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Introduction

The point of this document is to keep a tally on the actions taken by the Trump Administration and the attacks on civil rights and the Constitution since taking the Oath of Office. Keep in mind that Donald Trump promised [282 different things that he would do in office](#), many of which are illegal or unconstitutional. (The [Washington Post](#) is actually tracking all of these promises). The hope is that this can be a database from which to draw information to use in calling and contacting your local Congressional Representatives in order to keep them aware of the numerous impacts this administration has on their constituents.

I highly recommend checking out the [Indivisible Guide](#), a document that was written by ex-congressional staffers that witnessed the rise of the Tea Party and has re-worked their approaches to help in the time of Trump, including how to talk to your Representatives and Senators. Also look into [Countable](#) and download their app on any smartphone.

List of events/actions since Inauguration

(This is in chronological order to start with, and you can use the Outline on the left of your screen to jump to a given day. There is also a spreadsheet that will be slowly evolving to look at events and promises pre-election, pre-inauguration, and post-inauguration, as well as violations listed categorically, Congressional bills, etc.)

Day 1 (January 20, 2017, 12:01 pm)

- **Inaugural Address** - Trump Takes the Oath of Office at 12:01pm, proceeds to give a divisive, authoritarian, and nationalist inauguration speech. (See the speech [here](#) and read the transcript [here](#). See the world reaction on [ABCNews](#), and [Washington Post](#))

- **Violation of Old Post Office Lease** - As of the moment he took office, Trump was immediately in violation of his lease of the Old Post Office building in D.C. where he now has his Trump International Hotel. The lease specifically prohibits a Federal employee from being on the lease or profiting from the lease. (Read more about this on [Huffington Post](#) and [The Hill](#))

- **WhiteHouse.gov is Wiped** - In a matter of minutes following the Oath of Office, the White house website was essentially wiped. As it is a new administration, that is expected. However, every mention of civil rights and liberties, LGBT rights and protections, education, and climate change, had all been removed with not even a mention of the new administration's policies towards those issues. (Read more on [USAToday](#)) Additionally, the [“En Español” option had been removed](#).

- **“Standing up for our Law Enforcement Community” aka Law and Order** - Amongst the limited issues that replaced those of the previous administration included one of the toughest policies regarding law and order that we have seen in recent times, that seemed to clearly target several groups that have been publicly protesting recently. (Read the actual language from the [White House](#) and an analysis [here](#))

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- **All US Ambassadors forced to vacate positions** - Prior to the Inauguration, Trump had told all US Ambassadors to vacate their positions on January 20, 2017. Few replacements had been named, and none confirmed. This went into effect at 12:01 pm on inauguration day. (Read more at the [Independent](#))

- **Executive Orders** - 2 hours after taking office, Trump begins signing Executive Orders, including:

- 1. **“Minimizing the Economic Burden of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Pending Repeal”** - Read full text [here](#).

- This appears to gut many of the aspects that keep the law functioning, including the “individual mandate” of everyone having to participate. It also will allow any individual, state, organization, etc. to abstain from having to participate, if participating would have a monetary impact to them.
- Reports about the repeal of the ACA include the fact that billions of dollars a year that are coming in from the top 400 families for the ACA in this country will no longer happen (read about the effect on the rich [here](#)). (Read more about Trump’s Executive Order [here](#) and on [Huffington Post](#) and what the [Washington Post](#) describes as a “bomb” into the fragile health insurance markets) **Update 1/26/17:** Please take a look at this amazing analysis of the repeal effort and how the [repeal without an immediate replacement will impact nearly everyone in our country](#). (Written by a healthcare attorney with a lot of experience with the ACA.)

- 2. **Freeze on all Regulations** - Read full text [here](#).

- This is common, but it specifically [stalls several regulations geared towards better energy efficiency](#) on an array of products.

- **Trump declares National Day of Patriotic Devotion**. Trump declares his inauguration day, January 20, 2017, as National Day of Patriotic Devotion. Read the full text and more about what that may mean on [The Atlantic](#))

- **Trump cuts off FHA mortgage insurance premium** that was due to go into effect and would have helped first-time home buyers to purchase and afford their homes. (Read more on the [Washington Post](#) and [Bloomberg](#)).

- **Halting court proceeding for Texas racially-motivated Voter ID Law** - Besides signing several Executive Orders within the first few hours of taking the Oath, one of the first real actions the Trump administration took was to postpone the finalization of a court decision that was confirming the decisions by multiple levels of courts and appellate courts regarding the illegality and blatant racism of a Texas voter ID law. We will see how this turns out, but likely will end in the DOJ changing their mind on pursuing this lawsuit against Texas. (Find out more from [MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow](#) and read more about it [here](#)) (**UPDATE 1/23/17:** it appears the U.S. Supreme Court has rejected Texas’ appeal of the Voter ID law. Read more on [Reuters](#))

- **Appointment of Ajit Pai as FCC Commissioner** - Ajit Pai, an outspoken critic of Net Neutrality was tapped shortly after inauguration to be the new FCC Commissioner, a position that does not require Senate confirmation. As the current FCC position is in favor of Net Neutrality, there is likely to be a change in that official stance. (Read more on [Politico](#) and [Daily Kos](#))

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- **Appointment of John M. Gore to DOJ** - In addition to naming arguably the most anti-civil rights Attorney General in modern times, the person they have reportedly chosen to lead the Civil Rights division of the DOJ is John M. Gore, the same lawyer who has been fighting in favor of the anti-trans bathroom bills in North Carolina and against voting rights in other states. (Read more on [Slate](#) about the likely appointment and on [NY Magazine](#))

- **Trump's DOJ allows Jared Kushner to work in Trump Administration** - January 20, 2017 - The Justice Department concluded that Jared Kushner serving as Special Advisor to the President in his father-in-law's administration would not be a violation of federal anti-nepotism laws, as "the anti-nepotism law covers only appointments in an "executive" agency and that the White House Office is not an executive agency within the law." (Read more from [CNN](#) and [ABCNews](#))

- **National Parks Service told to stop Tweeting** - After re-Tweeting an image comparison of the 2017 Trump Inauguration crowd size to the 2009 Obama Inauguration crowd size, National Parks Service employees were informed that all Twitter activity was to cease immediately. Re-activation of the account only came after apologizing to "mistakenly" re-tweeting the "anti-trump" pictures. (Read more at [CNN](#) and [U.S.Uncut](#) and see picture comparisons of crowd sizes [here](#) and [here](#))

End of Day 1.

Day 2 (January 21, 2017)

- **Trump's Speech at the CIA** - On January 21, 2017, Trump holds a speech at the CIA in front of the Memorial Wall, spends 9 of 15 minutes not talking about the intelligence community. He blatantly lies about the size of the crowd at his inauguration, saying there were 1.5 million people. He has nothing to back this up, and every piece of photographic evidence proves this is far from the truth. (See the speech [here](#))

-During the same speech he claims that he loves the Intelligence community and that it was the media that falsely created the idea that he disliked them (Read more about the feud [here](#), and his lies about it [here](#)). He then claims that he is in a "war with the media", who are "the most dishonest people in the world." (Read more about the [CIA's unhappiness about the speech](#) and Kurt Eichenwald's spot-on [twitter rant](#))

- **Ongoing story**: Trump offhandedly remarked during this speech about how, when our country left Iraq, we had made a mistake by not taking the oil. He claimed, "well, we may have another chance." Sean Spicer at the 1/23/17 press conference would not "rule out" taking a country's oil. This is while we currently have troops in the Middle East, and specifically Iraq, working with local soldiers in many countries to fight against ISIL. This is [not the first time Trump has remarked](#) about how we should have stayed to take the oil. (See the video and analysis of this part of the CIA speech on [NY Magazine](#). (**Update 1/23/17 Rachel Maddow connect the dots of this story**) (**Update 1/25/17: Rachel Maddow dives deeper into this story**, including the risks that our troops abroad are already facing due to this new policy by Trump).

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- Clapping and laughing was heard several times following the President making campaign-type comments. It has now been confirmed that these were not members of the CIA but were individuals that Trump brought along with him. "Pool reports later clarified that the attendants who were cheering and clapping when Mr Trump spoke were not CIA staffers but people who accompanied Mr Trump to the briefing." (Read more at [The Independent](#))

- **Sean Spicer's Press Conference** - Later on January 21, 2017, Sean Spicer, Trump's Press Secretary, is sent out to ridicule the media again, [7 factually incorrect statements](#). He claimed that the media was dishonest and would be "held accountable." This is an attack on the Free Press. (Read more on [CNBC](#) and [CNN](#) which has the unedited video of the Spicer press conference)

- **Individuals on Way to Women's March Stopped and Rejected at Canadian Border** - On January 20th and 21st, 2017 (one day after inauguration) several Canadian, British, and French nationals are stopped and turned away at various checkpoints along the US/Canada border when they expressed to border patrol agents they were entering the country to attend the Women's March. Reports indicate agents asked "Are you pro- or anti-Trump" and searched cars, cell phones, etc. Folks were then photographed, fingerprinted, and told they would need visas if they tried to enter the United States again. By statute Canadians are exempt from needing visas to enter the United States for visiting/vacation as opposed to studying at a University here. Guardian report [here](#). To occur at multiple checkpoints simultaneously implies orders from within the Department of Homeland Security, not rogue border patrol agents.

