation/disinformation" and creates the ability for agencies to take corrective action against employees who are found to be guilty of "censorship of protected speech."

Regulatory Freeze Pending Review

Issued on January 20, this EO directs all federal departments and agencies to not issue any rules "until a department or agency head appointed or designated by the President after noon on January 20, 2025, reviews and approves the rule."

Establishing And Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency"

Issued on January 20, this EO "establishes the Department of Government Efficiency to implement the President's DOGE Agenda, by modernizing Federal technology and software to maximize governmental efficiency and productivity." Included in the EO is the renaming of the United States Digital Service to the United States DOGE Service (USDS). Among policy directives included in the EO is a requirement for each agency to establish a "DOGE Team of at least four employees, which may include Special Government Employees."

Civil Rights

NEW:* *Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports

Promulgated on February 5, this EO states "Therefore, it is the policy of the United States to rescind all funds from educational programs that deprive women and girls of fair athletic opportunities, which results in the endangerment, humiliation, and silencing of women and girls and deprives them of privacy." The EO utilizes the definitions put forth in Executive Order 14168 *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*. The Secretary of Education is directed to ensure the vacating of the Biden Administration's Title IX rule, "take all appropriate action to affirmatively protect all-female athletic opportunities and all-female locker rooms," and "prioritize Title IX enforcement actions against educational institutions (including athletic associations composed of or governed by such institutions) that deny female students an equal opportunity to participate in sports and athletic events." All federal agencies are directed to review grants to educational programs and rescind funding "where appropriate" when violations are found. The EO contains other related directives to State Attorneys General, Secretary of State, including through the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' Sports Diplomacy Division, and Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

NEW:* *Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias

Issued on February 6, the EO notes "The Biden Department of Education sought to repeal religious-liberty protections for faith-based organizations on college campuses." The EO establishes a "Task Force to Eradicate Anti-Christian Bias" within the Department of Justice (DOJ). Members of the task force include the Secretaries of Labor, HHS, and Education, among others. Among the actions the task force is directed to address include "review the activities of all executive departments and agencies (agencies), including the … the Department of Education… over the previous Administration and identify any unlawful anti-Christian policies, practices, or conduct by an agency contrary to the purpose and policy of this order."

Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity

Issued on January 21, this EO states that "influential institutions of American society, including… institutions of higher education have adopted and actively use dangerous, demeaning, and immoral race- and sex-based preferences under the guise of so-called "diversity, equity, and inclusion" (DEI) or "diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility" (DEIA) that can violate the civil-rights laws of this Nation." Policy changes included in the EO include a directive for federal agencies to terminate "all discriminatory and illegal preferences, mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, and requirements."

The EO revokes several EOs including:

- Executive Order 12898 of February 11, 1994 (Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations);
- Executive Order 13583 of August 18, 2011 (Establishing a Coordinated Government-wide Initiative to Promote Diversity and Inclusion in the Federal Workforce);
- Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 (Equal Employment Opportunity) ("For 90 days from the date of this order, Federal contractors may continue to comply with the regulatory scheme in effect on January 20, 2025.");
    - "US Department of Labor to cease and desist all investigative and enforcement activity under rescinded Executive Order 11246"

Within the Department of Labor, the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs is directed to cease "promoting 'diversity.'' Each agency is required to include "in every contract or grant award" a term requiring a "counterparty or recipient to certify that it does not operate any programs promoting DEI that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws."

OMB and the Attorney General will review all government-wide processes, directives, and guidance to remove references to DEI and DEIA principles, from Federal contracting, grants, and financial assistance procedures and eliminate all "diversity," "equity," "equitable decision-making," "equitable deployment of financial and technical assistance," "advancing equity," mandates, requirements, programs, or activities.

The EO also encourages the private sector to end "Illegal DEI Discrimination and Preferences." Additionally, each agency is directed to identify "up to nine potential civil compliance investigations of… large non-profit corporations or associations, foundations with assets of 500 million dollars or more, State and local bar and medical associations, and institutions of higher education with endowments over 1 billion dollars."

Within 120 days, the Attorney General and the Secretary of Education are directed to issue guidance "to all State and local educational agencies that receive Federal funds, as well as all institutions of higher education that receive Federal grants or participate in the Federal student loan assistance program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq., regarding the measures and practices required to comply with Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College, 600 U.S. 181 (2023)."

The EO concludes with an allusion to free speech protections noting, "This order does not prohibit persons teaching at a Federally funded institution of higher education as part of a larger course of academic instruction from advocating for, endorsing, or promoting the unlawful employment or contracting practices prohibited by this order."

Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing

Issued on January 20, this EO directs the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Attorney General, and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to "coordinate the termination of all discriminatory programs, including illegal DEI and "diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility" (DEIA) mandates, policies, programs, preferences, and activities in the Federal Government." The EO directs these entities to review all Federal employment practices, union

contracts, and training policies or programs to comply with this order. All federal are directed to "terminate, to the maximum extent allowed by law, all DEI, DEIA, and 'environmental justice' offices and positions, 'equity action plans,' 'equity' actions, initiatives, or programs, 'equity-related' grants or contracts; and all DEI or DEIA performance requirements for employees, contractors, or grantees."

Agencies are directed to provide OMB with actions that have occurred since November 4, 2024, that have "misleadingly relabeled in an attempt to preserve their pre-November 4, 2024 function." Additionally, agencies are directed to provide a list of federal contractors who have provided DEI training and grantees who have received Federal funding "to provide or advance DEI, DEIA, or "environmental justice" programs, services, or activities since January 20, 2021." The EO notes that the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy shall convene a monthly meeting to "hear reports on the prevalence and the economic and social costs of DEI, DEIA, and "environmental justice" in agency or department programs."

Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to The Federal Government

Issued on January 20, this EO states, "It is the policy of the United States to recognize two sexes, male and female." The action notes that 'sex' does not include the concept of 'gender identity.' The EO directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop guidance expanding the sex-based definitions outlined in the order. The EO notes "Agencies shall take all necessary steps, as permitted by law, to end the Federal funding of gender ideology." The EO rescinds related guidance previously issued by agencies, including Title IX guidance issued by the Department of Education. The EO will likely also impact employment and labor policies, including by revoking the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on Harassment in the Workplace" guidance.

Additional Measures to Combat Anti-Semitism

Issued on January 29, this EO reiterates the Administration's efforts to fight antisemitism in the United States and notes, "It shall be the policy of the United States to combat anti-Semitism vigorously, using all available and appropriate legal tools, to prosecute, remove, or otherwise hold to account the perpetrators of unlawful anti-Semitic harassment and violence." The EO notes that all federal agencies are required to submit a report within 60 days that identifies "all civil and criminal authorities or actions within the jurisdiction of that agency" that might be used to combat anti-Semitism, in addition to providing an inventory of pending civil rights complaints related to antisemitism involving institutions of higher education related to or arising from post-October 7, 2023, campus anti-Semitism. The EO also calls on the Secretary of Education to include all analyses of Title VI complaints and administrative actions from K-12 through postsecondary education institutions, including those that have been resolved. Additionally, the EO states that the Secretaries of State, Education, and Homeland Security, through coordinated efforts, share recommendations for institutions of higher education to report students and faculty that are utilizing immigrant and nonimmigrant visas and ensure appropriate investigations and actions are taken, "with the grounds for inadmissibility under 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)". After reports are finalized, this EO could potentially allow for the Administration's attempt to rescind visas from international students and staff that have participated in protests on university grounds.

Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling

Issued on January 29, this EO notes "My Administration will enforce the law to ensure that recipients of Federal funds providing K-12 education comply with all applicable laws prohibiting discrimination in various contexts and protecting parental rights, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.; Title IX, 20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.; FERPA, 20 U.S.C. 1232g; and the PPRA, 20 U.S.C. 1232h." The EO defines "discriminatory equity ideology," "Patriotic education," and "social transition."

Within 90 days, the Departments of Education, Defense, Health and Human Services and the Justice are directed to develop a "Ending Indoctrination Strategy" to advise in the formulation of future policy. These recommendations will include proposals for "eliminating Federal funding or support for illegal and discriminatory treatment and indoctrination in K-12 schools, including based on gender ideology and discriminatory equity ideology," and protecting parental rights. The Strategy will include an analysis of related federal grants and a process for federal agencies to prevent and rescind federal funds related to gender ideology or discriminatory equity ideology and interference with a "parent's Federal statutory right to information."

Additionally, the EO reestablishes the "President's Advisory 1776 Commission and Promoting Patriotic Education." The order directs relevant agencies ensure compliance with the federal requirement that educational entities that receive federal funds "hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of such year." The EO also encourages the use of several federal programs to support the promotion of patriotic education, including ED's American History and Civics Academies and American History and Civics Education-National Activities programs; DOD's National Defense Education Program and Pilot Program on Enhanced Civics Education; and DOS Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and Fulbright, U.S. Speaker, and International Visitor Leadership programs.

