

## Critiquing the Trump Card Request for Information

In one of his more controversial moves, Trump announced a new golden visa for foreign investors that is being colloquialized as the 'Trump Card' (Moodie, 2025). Since then, a waitlist has been opened up at [trumpcard.gov](https://trumpcard.gov). As an American, the politics of the situation are quite interesting to me, but beyond that I was surprised how a waitlist request for information with so few questions could be fraught with so many glaring issues.

One of the obvious choices to analyze would be the order of options in the drop-downs. The regions field is roughly split into continents which visiting the page in different sessions can quickly verify is not presented in a random order. It's well known how the order of options can influence respondents (Terentev and Maloshonok, 2019), but, I think another point of fascination may be how the form indicates bias of the author. The president's racism is unfortunately rather well known and based off several comments made over his decades in the public eye, the responses seem to be in order of his preference (Jardina and Piston, 2023).

This can be said for the other drop downs on the questionnaire as well - they indicate an obvious preference for wealthy individuals seeking visas just for themselves. There is a growing plutocracy in America and with systematic displacement the poor already in the country, the request for information seems to indicate a desire to further grow the class of ultrarich individuals that support and fund MAGA (Nagel, 2025; Wallace, 2013).

In short, it's interesting that while questionnaires can often be poorly designed in a way where they intentionally or unintentionally influence respondents, it's also

interesting to see the rare questionnaire that seems to indicate the malicious intent of the asker.

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