End of Day 2.

Day 3 (January 22, 2017)

- **Kellyanne Conway on Meet the Press, "Alternative Facts"** - January 22, 2017, Kellyanne Conway goes on multiple news stations to once again, ridicule the media for falsely reporting multiple things (that they didn't falsely report), called Sean Spicer's lies "alternative facts" (see video [here](#)), and claiming that if this kept up, "our relationship with the media will have to be re-evaluated." And also confirmed that we will never be seeing Trump's tax returns, because "nobody cares." Actually, 74% of this country care according to recent [polls](#). (See the whole [Kellyanne Conway interview on Meet The Press](#) and check out Dan Rather's [response](#) to "Alternative facts")

- **Downplaying of the Importance and Meaning of Women's March** - on January 22, 2017, Trump takes to Twitter to weigh in on the Women's March (which drew between 4-6 million people country-wide), that took place the day before, and claims "Watched protests yesterday but was under the impression that we just had an election! Why didn't these people vote?" Kellyanne discredits the Women's March, claiming she "doesn't see the point". See the video [here](#). Additionally, the son of Trump's National Security Advisor, Michael Flynn Jr., took to Twitter to also discredit the March, claiming "what more do women want?" (Read more at [The Hill](#))

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- **Trump's new Budget** - Trump's new Budget will follow the extreme spending cuts of the Heritage Foundation (read more about that at [The Hill](#)), and apparently will "phase out the Federal Transit Administration (read more [here](#)). (UPDATE 1/24/17: Check out this Time article about the [17 Federal Agencies that Trump wants to kill](#))

- **Trump's replacement of ACA would include converting Medicaid funding to Block Grants** - (Read more on [NY Times](#))

- **US's Israeli Embassy to possibly be moved to Jerusalem** - Trump's administration announces on January 22, 2017, the invitation of Israel's Netanyahu to the White House and the desire to move the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. (Read more on [Reuters](#) and [Al Jazeera](#))

- **Appointment of Julia Hahn as Special Assistant to the President** - January 22, 2017 Julia Hahn, a Breitbart News writer is appointed as Special Assistant to the President and will serve primarily under Steve Bannon, former Breitbart News CEO. (Read more on [Politico](#))

- **Renegotiation of NAFTA** - It's announced on January 22, 2017 that Trump will start re-negotiating NAFTA with Mexico and Canada. (Read more at [CNN](#) and [Reuters](#))

- **Michael Flynn's Contact with Russians Reportedly under investigation** - After reports the day before Trump's inauguration of three former advisors being under investigation by at least 5 intelligence agencies (read more on the New York Times and [RawStory](#)), it has now been reported that counterintelligence agencies have been investigating communications between Trump's National Security Advisor, Michael Flynn, and Russian contacts, including in December, when President Obama was naming sanctions against the country (read more on [Wall Street Journal](#) and [NY Daily News](#)).

- **Trump Yet to Sever Ties with Trump Organization, Other Businesses** - As of Sunday night, Donald Trump has reportedly not severed even operational ties with the Trump Organization or his other businesses. This was the plan that he and his lawyers explained to the public and media at his one and only press conference on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 (video of the press conference can be found [here](#)). He said the documents he had in front of him (stacks of manila envelopes that nobody was allowed to look through) transferred "complete and total control" of his businesses to his two sons and another longtime employee and his money placed in a trust controlled by those three by January 20th. Specific paperwork had to have been filed to begin this process in several states. None of this has happened. (Read the original report on [ProPublica](#) and another report tonight on [NPR](#)) **Update 1/23/2017:** NPR is reporting that the documents have now been filed to turn over managerial control of the Trump Organization to Donald Jr. and Eric Trump, though, as explained at the previously mentioned press conference, there is no divestiture of money. (See more at [NPR](#) and [The Hill](#))

End of Day 3.

Day 4 (January 23, 2017)

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- **Trump signs 3 Executive Actions**

- **3. "Regarding the Mexico City Rule"** - Read full text [here](#).
 - Trump is determined to reinstate the "Mexico City policy", also known as the "Global Gag Rule" against federal funding for abortion, family planning and possibly clean out programs for women worldwide. (Read more at [Lawyer Herald](#)) This has now been confirmed by [Politico](#) as an Executive Order this morning. This will bar U.S. aid to groups that provide or promote the procedure overseas.
 - From [The Atlantic](#): "Now, the signing of the order is filled with symbolism. Always falling on or within days of the January 22nd anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, it's become a way for the incoming president to signal to his party and supporters an initial commitment for or against abortion rights."
 - According to The Guttmacher Institute, foreign health providers are often overly cautious of this bill, which leads to self-censoring of permitted activities, firing of staff, and closing of clinics. (see Atlantic article above for source)
- **4. "Withdrawal of the United States from the Trans-Pacific Partnership Negotiations and Agreement"** - Read full text [here](#).
 - Trump signs an Executive Order that officially pulls the US out of the Trans Pacific Partnership. This is seen more as a symbolic move, as the trade agreement had all but been defeated already. (Read more at [The Hill](#) and [BCC News](#))
- **5. Freeze put on hiring of Federal Workers** - Read full text [here](#).
 - Trump puts a freeze on hiring Federal workers and a freeze on pay increases for federal workers.
 - Apparently this will exclude the Military, but this is still a developing story. (see [Politico](#) and [Washington Post](#)) Update: the Executive Order states "no vacant positions existing at noon on Jan. 22, 2017, may be filled and no new positions may be created, except in limited circumstances" (see updated [Washington Post](#) article). Also see discussion on how a Freeze on federal employees has been proven not to save money, due to the need to hire contract workers, who are less experienced and not held accountable, and an increase in overtime for current workers. (Read more at [ABCNews](#))

- **CREW (Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington) file lawsuit** - Top ethics lawyers of CREW file lawsuit against President Trump, asking a judge to make a judgement on what constitutes a violation of the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution, due to the numerous hotels, foreign properties, etc. that remain under the control of Trump and his family. (Read more on [SecondNexus](#) and [NY Times](#)) Additionally, due to Trump being the President, he will be defended using taxpayer money. (Read more at [NY Times](#))

- **Reported huge cuts to EPA** - reportedly, nearly a billion dollars will be cut from the EPA budget. The team's "Action Plan" for the EPA identifies more than \$800 million in planned budget cuts, including to state and tribal assistance grants, climate programs and environmental programs and management. (Read more at [The Hill](#) and [Axios](#))

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- **Trump tells American CEOs “stay” and get huge tax breaks and end to regulations** -

Trump promised to wipe out at least 75 percent of government regulations that hinder their businesses, fast-track their plans to open factories and cut taxes “massively.” (Read more on the [Washington Post](#)) Trump specifically discussed matters with the auto industry (Read more on [NY Times](#))

- **Dakota and Keystone Pipeline** seen as opportunities to maximize economic returns on national lands. Trump’s goal, according to Spicer during his press briefing (1/23/2017) is to create jobs and take advantage of american energy resources. No mention of land conservation or environmental protections. During later question, clarifies that it’s a balancing act between the environment and economy. (Read more on this at the [Independent](#) and see more on *Day 5*)

- **Sean Spicer still doesn't understand the word “fact”** - at his press conference, stated that it is “never the intention of the White House to lie”. Doubles down on the Inauguration being the most watched in history (online apparently), and “I believe that we have to be honest with the American people, but I think sometimes we can disagree with the facts.” (Read more on [Huffington Post](#)). The [Washington Post](#) did an interesting study involving side-by-side pictures that shows that Trump supporters believe, to a disproportionate degree, that the Trump’s inauguration was bigger, even when just asked “which pictures has more people in it?”