Energy, Environment, and Agriculture

A significant focus of the new Trump Administration's first-day executive orders involved deregulation and permitting reform. Some of the primary EOs to this end include:

Unleashing American Energy

Issued on January 20, this EO has several parts:

- **Regulatory review and recalls** - calls on the heads of all federal agencies to review regulations and policies hindering domestic energy production with particular focus on oil, natural gas, coal, hydropower, biofuels, critical minerals, and nuclear energy, followed in 30 days by plans to rescind or revise those burdens.
- **Permitting Reform** – Agencies such as DOD, Interior, USDA, Commerce, Energy, HUD, EPA, and others are to reduce permitting delays using emergency powers. The Order also notes that only legislated environmental requirements may be considered, a nod to recent changes following the decision to overturn the Chevron Deference.
- **Revoking existing climate and environment EOs including**:

- Executive Order 14008 January 27, 2021 (Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad)
- Executive Order 13990 January 20, 2021 (Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis)
- Executive Order 14082 of September 12, 2022 (Implementation of the Energy and Infrastructure Provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022)
- Executive Order 14096 of April 21, 2023 (Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All)
- Among several others

- **Pauses all *Inflation Reduction Act* and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law related disbursements** until, within 90 days a report is submitted by all agency heads making recommendations of the use of funds pursuant to the goals of the EO and those recommendations are approved by the Director of OMB and the Economic Policy Assistant to the President
- **Increasing mining** by reducing permitting and regulatory burdens from Interior, USDA, EPA, and the Council on Environmental Quality. Department of Interior will accelerate geologic mapping to find new deposits, consider updating the list of critical minerals to include uranium, and assess previous public land withdrawals. USTR, Homeland, Commerce, and DOD will assess internation trade relations as it relates to fairness for American industry and national security threats from imports and shortages.
- **Eliminates the Electric Vehicle Mandate** while also calling out the stopping of new charging stations via IRA funds.

OMB Memorandum to the Heads of Departments and Agencies

Issued on January 21, this Memorandum provides guidance regarding Section 7 of Unleashing American Energy, and notes that the pause in disbursement of funds appropriated under IRA or IIJA only applies to funds supporting programs that may be implicated by the policy established in section 2 related to policy. The memo further notes that funds supporting the "green new deal" are "any appropriations for objectives that contravene policies established in section 2 of Unleashing American Energy." Funds may be disbursed after consulting with OMB.

Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential

Issued on January 20, this EO focuses on expediting permitting and leasing on federal and State lands. Rescinds rules that would slow or prevent oil drilling and liquid natural gas production including in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Reduces barriers and regulations to hunting and fishing in Alaska.

Declaring a National Energy Emergency

Issued on January 20, this EO directs all agency heads to find opportunities to expedite and increase domestic energy production including using federal lands. Federal agencies can use all available authorities to expedite permitting and processing of necessary energy infrastructure or natural resource uses.

- This mandate can include issuing emergency permits under the Clean Water Act and/or exemptions to the endangered species act.
- Directive to the DOD to evaluate energy security both domestically and internationally including potential transport, storage, and supply chain issues.

Temporary Withdrawal of All Areas on the Outer Continental Shelf from Offshore Wind Leasing and Review of the Federal Government's Leasing and Permitting Practices for Wind Projects

Issued on January 20, this EO pauses all "consideration of any area in the OCS for any new or renewed wind energy leasing." This includes pending leases for offshore wind projects, requires review of existing wind leases and permits.

Putting America First in International Environmental Agreements

Issued on January 20, this EO withdraws the U.S. from the Paris Climate Accord and "any [U.N.] agreement, pact, accord, or similar commitment made under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change." The EO also revokes the U.S. International Climate Finance Plan.

Health

Reinstating Service Members Discharged Under the Military's COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate

Issued on January 29, this EO reinstates members of the military who were originally discharged for not complying with the 2021 mandate that all service members receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Members who return will be reinstated and return to their former rank and receive complete back pay, benefits, bonuses, and compensation. Lastly, those members who wrote and sworn attestation to voluntarily leaving the services or lapsed their service will be able to return to service with no impact on their status, rank, or pay.

Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation

Issued on January 28, this EO prevents federal funds from being used to sponsor, promote, assist, or support the transition of a child, defined as ages under 19, from one sex to another. It also enforces laws that prevent or limit gender affirming care. The EO instructs:

- Agencies that rely on World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) guidance
- HHS Secretary to publish a review of existing literature on best practices for gender affirming care for children
- HHS Secretary to increase quality of data guiding gender affirming care
- Executive agency heads that provide grants to medical institutions ensure institutions receiving grants no longer provide gender affirming care
- Secretary of Defense to no longer provide gender affirming care to children as part of TRICARE

Enforcing the Hyde Amendment

Issued on January 24, this EO was issued to enforce the Hyde Amendment, which has been a consistent policy rider in yearly appropriations bill. The Hyde Amendment prevents federal funds from being used to conduct or promote elective abortions. This EO revokes EO 14076 of July 8, 2022 and EO 14079 of August 3, 2022. Both of those EOs were issued by the Biden Administration following the overturning of Roe v Wade to protect and secure access to reproductive health services that may have been jeopardized by state-by-state restrictions on abortion.

Withdrawing the United States from the World Health Organization

Issued on January 20, this EO pauses the future transfer of US government funds to support the World Health Organization (WHO), remove US government personnel from WHO, identify new US and international partners to assume activities previously undertaken by WHO, and cease negotiations on the WHO Pandemic Agreement. The EO revokes EO 13987 of January 25, 2021 (Organizing and Mobilizing the United States Government to Provide a Unified and Effective Response to Combat COVID–19 and to Provide United States Leadership on Global Health and Security).

- President Trump revoked multiple Biden Administration EOs focused on bolstering and expanding access to Medicaid and complementing the prescription drug provisions of the *Inflation Reduction Act* (IRA) through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), including:
    - EO 14009: Strengthening Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act
    - EO 14070: Continuing to Strengthen Americans' Access to Affordable, Quality Health Coverage
    - EO 14087: Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for Americans

Immigration/International

Securing Our Borders

Issued on January 20, this EO directs that "the Federal Government must act with urgency and strength to end the threats posed by an unsecured border." The EO outlines several policy provisions related to a physical wall, removal, and pursuing criminal charges among other proposals. Some provisions, including ones focused on operations of border control, could adversely affect international students if implemented more broadly. The EO notes that the Administration will resume the Migrant Protection Protocols and make efforts to terminate categorical parole programs, including the Temporary Protected Status for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans.

Protecting The Meaning and Value of American Citizenship

Issued on January 20, this EO states that the "Fourteenth Amendment has never been interpreted to extend citizenship universally to everyone born within the United States." This EO outlines the policy provisions, to take effect after February 19, 2025, that would effectively end birthright citizenship that is outlined in 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. This would deny citizenship to a child that was born when the mother's presence in the United States is unlawful, and the

person's father was not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident at the time of birth. Citizenship would also be denied if the person's mother's presence in the United States was lawful but temporary, and the person's father was not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident at the time of said person's birth. This includes individuals with F-1 or other student status, H-1B, O-1, and any other temporary employment-based nonimmigrant status. Note this EO has been temporarily blocked.

Protecting The United States from Foreign Terrorists and Other National Security and Public Safety Threats

Issued on January 20, this EO consistent with authorities under the Immigration and Nationality Act. The EO notes "the United States must be vigilant during the visa-issuance process to ensure that those aliens approved for admission into the United States do not intend to harm Americans or our national interests." The executive action calls for those seeking admission to the US to be "vetted and screened to the maximum degree possible." The EO calls for the coordination between the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security, as well as the Director of National Intelligence and Attorney General in creating recommendations for "a partial or full suspension on the admission of nationals from countries" designated as having insufficient vetting and screening procedures. The EO also calls for the federal government to "Evaluate all visa programs to ensure that they are not used by foreign nation-states or other hostile actors to harm the security, economic, political, cultural, or other national interests of the United States."

Protecting The American People Against Invasion

Issued on January 20, this EO directs relevant federal agencies to carryout "the successful enforcement of final orders of removal." DHS and the Attorney General are directed to "take all appropriate action to jointly establish Homeland Security Task Forces (HSTFs) in all States nationwide." Among other directives, the EO charges DHS and DOJ to "evaluate and undertake any lawful actions to ensure that so-called "sanctuary" jurisdictions, which seek to interfere with the lawful exercise of Federal law enforcement operations, do not receive access to Federal funds."

Guaranteeing the States Protection Against Invasion

Issued on January 20, this EO states "the current situation at the southern border qualifies as an invasion under Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States." The EO facilitates the expedited removal of individuals "engaged in the invasion across the southern border of the United States on or after the date of this order."