- **White House “comments” phone line dropped** - not sure exactly when this happened, but likely simultaneous to the website being wiped. The phone line for Comments on the White House page is still showing, but the line itself no longer allows you to leave comments. They suggest that citizens go to the White House web form or Facebook messenger to send a message to the president. This leaves the estimated 13% of the population that doesn’t have internet without a way to contact the White House. (Read more at [Think Progress](#))

- **The White House “Regulations” page was removed** - without announcement or explanation, the WhiteHouse.gov page on Regulations was removed, including a number of reports on the costs and benefits of regulations from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). No replacement so far. (Read more at [The Hill](#))

- **CDC cancels Climate Change conference** - it was announced today that the CDC had cancelled a climate change conference set for February. Georges Benjamin, the APHA’s executive director who was set to speak at the conference, told The Washington Post that the CDC called off the event amid fears that the Trump Administration would cancel it anyway. (Read more at [The Hill](#) and [NBCNews](#)). This is the first case we’ve seen of “[self censorship](#)”.
Update 1/26/17: it is being reported that Al gore will host the numerous agencies that were going to participate in this cancelled event, and hold their own Climate Change conference. (Read more at [The Hill](#))

- **Trump taps Julie Kirchner for chief of staff at U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)** - Julie Kirchner, former Executive Director of the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), a known and blatantly anti-immigrant group, is tapped to be the chief of staff for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection wing of the Department of Homeland Security. “Dan Stein, FAIR’s longtime president, has complained that today’s immigrants are engaged in “competitive breeding” to diminish the America’s white majority and campaigned to repeal a

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1965 immigration law that ended racial quotas that restricted immigration to Europeans.” (Read more from the [Southern Poverty Law Center](#))

- **Senate confirms Rep. Mike Pompeo as CIA Director** - This now puts the total of confirmed cabinet positions up to 3, all of whom are retired military generals.

- **Trump continues to claim millions of people voted illegally, costing him popular vote** - at a closed-door meeting with Congressional Representatives, Trump spent a reported 10 minutes at the start of the meeting rehashing his election victory, including telling attendees (without evidence) that 3-5 million “illegals” voted, which cost him the popular vote. (Read more at The [Washington Post](#) and [The Hill](#)) This claim has been repeatedly debunked, and an [analysis of the election](#) only found 4 cases of voter fraud during the 2016 Presidential election. (**UPDATE 1/24/17** - the New York Times officially [calls out Trump's lie on this topic](#). This is the first time a news organization has printed (on the front page, no less) that Trump lied since he took office. Most news organizations have been hesitant to even use the word “falsehood”, let alone “lie”)

- **DOT tells employees to stop using department's social media accounts** - As the second case of self-censoring so far, the Department of Transportation tells employees to immediately stop posting content to the DOT social media accounts. A career employee reportedly suggested to department officials a preemptive halt in social media posts until more guidance came down from the Trump Administration, after the National Park Service twitter account was shut down on Friday. (Read more on [Politico](#))

- **EPA freezes all grant programs** - as of Monday evening, the EPA has frozen all grant programs. These grants help Native American tribes, cleanup of toxic sites and oil leaks, air quality monitoring, and water quality testing - have been halted and “EPA staff have been told not to discuss the order.” (Read more on [Huffington Post](#) and [The Hill](#), and check out the [numerous EPA grants that are now blocked](#))

- Confirmation of Rep. Ryan Zinke for Interior Secretary postponed (http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/zinke-confirmation-for-interior-secretary-postponed-indefinitely/article_cff94a8b-f8bd-5ffd-9310-a2a9ffeba8b0.html). If confirmed, he could be part of a full-scale assault on indigenous people (<https://alaskaindigenous.wordpress.com/2017/01/21/federally-recognized-tribes-should-brace-for-possible-termination-policy-under-trump/>), privatizing their land and eliminating tribes.

End of Day 4.

Day 5 (January 24, 2017)

- **Trump to sign Executive Orders** -

- **6. Construction of Keystone XL Pipeline** - Read full text [here](#)

- This Order re-authorizes the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline.
- Trump claimed that this would create 28,000 new jobs. Read how this is an inflated number on [Washington Post](#) and [NRDE](#). (Read initial report on [Politico](#) and [NPR](#)).

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- Trump has backed this pipeline since 2011 and held up to \$250,000 in stock in TransCanada, the company behind Keystone XL, [until 2015](#).
- **7. Dakota Access Pipeline**- Read full text [here](#). (More at [Washington Post](#))
 - This Executive Order authorizes the continuance of the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota that was rerouted through Native American land. Read the statement from the Standing Rock Sioux tribe response to the Executive Order [here](#).
 - Concerns have been raised regarding the potential stock ownership of the President in the Dakota Access Pipeline. (Read more at [LA Times](#)) Additionally, Trump's nominee for Energy Secretary is a sitting board member ([CNBC](#))

Update 1/26/17: Oil pipeline in Iowa leaks over 138,000 gallons of diesel just days after the President signed these two Executive Orders. (Read more at the [Des Moines Register](#), [NPR](#), and [ABC News](#))
- **8. Expediting Environmental Reviews and Approvals For High Priority Infrastructure Projects**- Read full text [here](#).
 - This Order claims that environmental reviews have unnecessarily delayed or prevented infrastructure projects. "These delays have increased project costs and blocked the American people from the full benefits of increased infrastructure investments, which are important to allowing Americans to compete and win on the world economic stage."
 - It looks to identify high-priority infrastructure projects
 - Establishes new deadlines in which applications have to be done as "expeditiously as possible."
- **9. Construction of American Pipelines**- Read full text [here](#).
 - This Executive Order promotes the use of U.S.-made materials in the construction of pipelines within the U.S.
- **10. Presidential Memorandum Streamlining Permitting and Reducing Regulatory Burdens for Domestic Manufacturing**- Read full text [here](#).
 - This Executive Order will "support the expansion of manufacturing in the United States through expedited reviews of and approvals for proposals to construct or expand manufacturing facilities and through reductions in regulatory burdens affecting domestic manufacturing."
- **Reportedly Kellyanne Conway punches man at Inauguration Ball** - full details yet to come out, but Trump's spokeswoman, Kellyanne Conway, apparently punched a man 3 times at the Liberty Ball on 1/20/17 when apparently trying to break up a fight between two men. (Read more at [The Hill](#) and [NY Daily News](#) *Note: this is, at the time being, still an unproven claim)
- **FBI Director James Comey to stay on** - although under personal investigation over the the handling of the Hillary Clinton email scandal, Jim Comey has been asked to stay on during the Trump Administration. (Read more on the [Washington Post](#))
- **Several cabinet appointments are slated for confirmation votes** - more to follow throughout the day.
 - Democrats successfully delay the confirmation hearing of AG nominee Jeff Sessions. ([The Hill](#))

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- Senate committee confirms Ben Carson for HUD Secretary. ([The Hill](#)) Now moves to Senate Floor vote.
- Nikki Haley confirmed as UN Ambassador
- Tom Price has second hearing for HHS Secretary

- **Trump to cut back “out of control” environmental regulations** - claiming that there are too many environmental regulations and that businesses are unduly burdened by long wait times to get permits do to environmental reviews, Trump vows to drastically cut regulations. He stated, “Our friends that wanna build in the United States, they go many, many years and then they can’t get the environmental permit over something that nobody ever heard of before. And it’s absolutely crazy. I am, to a large extent, an environmentalist. I believe in it. But it’s out of control.” I think it’s safe to say that he is not an environmentalist. (Read more at [Politico](#))

- **Breitbart’s Sebastian Gorka tapped for National Security Council position** - Sebastian Gorka, Breitbart’s National Security Editor is tapped to play serve a role on the National Security Council. This marks the third Breitbart alum to join the Trump Administration, and another one of the countless ex-Fox News contributors to join. He is known for being extremely anti-Islam and a huge proponent of the War on Terror. (Read more at [The Hill](#))

- **Trump bans EPA employees from social media, speaking with reporters** - “The Trump administration has also ordered a “temporary suspension” of all new business activities at the department, including issuing task orders or work assignments to EPA contractors. The orders are expected to have a significant and immediate impact on EPA activities nationwide.” (Read more at [The Hill](#) and [ABCNews](#))

- **Sean Spicer Press Briefing 1/24/17**

- **Spicer reiterates Trump’s belief that millions of “illegals” cost him the popular vote** - at the morning press briefing, Sean Spicer claimed that Trump truly believes millions of “illegals” voted for Hillary Clinton, which cost him the popular vote. Spicer stated, “He continues to maintain that belief based on studies and evidence that people have presented to him.” (Read more at [The Hill](#))
- **Spicer falsely claims again that Trump “cannot have” any conflicts of interest.** (Read more at [Politico](#))

- **House to passes H.R.7 (makes the Hyde Amendment permanent)** - Tuesday, January 24th, the House voted on H.R. 7. This puts a permanent ban on federal funding for abortion and restricts health insurance coverage for abortions. It is an unnecessary and intrusive legislation meddles with the private insurance marketplace and attacks women's reproductive rights. (Read the text of H.R. 7 [here](#). Read more about it on [VOX](#). See Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA -13) voice her opposition to it [here](#))

- **Trump imposes gag order on USDA’s Agricultural Research Service** - The ARS is responsible for conducting research into problems facing agriculture, like the advent of genetically modified food and pesticide use, as well as climate change’s effects on the nation’s food supply. “Starting immediately and until further notice, ARS will not release any public-facing documents,” wrote ARS chief of staff Sharon Drumm. “This includes, but is not limited to, news

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releases, photos, fact sheets, news feeds, and social media content.” The memo also read, “...all media interviews must be approved by the office of communications in Washington.” (Read more [buzzfeed](#), [huffingtonpost](#))

- **Federal employees directed to cease all communications with Congress and the Press** - multiple federal agencies have confirmed that employees have been directed to halt all communication with Congress, the Press, and the public indefinitely. (Read more on [Huffington Post](#))

- **Joining Forces page removed from WhiteHouse.gov** - Joining Forces page on WhiteHouse.gov was removed. This was a Federal program set up by Michelle Obama and Jill Biden to help place veterans in jobs around the country. So far has received 1.25 million commitments of jobs for veterans in all 50 states. (Read more at [Occupy Democrats](#) and [Military One Click](#))

- **Badlands National Park twitter feed post climate change-related tweets** - In defiance of a new Trump Administration ban on federal employees using social media accounts, the Badlands National Park twitter account posted four tweets, giving specific facts backing climate change and the role of human activity in the cause of that change. (Read more at [The Hill](#)) (**Update:** tweets were deleted from twitter around 5:30 EST. (See all tweets and story about removal on the [Washington Post](#))

- **Trump threatens to “Send the Feds” into Chicago** - Donald Trump tweets: "If Chicago doesn't fix the horrible 'carnage' going on, 228 shootings in 2017 with 42 killings (up 24% from 2016), I will send in the Feds!" (Read more on [Politico](#))

- **Voice of America turns control over to Trump staffers** - [Voice of America](#), an \$800 Million a year Federal agency, that broadcasts outside the U.S. to 45 countries, and just recently became available domestically. This has historically been a non-partisan multi-media agency that had a bi-partisan Board of Governors. That Board was [recently dissolved](#) in the 1,404th page of a 1,500 or so page bill, the National Defense Authorization Act, to fund national security last year. The VOA is now run by an Presidentially-appointed CEO. Former-President Obama's voiced his opposition to this change due to [questions of constitutionality](#); however, he did sign the bill. “Trump campaign New Hampshire state director Matthew Ciepielowski and Wisconsin communications director Matthew Schuck will be “temporarily assigned” to the CEO suite at the BBG where they will work with senior management “to ensure an open, transparent and seamless transition of the BBG to the Trump Administration,” according to [Politico](#). Since taking over, VOA posted a [tweet](#) containing a video clip of Sean Spicer claiming Trump's Inauguration was the largest ever, from January 21st's Press Conference, with no explanation or fact checking.

- **EPA told to remove its “Climate Change” page on EPA.gov** - The Climate Change page on the EPA website has been reportedly ordered to be taken down by the Trump Administration, and this must happen as soon as Wednesday. As of Tuesday night, [EPA.gov/climatechange](#) remains live. (Read more on [The Hill](#) and the original Reuters report on [Yahoo News](#) and more reporting at [The Independent](#)). **Update 1/25/17:** Reportedly, the Trump Administration has

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cancelled plans of this shutdown of the EPA website, following a public outcry. (Read more at [Science Magazine](#))

- **Trump tweets to tout FOX viewership numbers during inauguration** - Trump took to Twitter Tuesday night to credit FOX for their high viewership during the Inauguration, claiming their numbers were “many times higher than FAKE NEWS CNN.” CNN’s twitter hit back later in the evening, stating the actual Nielsen numbers, of which both FOX and CNN reportedly had 34 million average viewers. (Read more at [The Hill](#))

Check out this [Convenient Daily Tracker of all Laws and Executive Orders signed by Donald Trump put together by Vice](#).

End of Day 5

Day 6 (January 25, 2017)

- **USDA’s lifts gag order on agriculture scientists after public outcry** - shortly after midnight Eastern time, the USDA reportedly lifted the ban that had been placed on employees in the Agriculture Research Service. (First reported by [Buzzfeed](#), confirmed by [The Hill](#))

- **Trump calls for major investigation into voter fraud** - After repeating the lie that 3-5 million “illegals” voted in the election, what “cost” him the popular vote, Trump took to Twitter Wednesday morning to claim that there will be a “major investigation” into the Voter fraud that took place in the 2016 Presidential election. (Read more about his tweet at [The Hill](#), and Politifact has determined this is a “[Pants on Fire](#)” lie)

- Just a reminder, Trump’s own lawyers claimed there was no evidence of voter fraud during the election when efforts were being made for recounts of specific states by Jill Stein’s campaign ([The Hill](#)).
- Also, Bernie Sanders explains why this is a ploy to hint to governors and state legislatures to pursue harsher Voter ID laws. ([The Hill](#)) Senate Republicans, such as Mitch McConnell, will not admit to Trump being wrong about voter fraud. (Read more at [Huffington Post](#)).
- In response, House Democrats have called for their own investigation into voter fraud, to prove there really is none. (Read more at [The Hill](#))
- Reportedly, Trump told Congressional leaders, at the Monday meeting, an anecdote about a famous golfer he knows, Bernhard Langer (*according to some reports, it was Mr. Langer’s friend*), who apparently saw individuals on Election Day “who did not look as if they should be allowed to vote” but were allowed to cast provisional ballots anyways. This is apparently the basis of President Trump’s false belief that millions of people voted illegally. (Read more on this at [NY Times](#))
- Mr. Langer responds to these claims, saying that he did not share this story with Donald Trump. Langer said the report “was a mischaracterization by the media,” because he had heard the anecdote from a friend, then told the story to another friend, who then told the story to someone “with ties to the White House.” ([Washington Post](#) and [Deadspin](#))

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- **Ongoing Story** - One aspect of the alleged voter fraud that Trump specifically wants to investigate is individuals that are registered to vote in multiple states. Reports come out throughout Wednesday and Thursday that multiple individuals in Trump's inner-circle are, themselves, registered to vote in multiple states. This includes [Steve Bannon](#) (until just after Trump announced this), [Sean Spicer and Trump's Son-in Law Jared Kushner](#), Trump's nominee for Treasury Secretary [Steven Mnuchin](#), and even his daughter, [Tiffany Trump](#). In regards to the Tiffany Trump report, [Kellyanne Conway disputes it](#), which directly contradicts online records.

- **White House sent out email to press, touting all of the praise the press has had for President Trump** - mostly containing headlines or quotes from rights leaning media, the White House sent out an email to the press showing the apparent love the media has for the President. ([Politico](#))

- **EPA scientists may have to face Trump Admin review on a case by case basis for all scientific studies and publications** -
EPA and USDA officials emailed staff to inform them they may no longer discuss agency research or departmental restrictions with anyone outside of the agency, including media. Scientists and staff were notified that press releases and external communications about taxpayer-funded work would stop until further notice. ([Scientific American](#), further reporting on [Mother Jones](#))
Another clear sign of the censorship from this administration. More to follow. (Read more at [NPR](#))

- **White House to order review of CIA to look into reopening 'black sites' overseas** - a draft White House executive order will look into reopening CIA black sites overseas, as well as a look into bringing back interrogation practices that have largely found to be torture. Sean Spicer stated in his daily press conference that this document was not produced by the White House. (Read more at [The Washington Post](#)). Reportedly, both CIA Director Mike Pompeo and Secretary of Defense James Mattis were 'blindsided' by this draft. (Read more on [Politico](#))

- **National Park Service employees open unofficial Twitter account** - After having multiple tweets deleted on 1/24/17 (see Day 5), individuals at the National Parks Service opened an unofficial account, called [AltUSNatParkService](#). This account continued to tweet scientific information throughout the day. As of 10pm EST, it had more than 800,000 followers. (Read more at the [Palmer Report](#), [Scientific American](#) and [Washington Post](#)) **Update 1/27/17:** the AltNatParkService twitter claims it is now being run by non-governmental employees (though it may never have been anyways). (Read more from [TechCrunch](#))

- **American democracy downgraded from "full democracy" to "flawed democracy"** - In the [9th annual "Democracy Index"](#) by the Economist Intelligence Unit, the U.S. was downgraded to a "flawed democracy." The group apparently had been leaning towards this downgrading, whether or not the election ended the way it did. (Read more on [The Hill](#))

- **Trump reportedly still using his unsecured Android phone** - it's being reported by multiple sources that Trump has yet to secure or exchange his unsecured Android phone, despite aids requesting differently. (Read more at [NY Times](#) and [The Hill](#))

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- **Sean Spicer Press Briefing 1/25/17** (Watch full video [here](#))

- Trump spoke with India's PM Modi - Spoke generally about partnering for security and economy
- Secretary of Homeland Security to be followed by two Executive Orders:
 - Border strengthening, including wall construction and provides immigration officers tools to prevent illegal entries
 - More detention space to hold and return. Claimed that “catch and release” led to
 - Second order returns power to homeland security customs and immigration enforcement. “unapologetically” enforce laws.
 - Secure Communities program to be implemented to allow ICE target and remove illegal immigrants.
 - St dept.. To withhold visas and other tools to ensure countries accept their illegal immigrants back
 - Funds to be stripped from harbor cities
- Priority will be to address illegal immigrants that pose a threat (criminals, etc)
- Spicer claims that no departments have been told to Cease and Desist by presidential office. Directions have been within each agency to follow their own rules
- Tax dollars to be spent to understand voter fraud caused by deceased people on the rolls as well as illegal immigrants. When confronted with the fact that lawyers representing Trump in states where recounts were requested stated no illegal happenings took place, Spicer noted that states such as NY or California were not audited.