- DHS "Notice of Finding of Mass Influx of Aliens"

Re-Evaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid

Issued on January 20, this EO directs a 90-day pause on all U.S. foreign development assistance and outlines that all existing and forthcoming obligations/disbursements are subject to a review process, jointly overseen by OMB and relevant agency and Department heads.

America First Policy Directive to the Secretary of State

Issued on January 20, this EO issues guidance that aligns the Department of State's policies, programs, personnel, and operations in line with an "America First" foreign policy. It directs that the US must, "champion core American interests and always put America and American citizens first."

Realigning the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program

Issued on January 20, this EO suspends the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) and any decisions on applications for refugee status effective on January 27, 2025. The Secretary of State and Secretary of Homeland Security may determine to admit refugees on a case-by-case basis.

Science and Technology

Removing Barriers to American Leadership in Artificial Intelligence

Issued on January 23, this EO on Artificial Intelligence (AI) is focused on "America's dominance in AI" and directs the creation of a new AI Action Plan led by the Assistant to the President for Science & Technology, the White House AI & Crypto Czar, and the National Security Advisor. The new EO revokes the previous Biden Administration EO on "Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence" from October 2023, which "hinders AI innovation" and "would stifle private sector innovation." The Trump EO "Calls for departments and agencies to revise or rescind all policies, directives, regulations, orders, and other actions taken under the Biden AI order that are inconsistent with enhancing America's leadership in AI." The new AI EO builds on the first Trump Administration's role in AI that enabled "doubling AI research investment, established the first-ever national AI research institutes, strengthened American leadership in AI technical standards, and issued the world's first AI regulatory guidance to govern AI development in the private sector." Note that there is no mention of the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource (NAIRR) in the EO, but the PCAST EO below does refer to the NAIRR as a "groundbreaking research and collaboration."

A factsheet on the EO is available here.

Establishment of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

Issued on January 23, as previous Presidential Administrations have done, President Trump has issued this EO to establish the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST). PCAST will be co-chaired by the Assistant to the President for Science and Technology (Michael Kratsios) and the White House A.I. and Crypto Czar (David Sacks) and will include up to 24 members that will be "distinguished individuals and representatives from sectors outside of the Federal Government appointed by the President." The EO states that PCAST will "provide advice and evidence-based recommendations to the President." PCAST will also champion new investments in innovation and remove bureaucratic barriers to ensure the U.S. remains the global leader in science and technology. The EO refers to Biden Administration DEI efforts and states that "PCAST will restore excellence by bringing together the brightest minds from academia, industry, and government to prioritize measurable results, foster innovation, and dismantle barriers to scientific progress." Finally, the EO highlights a focus to build on innovation initiatives from the first Trump Administration such as the national initiatives on AI and Quantum; frameworks for "areas such as autonomous driving systems, unmanned aerial systems, and biotechnology, ensuring a balanced

approach to innovation and safety;" accelerating projects including the NAIRR, spectrum auctions to advance 5G, and supercomputing systems.

A factsheet on the EO is available here.

Strengthening American Leadership in Digital Financial Technology

Issued on January 23, this EO notes, "the policy of my Administration to support the responsible growth and use of digital assets, blockchain technology, and related technologies across all sectors of the economy." Policy directives in the EO include defining "digital asset," "blockchain," and "Central Bank Digital Currency." The EO establishes within the National Economic Council the President's Working Group on Digital Asset Markets to be chaired by the Special Advisor for AI and Crypto (Chair). Within 30 days of the order, Department of the Treasury, DOJ, the SEC, and other relevant agencies are directed to identify "all regulations, guidance documents, orders, or other items that affect the digital asset sector." Among other directives, the Working Group may "hold public hearings and receive individual expertise from leaders in digital assets and digital markets." A factsheet on the EO is available here.

Defense

Restoring America's Fighting Force

Issued on January 27, this EO aims to eliminate race and sex-based discrimination within Armed Forces of the United States. The EO aims to implement policy where the Armed Forces operates free from preference based on race or sex. It directs the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Homeland Security abolish DEI offices and programs across DOD and DHS.

Education

Expanding Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families

Issued on January 29, this EO directs the Secretary of Education to expand school choice and education freedom and provide guidance to States on how to use Federal formula funds and discretionary grant programs to support K-12 educational choice initiatives. This will efforts from ED, DOL, HHS, including Child Care and Development Block Grants, DOD funds used for military families, and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools.