- **Trump makes Presidential Proclamation regarding “National School Choice Week”** -

Read full text [here](#).

- Trump proclaimed January 22-January 28, 2017 as “National School Choice Week

- **Trump makes immigration-related Executive Orders** -

- **11. “Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements”** - Read the full text [here](#).
 - Trump [announced](#) and signed an Executive Order today that was a comprehensive list of immigration reform, including a border wall, increased immigration enforcement, and a cut of funding to all Sanctuary Cities. While this is just an Executive Order, it is reported that Trump will send this to Congress to be voted into law. (Read more on [NBC News](#)) These changes would likely cost [tens of millions of dollars](#). Also includes wide reaching immigration changes, including adding to the Border Patrol, creating more detention facilities, and the creation of the “Office for Victims of Crimes Committed by Removable Aliens.”
 - This law will contain the following (directly quoted from text):
 - “(a) secure the southern border of the United States through the immediate construction of a physical wall on the southern border, monitored and supported by adequate personnel so as to prevent

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- illegal immigration, drug and human trafficking, and acts of terrorism;
- (b) detain individuals apprehended on suspicion of violating Federal or State law, including Federal immigration law, pending further proceedings regarding those violations.
- (c) expedite determinations of apprehended individuals' claims of eligibility to remain in the United States;
- (d) remove promptly those individuals whose legal claims to remain in the United States have been lawfully rejected, after any appropriate civil or criminal sanctions have been imposed; and
- (e) cooperate fully with States and local law enforcement in enacting Federal-State partnerships to enforce Federal immigration priorities, as well as State monitoring and detention programs that are consistent with Federal law and do not undermine Federal immigration priorities.”
- **12. “Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States”** - Read full text [here](#).
 - Ending of Federal assistance to Sanctuary Cities and Counties - This Executive Order will end Federal funds that go to Sanctuary Cities that “harbor” illegal immigrants, except when funds are being used for law enforcement.
 - Claims “Sanctuary jurisdictions across the United States willfully violate Federal law in an attempt to shield aliens from removal from the United States. These jurisdictions have caused immeasurable harm to the American people and to the very fabric of our Republic.”
 - The Trump administration will also regularly publish a list of jurisdictions that “catch and release” undocumented immigrants who have committed crimes and establish an office for the victims of those crimes (from [NBC News](#)). (Read more at [The Hill](#)) Mayors of Sanctuary cities responded throughout the day in support of their constituents. (Read more at [NY Times](#))
 - Also empowers local law enforcement agents to enforce immigration laws. This has led to worry among many civil rights groups. (Read more at [Washington Post](#))

- **Trump Hotels to expand 3-fold in U.S.** - according to Trump Hotels CEO Eric Danziger, Trump Hotels is currently only in 5 of the 26 major U.S. markets. He claimed there was “no reason why we shouldn't be in all of them eventually.” This is all while the President has yet to divest from his companies, and reportedly hasn't finalized paperwork to remove himself from the operations of the companies. (Read more on [Politico](#) and [Bloomberg](#))

- **Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort doubles “initiation” fee** - the Trump Organization-owned Mar-a-Lago resort has reportedly raised initiation fees by double, to \$200,000, after Trump becomes President. As Trump has not divested, this money will go to him and his family. (Read more on [Business Insiders](#) and [CNBC](#))

- **6 reporters covering Trump's Inauguration protests are charged with felony rioting** - a reported 230 individuals were arrested and charged with Felony rioting during the anti-Trump

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protests that occurred during the inauguration. 6 of these individuals are reporters who were covering the protests and have also been charged with felonies. All have denied partaking in the protests or violence. The punishment for this offense is up to 10 years in jail and a fine of up to \$25,000. (Read more at [NY Times](#) and [MSN](#))

- **A number of Trump staffers reportedly still using private email** - multiple sources confirm today that a number of Trump staffers, including Kellyanne Conway, Sean Spicer, Jared Kushner, and Steve Bannon, are still using private email accounts through the RNC. This comes after months of accusing Hillary Clinton of exactly that, going as far as to say she should be locked up for this act. (Read more at [Newsweek](#) and [The Hill](#))

- **Trump interviewed by ABCNews** - Donald Trump interviewed by David Muir of [ABCNews](#) ([full interview transcript here](#)), which aired on Wednesday night.

- Border wall - In an interview with ABCNews (more on this interview at end of Day 6), Trump finally admits that the U.S. taxpayers will be responsible for paying for the construction of the Southern border wall, though retains the claim that we will be “paid back”. However, the Mexican President has repeatedly stated that Mexico will not be paying. He also believes construction will start “within months”. (Read more on [The Hill](#) [BBC News](#)) While it had been reported that a meeting has already been set up between Trump and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto, Nieto is now considering cancelling this trip due to today’s Executive Order. (Read more are [NY Times](#))
- Trump reiterates claim that his inauguration was the largest in history. (Read analysis at [The Hill](#)) He also concluded his interview by showing Mr. Muir the panoramic picture that was given to him of his inauguration that he had sent out on his Twitter feed earlier in the day. (see more at [RawStory](#))
- Trump recalls “sobering” moment when he received the nuclear codes. Calls it “very scary, in a sense.” (see the video and analysis at [The Hill](#))
- Huffington Post put together the “[13 most WTF moments](#)” of this interview.
- Politifact has no fact checked this ABCNews interview [here](#).

End of Day 6.

Day 7 (January 26, 2017)

- **NASA makes publicly-funded scientific papers and research available** - Continuing with the trend of several other federal agencies in disobeying Trump, NASA releases all publicly-funded research. Reportedly it is due the new order that all new papers and research must get approval by the Trump Administration before they are conducted and/or released publicly. (Check out their new [database](#), and read more on [Science Alert](#))

- **Trump threatens to cancel meeting with Mexican President Peña Nieto** - taking to Twitter Thursday morning, Donald TRUMP threatens to cancel an upcoming meeting with Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto if Mexico doesn't agree to pay for the wall. This, after it is already reported that the Mexican President may cancel the meeting anyways, due to the border wall news yesterday. (Read more at [The Hill](#)) **Update:** Mexican President Peña Nieto has cancelled next week’s meeting (developing story out of the [Washington Post](#))

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- **Reportedly, conspiracy theory website InfoWars has been offered press credentials by the White House** - Alex Jones, the voice of InfoWars (a known conspiracy theorist website, which has claimed that 9/11 and Sandy Hook, amongst other things, is made up and involved paid actors), has stated that InfoWars has been offered credentials and will likely be joining the White House press pool shortly. (Read more on [The Hill](#)) *The White House has denied these claims.

- **Entire Senior level management of the State Department reportedly has resigned** - As the confirmation of Secretary of State nominee Rex Tillerson approaches the Senate floor, the entire senior level management has resigned from the State Department. Many of these individuals have worked under both Republican and Democratic leadership in the past. (Read more at [The Washington Post](#) and [The Hill](#)) This is fueling the feeling of talent loss in the State Department, and potentially in other agencies. (Read more at [Politico](#))

- **Reportedly, Trump Administration has asked top State Department diplomats to vacate their positions** -

- "Although the diplomats were not technically fired, the Trump administration opted to remove a number of top officials in charge of the State Department's 13 divisions responsible for policy and other matters." (Read more at [The Washington Post](#))

- **Steve Bannon tells media to "keep their mouths shut"** - Trump chief strategist, Steve Bannon, reportedly is not happy with the press coverage of the new administration. He called the New York Times and stated, "The media should be embarrassed and humiliated and keep its mouth shut and just listen for awhile. I want you to quote this," Mr. Bannon added. "The media here is the opposition party." (Read more at [NY Times](#)) See responses to this on [CBS News](#) and [SFGate](#). Joe Scarborough [responded on 1/27/17](#), saying "you don't want to pick this fight. The Press will win."

- **Sean Spicer reveals that border wall would be partially paid for through import tax from Mexico** - The border wall would reportedly be paid partially through a 20% import tax for any goods coming from Mexico. He claimed this would bring in \$10 billion to pay for the wall. (Read more at [The Washington Post](#) and [Business Insider](#)) **Update:** later, Spicer walked back this remark, claiming that it was just "one option" being looked at by the administration. (Read more at [The Hill](#) and [NY Times](#))

- **Trump speaks in front of GOP lawmakers in Philadelphia** - Trump spoke to GOP lawmakers at a retreat. See the full speech [here](#). (Read more on [CBS News](#))

- Trump starts off speech by recounting his election victory, saying "it's nice to win." ([Politico](#))
- Trump claimed, while speaking in the city, that the murder rate is on the rise in Philadelphia According to Philadelphia police, [it's actually going down](#). (Read more at [The Hill](#))
- [Thousands protest in Philadelphia](#) outside the hotel where the GOP retreat was held. This is following a [dance party of protesters](#) outside of the hotel the night before.

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- **White House shuts down all Obamacare ads** - In the crucial final days of the 2017 open enrollment season for the ACA, the Trump Administration has shut down all ads for Obamacare. "Even ads that had already been placed and paid for have been pulled, the sources told POLITICO." (Read more at [Politico](#) and [Huffington Post](#))

- **Trump may slash EPA budget by \$1 Billion** - the Trump Administration will reportedly cut the \$8 Billion yearly EPA budget by \$1 Billion and cut workers significantly. (Read more at [NY Daily News](#)) *Note: nothing official on this yet. This comes from the former head of President Trump's transition team at the Environmental Protection Agency.

- **Trump pressures National Park Service Dir. to corroborate his interpretation of inauguration size** - It is reported on 1/26/17 that Trump called National Park Service Director the morning after the inauguration to pressure him into backing up his claim of having largest inauguration size in history. He wanted further photos of the event to be released, claiming they showed the media was lying. The NPS Director would not comment on this when contacted by the media. (Read more on [The Washington Post](#) and [Huffington Post](#))

- **Department of Homeland Security temporarily suspends refugee interviews** - The United States Department of Homeland Security temporarily puts a ban on sending staff overseas that were scheduled to interview refugees. This is in anticipation of the President's Executive Order that will temporarily ban refugees for at least 120 days. (Read more at [The Hill](#) and [Reuters](#))

- **Donald Trump claims waterboarding isn't torture** - In an interview to with Sean Hannity, Donald Trump discussed his views on torture, including his belief that waterboarding doesn't constitute torture. "I mean, torture is real torture, OK? Waterboarding is – I'm sure it's not pleasant, but waterboarding was just short of torture." (Read more on [The Hill](#))

- **Trump reported to speak with Vladimir Putin this weekend** - (Initial reports on [Reuters](#) and [CNN](#)) This will reportedly occur Saturday ([The Hill](#))

- **U.S. Border Patrol Chief asked to leave** - "Border Patrol Chief Mark Morgan said he was asked to leave and decided to resign rather than fight the request, according to a U.S. official with knowledge of the brief video conference in which Morgan informed senior agents of the change." This reportedly comes after less than a year in the position, which saw clashes with pro-Trump Border Patrol unions. (Read more on [AP](#) and [The Washington Post](#))

End of Day 7.

Day 8 (January 27, 2017)

- **Trump meets and hold press conference with U.K.'s Theresa May** - United Kingdom Prime Minister, Theresa May, will become the first foreign head-of-state to visit the White House since Trump took office. This comes after the White House circulated a document announcing this event which misspelled May's name three times. (Read more on [BBC News](#) and [The Hill](#)) Transcript and analysis of the press conference at [NPR](#).

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- Theresa May claims Trump is “100 Percent behind NATO.” This is after months of Trump has criticized the alliance. (Read more on [Politico](#))
- White House mistakenly locks out some members of UK press over confusion regarding their birth dates being written in the European format. (Read more on [The Hill](#))

- **Kellyanne Conway claims Mexico doesn't want border wall because they benefit by sending people and drugs to the U.S.** - On CBS This Morning, Kellyanne pushed back at Mexico's opposition towards the Border wall and the Mexican President's cancellation of the meeting with Trump. She stated that Mexico does not want the wall “because they want to continue to allow people and I assume drugs, since they're not doing much to stop that, pouring over our borders.” (Read more on [Politico](#))

- **Trump Administration exploring cutting Russian sanctions** - Rumors of the Trump Administration's exploration into potentially lifting Russian sanctions was confirmed by Kellyanne Conway Friday morning in an interview with Fox News. Sanctions were originally put on Russia after they invaded and annexed Crimea from the Ukraine, and [further sanctions](#) were placed after discovery by U.S. Intelligence of Russian influence into the U.S. Presidential election in november. (Read more at [The Hill](#)) (Senator John McCain [responded](#) to this possibility, by saying they will make sanctions law if Trump tries to eliminate. Mitch McConnell also [responded against this](#))

- **Trump continues touting voter fraud, “waiting on report” from a source** - Trump tweeted out Friday morning that he is awaiting a report from an individual named Gregg Phillips, who runs organization VoteStand, that claims to have evidence proving Trump's claims of millions of “illegals” voting against him in the election. (Read more on [Politico](#), and watch CNN's Chris Cuomo interview and debunk Phillips [here](#))

- **Sean Spicer gets mad CNN called pro-life demonstrators “demonstrators”** - Press Secretary Sean Spicer took to Twitter Friday morning to criticize CNN for their coverage of the pro-life “March for Life” demonstrations. Spicer took issue with CNN using the term “demonstrators”, though the [official website](#) for the march calls it a “demonstration.” (See more at [The Hill](#))

- **Trump and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto speak on phone** - Following Mexican President's Thursday cancellation of a scheduled meeting with Donald Trump next week, Trump and Enrique Peña Nieto talked on the phone Friday morning. Both agreed not to speak publically about the border wall payment ([ABC News](#)). Trump spoke briefly about the talk and Mexico in his joint press conference with Theresa May, claiming that he loves Mexico, “but they out-negotiated us and beat us to a pulp.” See that video clip [here](#). (Read more at [The Washington Post](#). See the White House statement regarding the talk [here](#))

- **Executive Office of the President page no longer exists on WhiteHouse.gov** - Read the explanation of the Executive Office of the President at the [Federal Register](#). It is likely that this happened when the White House website switched administrations, but <https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop> no longer exists.

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- **Trump names a coal lobbyist to prosecute environmental crimes** - The Trump Administration quietly names, Jeffrey H. Wood, a lobbyist from Southern Company as the lead prosecutor for environmental crimes. (Read more at [The Intercept](#)) This is after Jeff Woof served as an adviser on Trump's campaign, serving under Jeff Sessions, and consulted on energy policy. (Read more on [Politico](#))
- **WhiteHouse.gov page on Nominees and Appointments is blank** - Under the "Briefing Room" page of WhiteHouse.gov, there is a subheader for "Nominees & Appointments." While there have been several nominations by the president, including officially nominating the Cabinet on his first day in office, [the page is blank](#).
- **Trump gives statement on Holocaust Remembrance Day** - Read the full statement [here](#). Trump gives a speech to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day. However, he fails to use the word "Jew" or "Jewish" in the entire statement. He instead refers to them just as "innocent people." This also comes just hours before Trump signs an Executive Order to ban refugees from Muslim countries. (Read more on [The Washington Post](#) and [USAToday](#). Response from the [Anti-Defamation League](#). **Update 1/29/17** - [Reince Priebus defends](#) not using the word "Jew" or "Jewish" in Holocaust Remembrance speech. (Read more on [The Washington Post](#))
- **After pushback from how the hiring freeze Executive Order would affect Veterans, the VA claims themselves "exempt"** - Several stories came out over the last few days regarding the likely harm to Veterans, due to the hiring freeze affecting the Department of Veterans Affairs. (See more [Military.com](#), and [USAToday](#)) Friday, the VA [announced](#) this [press release](#), claiming the department "exempt" from the hiring freeze, claiming numerous positions meet the definition of necessary to not disrupt service. (Read more at [The Hill](#))
- **Trump Administration reassesses rollback of Obamacare outreach** - After yesterday's reporting of ACA advertising and outreach being halted just days before the January 31st deadline, the Department of Health and Human Services reported that outreach will continue through the final days. Some ad buys were not able to be retracted before airing, but still reportedly saved \$4-5 million from those ads they successfully cancelled. (Read more on [Politico](#))
- **Trump "eager" to work with GOP to reverse a tribal monument dedicated under Obama** - Sacred tribal land in Utah was [dedicated as a National Monument](#) under the Obama Administration, protecting 1.25 million acres. Trump is looking to work with GOP lawmakers to reverse this decision. (Read more at [The Washington Post](#))
- **Rogue Trump Department twitter accounts continue to pop up, spread scientific information** - As reported a couple days ago, several rogue twitter accounts popped up claiming to be former or current department employees. There have now been dozens that have popped up, including [RogueNASA](#), and [Alternative CDC](#), though none are officially verified. (Read more at [Huffington Post](#), [NPR](#) and [Scientific American](#). Check out an interview with the individuals who claim to be behind the AltNatParkService twitter that began this movement on [Vice](#))
- **Executive Actions**