Withdrawn Executive Orders

Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions

Issued on January 20, this EO revokes President Biden's EOs which it describes as "deeply unpopular" and "radical" practices.

- Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government

- Ensuring a Lawful and Accurate Enumeration and Apportionment Pursuant to the Decennial Census
- Organizing and Mobilizing the United States Government To Provide a Unified and Effective Response To Combat COVID-19 and To Provide United States Leadership on Global Health and Security
- Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation
- Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Personnel
- Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science To Tackle the Climate Crisis).
- Revocation of Certain Executive Orders Concerning Federal Regulation
- Revision of Civil Immigration Enforcement Policies and Priorities
- Ensuring an Equitable Pandemic Response and Recovery
- Establishing the COVID-19 Pandemic Testing Board and Ensuring a Sustainable Public Health Workforce for COVID-19 and Other Biological Threats
- Improving and Expanding Access to Care and Treatments for COVID-19
- Protecting Worker Health and Safety
- Supporting the Reopening and Continuing Operation of Schools and Early Childhood Education Providers
- Economic Relief Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Protecting the Federal Workforce
- Enabling All Qualified Americans To Serve Their Country in Uniform
- Reforming Our Incarceration System To Eliminate the Use of Privately Operated Criminal Detention Facilities
- President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology
- Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
- Strengthening Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act
- Creating a Comprehensive Regional Framework To Address the Causes of Migration, To Manage Migration Throughout North and Central America, and To Provide Safe and Orderly Processing of Asylum Seekers at the United States Border
- Establishment of Interagency Task Force on the Reunification of Families
- Restoring Faith in Our Legal Immigration Systems and Strengthening Integration and Inclusion Efforts for New Americans
- Rebuilding and Enhancing Programs To Resettle Refugees and Planning for the Impact of Climate Change on Migration
- Establishment of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships
- Revocation of Certain Presidential Actions
- Promoting Access to Voting
- Establishment of the White House Gender Policy Council
- Guaranteeing an Educational Environment Free From Discrimination on the Basis of Sex, Including Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity
- Termination of Emergency With Respect to the International Criminal Court
- Establishment of the Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States
- Establishment of the Climate Change Support Office

- Revocation of Certain Presidential Actions and Technical Amendment
- Climate-Related Financial Risk
- Advancing Equity, Justice, and Opportunity for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Federal Workforce
- Strengthening American Leadership in Clean Cars and Trucks
- Amending Executive Order 14007
- White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Hispanics
- White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Native Americans and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities
- White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans
- Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers Under Service Contracts
- Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability
- Establishing the United States Council on Transnational Organized Crime
- Advancing Economy, Efficiency, and Effectiveness in Federal Contracting by Promoting Pay Equity and Transparency
- Continuing To Strengthen Americans' Access to Affordable, Quality Health Coverage
- Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices To Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety
- Advancing Equality for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Individuals
- Implementation of the Energy and Infrastructure Provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022
- Promoting the Arts, the Humanities, and Museum and Library Services
- Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for Americans
- Establishing the President's Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement in the United States
- Further Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government
- Withdrawal of Certain Areas off the United States Arctic Coast of the Outer Continental Shelf from Oil or Gas Leasing
- Modernizing Regulatory Review
- Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All
- Moving Beyond COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Federal Workers
- Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence
- Imposing Certain Sanctions on Persons Undermining Peace, Security, and Stability in the West Bank
- White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity Through Hispanic-Serving Institutions
- Providing an Order of Succession Within the Department of Agriculture
- Providing an Order of Succession Within the Department of Homeland Security

- Providing an Order of Succession Within the Department of Justice
- Providing an Order of Succession Within the Department of the Treasury
- Providing an Order of Succession Within the Office of Management and Budge
- Providing an Order of Succession Within the Office of the National Cyber Director
- Designation of Officials of the Council on Environmental Quality to Act as Chairman
- Designation of Officials of the Office of Personnel Management to Act as Director
- Designation of Officials of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to Act as Director
- Designation of Officials of the United States Agency for Global Media to Act as Chief Executive Officer
- Designation of Officials of the United States Agency for International Development to Act as Administrator
- Designation of Officials of the United States International Development Finance Corporation to Act as Chief Executive Officer
- Withdrawal of Certain Areas of the United States Outer Continental Shelf from Oil or Natural Gas Leasing
- Certification of Rescission of Cuba's Designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism
- Revocation of National Security Presidential Memorandum 5
- Providing for the Appointment of Alumni of AmeriCorps to the Competitive Service