- **13. Banning entry to the US from certain Muslim-majority countries and ending the Refugee program -**
 - Trump signed Executive Order restricting entry of individuals from certain Muslim-majority countries (See video [here](#), Read more on [The Washington Post](#)) (Read more at [Huffington Post](#))
 - **Update 1/28/17: Full text has now been released.**
 - A draft text of the Executive Order (which was originally believed to be signed Thursday) was obtained by several news outlets. (Read more on [Huffington Post](#) and [The Hill](#))
 - This Order would “suspend entry into the U.S. from select countries starting 30 days after the order is issued. The countries in question include Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia and Yemen.”
 - Also would also suspend all refugee admissions into the U.S. for 120 days, and all refugees from Syria “indefinitely”. “During that time, the Secretary of State is instructed to review refugee application procedures. Those who have already applied for admission would have their applications placed on hold and resumed once the review is complete.”
 - It is now being reported that the countries that are associated with this ban will exclude all countries in that region that Trump and his businesses have financial ties to, including Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the U.A.E. and Azerbaijan. (More on [Bloomberg](#)).
 - Another country that is not on the “banned” list, or on Bloomberg’s list of Trump Organization-connected countries, is Lebanon. The [NY Times noted today](#) that four of these non-banned countries (Egypt, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and the U.A.E.) were the countries of origin of all 19 of the hijackers from the September 11, 2001 attacks.
 - *[I’m not sure if anybody is reporting this yet, so nothing is at all confirmed and this is currently just speculation until otherwise noted]*
While doesn’t appear that Trump has ties to Lebanon himself, his Foreign Policy Advisor for Middle East Affairs during his campaign, Walid Phares, does. Mother Jones [reported](#) in 2011, “Phares was a major player in the Lebanese Forces, one of the Christian militias that fought in Lebanon’s brutal 15-year civil war. According to Toni Nissi, a colleague of Phares’ at the time, Phares helped the group’s leader, Samir Geagea, steep its fighters in religious ideology.” [Mother Jones reported on Phares](#) when he was picked as a Trump campaign foreign advisor back in March 2016. Could this be a reason behind leaving Lebanon off of this list?
 - [Trump reportedly will prioritize Christian refugees](#). Trump claimed on Twitter that Christian refugees are killed by ISIS at a higher number than Muslims. Also claimed that more Muslim than Christians refugees are let into this country. (Fact Check on [Pew Research](#), [Politifact](#)) (Read more on [CNN](#) and [The Hill](#))
- **Response to Muslim Ban**
 - See the Southern Poverty Law Center’s response, calling it an “assault on Muslims.” ([SPLC](#))

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- Iraqi citizens are feeling stunned by the news. Due to the order, Passport-holders from those countries listed on the ban, who have American visas but are outside the United States, will not be permitted to return. (Read more on [NY Times](#))
- **14. “Dramatically increasing the nation’s military”** - No text has been published on this order. Trump signed it live on TV but did not read the language. He claimed it would include more troops, warships and a modernized nuclear arsenal. (Read more at [Politico](#) and [CNBC](#)) This is also seen as largely symbolic, as Congress has to authorize any increase in funding.

End of Day 8. End of Week 1.

Day 9 (January 28, 2017)

- **Trump takes to Twitter, blasts NY Times and Washington Post as fake news and dishonest media** - it hasn't been revealed what set it off this morning, but Donald Trump took to Twitter for a three-part tweet claiming the New York Times was “FAKE NEWS” and the Washington Post being part of the “worst” dishonest media. This may be in response to their coverage over the Muslim ban. (Read more at [The Hill](#)) See the New York Times respond, fact-checking Trump’s claim, “subscribers and viewership are at an all-time high.” ([The Hill](#))

- **Trump takes phone calls with multiple foreign leaders Saturday** - Trump speaks with foreign heads of state (read more on [Politico](#) and [NBC News](#)), including:

- Australia Prime Minister
- France
- Germany Prime Minister Angela Merkel
 - Reportedly, Merkel had to explain the Geneva Convention, and the fact that partner nations must accept refugees.
- Japan
- Russian President Vladimir Putin (see more on that talk on [The Washington Post](#)).

- Refugee ban already seen taking effect

- **Detention of refugees at airports** - refugees that were on the way to the United States Friday evening were detained upon arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City. These two individuals were refugees from Iraq, one of whom was a translator that worked for the American Armed Forces for years. The other is reportedly his wife, and both are at extreme risk if sent back to Iraq. (Read more at [NY Times](#) and [The Hill](#))
 - The ACLU and other groups have filed a writ of habeas corpus and are seeking release. (Read more on [Politico](#) and [NY Times](#))
- The Associated Press is reporting that 6 additional refugees, 5 from Iraq and 1 from Yemen, were prevented from boarding a flight in Cairo that was headed to JFK as well. (Read more on [AP](#))
- As described during a news conference, as of 12:20 pm EDT, there are 12 individuals that have been detained at JFK. None of them have been allowed to speak to a lawyer.

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Most of these are refugees that have gone through an average of two years of vetting prior to receiving visas to enter the U.S. (as seen on NBCNews) As of 1:00 pm EDT, one of the refugees has been [released](#) from JFK. (See report and video of the released refugee speaking to press following his release, on [NBC News](#)) NBC is also reporting that the White House is working on waivers for JFK refugees. (More to come soon)

- It is being reported by [Reuters](#) that Iran has now banned U.S. citizens from entering their country, in retaliation for the Muslim Ban. Read the National Iranian American Council analysis [here](#).
- As the DHS reportedly did not have input on the [text of the Muslim Ban Executive Order](#)
- **DHS says Muslim Ban will apply to green card holders and Dual Citizens**- Acting Department of Homeland Security spokeswoman Gillian Christensen told Reuters, "It will bar green card holders." (Read more at [The Hill](#) and [Reuters](#)) It is also reported that the ban will have effect on those holding dual citizenship. (Read more at [The Hill](#))
- **Responses to Muslim Ban**
 - **Protesters at JFK following word of the 12 detained individuals**
 - After initial word of the two detained Iraqi refugees being detained at JFK International in New York, a protest began to spring up outside the airport. This has grown to hundreds by 5:00 pm EDT. (See more at [NBC News York](#))
 - Further protests scheduled. (Read more at [Al Jazeera](#)) 6:00 pm vigil planned at JFK (NBC News)
 - **GOP lawmakers remain largely silent on Muslim and Refugee Ban**
 - Republican lawmakers have remained silent on the Muslim Ban order signed by the President. One exception was Paul Ryan, in favor of the reevaluation of our refugee program, after months of claiming he did not agree with this kind of Muslim ban. He claimed this was not a "religious test" (Read more at [Huffington Post](#), [The Washington Post](#), and [Vox](#))
 - **Foreign Leaders respond to Muslim Ban** -
 - Justin Trudeau responds to Muslim Ban, "Welcome to Canada." - (Read more at [The Hill](#))
 - Scotland's Prime Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, echoes Trudeau's position. "Welcome to Scotland." (Read more at [The Hill](#))
 - More foreign leaders respond. ([Huffington Post](#))
 - **Other response** -
 - Melania Trump's own immigration lawyer condemns the Muslim Ban. (Read more at [Mother Jones](#). Video to come soon)
- **Federal judge issues National Stay on Muslim Ban**- more to come. (Read more on [Mother Jones](#), [Huffington Post](#)) Full text of the Stay [here](#).
 - This Stay has very limited ramifications. It prohibits those currently detained in Airports from being sent immediately back to the country they arrived from, but does not prevent the ban from continuing to be enforced for future travelers.
- **Trump signs three Executive Orders on Saturday** - Trump signs three Executive Orders around 5pm EDT. More to follow ([Politico](#))

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- **15. Ban on Lobbying by Former Administration Officials** - Read full text [here](#).
 - This would ban Lobbying for any former Trump Administration personnel for 5 years after leaving their role, and permanent ban on Lobbying the U.S. government on behalf of foreign governments. More to follow. (Read more at [The Hill](#))
- **16. Reorganization of the National Security Council** - Read full text [here](#).
 - "President Trump has reorganized the National Security Council by elevating his chief strategist Steve Bannon and demoting the Director of National Intelligence and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff." ([NPR](#)) (Read more on [BBC News](#) and [USAToday](#))
 - Reaction to this reorganization
 - [Chicago Tribune](#): "In an executive order, Trump reorganized the National Security Council to, along with other changes, give Bannon a regular seat on the principals committee - the meetings of the most senior national security officials, including the secretaries of defense and state.

Trump's order also states that the director of national intelligence and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs will sit on the principals committee only when the issues to be discussed pertain to their "responsibilities and expertise." In the previous two administrations, both were included as regular attendees."
 - See more Reaction on 1/29/17
- **17. Request to Joint Chiefs of Staff for plan to defeat ISIS** - Read full text [here](#).
Immediate review of how to defeat ISIS from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Trump wants the results within 30 days. More to follow.

- **Sean Spicer retweets The Onion, believing their satirical story to be in support** - Late Saturday Night, Press Secretary [Sean Spicer retweeted an Onion article](#), which claimed that Spicer provided "robust and clearly articulated misinformation." Spicer stated, "You nailed it. Period!" (Read more on [New York Magazine](#))

End of Day 9.

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- **White House publishes "First Week of Action"** - Released without announcement on Saturday, the White House published a press release, titled "President Trump's First Week of Action." It reads as a report card of what the Trump Administration sees as accomplishments of the first week, including the numbers of congressmen, Senators, diplomats, etc. have been met with, cabinet members confirmed, and a short day-by-day list. **IF ANYBODY IS WILLING TO HELP - We are trying to confirm of dispute any of these "accomplishments" to understand if the information they are releasing is accurate. Please comment if you can help. Setting up a spreadsheet to work on this.** (See more at [WhiteHouse.gov](#))

- **ONGOING STORY: Muslim Ban Coverage** -

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- **DHS says that ban will remain in place** - The Department of Homeland Security responded Sunday morning to protests and a Judge's stay order regarding the Muslim Ban, claiming to uphold the President's Executive Order, "in a manner that ensures the safety and security of the American people." "The president's Executive Orders remain in place—prohibited travel will remain prohibited, and the U.S. government retains its right to revoke visas at any time if required for national security or public safety," the department said in a statement. "The president's Executive Order affects a minor portion of international travelers, and is a first step towards reestablishing control over America's borders and national security." (Read more at [The Hill](#))
- **White House reportedly reverses stance on green card ban** - Reince Priebus claimed to NBC News that green card holders from the 7 banned countries would not be affected. Though when pressed, could not offer much further information, including that green card holders would likely still go through stricter vetting upon attempt to return to the U.S. ([NY Times](#))
- **Dallas International Airport Customs and Border Patrol Officials defy court order to permit green card holders access to lawyers** - "The U.S. government must "permit lawyers access to all legal permanent residents being detained at Dulles International Airport," a federal judge in Virginia ordered late Saturday." Dallas Customs and Border Patrol Officials defied this court order and have not permitted green card holders that are detained at the airport to see their lawyers. (Read more on [Huffington Post](#))
- **Continued reaction to Muslim Ban**
 - **Donald Trump Tweets about Christians in the Middle East** - Trump took to Twitter Sunday morning, claiming "Christians in the Middle-East have been executed in large numbers. We cannot allow this horror to continue!" [...] "Our country needs strong borders and extreme vetting, NOW. Look at what is happening all over Europe and, indeed, the world - a horrible mess!"
 - It has been debunked that Christians in the Middle East are killed at a higher rate, or in more numbers, by ISIS, than Muslims. (See this fact-checked at [NPR](#) and [The Independent](#))
 - This follows his tweets a day ago regarding Christian refugees not being let in the country in the same numbers as Muslims, which is also [false](#).
 - **Kellyanne Conway claims reporters discussing Muslim Ban on January 28th should be fired** - ([The Hill](#))
 - **Sean Spicer says people shouldn't be surprised about Trump's immigration policy**- "This is nothing new," Spicer told ABC's "This Week." "President Trump talked about this throughout the campaign and throughout the transition."([The Hill](#))
 - **Congressional response**
 - **John McCain and Lindsey Graham** issues joint statement on Sunday against the immigration move. (Read more on [The Hill](#))
 - Donald Trump responds late Sunday. Claims that McCain and Graham are "looking to start World War III." ([Politico](#))

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- Still a large number (271) of Congressional Representatives who have not made any statement on the move. ([Vox](#))
- Up-to-date document with all Senate and Governor stances on Muslim Ban [here](#).
- **Congressional Democrats draft legislation** to reverse this ban and prevent it from happening again. ([The Hill](#)) Senator Dianne Feinstein introduced two bills on the Senate Floor to effectively end the Order. (Read more at [The Hill](#))
- **U.S. Attorneys General condemned Trump's Ban** -
 - Attorneys General in 15 states and the District of Columbia have condemned Trump's Immigration Ban. (Read more on [Reuters](#) and [The Hill](#). See more about President Trump's reaction on [BiPartisan Report](#))
- **Michael Flynn Jr. claims on Twitter that Muslim Ban is "necessary"; shortly after, deleted Twitter account** - The son of Donald Trump's National Security Advisor took to Twitter to claim the "Muslim Ban" was "necessary", at the same time the Trump Administration was telling everybody to not call it a "Muslim Ban." (Read original report on [Politico](#)) Later on Sunday, his Twitter account had been deleted. (Read about the deleted account on [The Hill](#))
- **Donald Trump releases statement on Immigration Order** - Donald Trump released a statement on the immigration order. White House has not published the statement on WhiteHouse.gov yet; full text to come soon. (Read more at [Boston Globe](#) and [The Hill](#))
 - Quotes from statement:
 - "These were countries previously identified by President Obama's Administration as locations associated with terror."
 - "Not about Religion, this is about keeping America safe."
 - "I have tremendous feeling for the people involved in this horrific humanitarian crisis in Syria."
 - "My first priority will always be to protect and serve our country, but as President I will find ways to help those who are suffering."
 - This is "Not a Muslim Ban." ([The Hill](#))
 - This statement follows his Tweets from Sunday morning.
- **Rudy Giuliani say Trump asked for "Muslim Ban" and how to do it "legally"**
 - (Read more on [The Washington Post](#))
- **Secretary of Department of Homeland Security releases statement regarding compliance with court orders and Executive Order** - (Read the statement at [DHS.gov](#). Read more at [The Hill](#))
- **House Democrats demand meeting with Secretary Kelly of DHS regarding the Immigration ban** - ([The Hill](#))
- **After Court Order to stay the deportation of detained refugees, Trump attempts to undermine order** - ([DailyKos](#) and [Huffington Post](#))
- **Senate Democrats call for Investigation into Trump Admin Official's Refusal to Obey Court order** - (Read more at [Huffington Post](#))

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- **Anti-Muslim violence since Muslim Ban** -

- Burning of a Mosque on Saturday in Texas. (More on [USAToday](#)) More than \$800,000 has been raised in support of the Mosque (Read more on [Al Jazeera](#) and [The Independent](#))
- **Shooting in Quebec City** - (in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada) 6 killed and 8 wounded in a three-gunmen attack during prayer in a Mosque in Quebec City. Two suspects are in custody. (Read more on [Huffington Post](#) and [The Washington Post](#))

- **Reaction to Executive Order on Reorganization of the National Security Council** - After the [Executive Order](#) was signed yesterday regarding the reorganization of the National Security Council--which led to the "promotion" of Steven Bannon to a permanent member of the Council, and demoting the National Intelligence Director and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from the list of permanent members--many have reacted:

- Former President Obama's National Security Advisor [responds to this reorganization](#). (Read more on [Huffington Post](#))
- "The promotion of Bannon to the principals' level represents a historic break with the non-politicization of the NSC. Republican Sen. John McCain, called it a "radical departure" from tradition Sunday." (Read more at [Fortune Magazine](#))
- [NY Magazine](#)
- Twitter users react to Bannon's promotion. #StopPresidentBannon trends throughout Sunday (Read more at [Time Magazine](#))
- Press Secretary Sean Spicer defends Bannon's new role. (Read more at [Politico](#))
- John McCain responded against this move on [Politico](#).
- More questions raised about this move on [The Washington Post](#))

- **1 U.S. Commando Dead and 4 more Injured in Yemen in Trump's first counterterrorism offensive** - A nearly hour-long gunfight erupted early Sunday morning in Yemen, following a Seal Team 6 raid. One U.S. Commando was killed and four more were wounded, along with 14 Al Qaeda soldiers. "After initially denying that there were any civilian casualties, American officials said they were assessing reports that women and children had died in the attack." (Read more at [NY Times](#))

- **Jihadist groups hailing Trump's Muslim Ban as a victory; proof of their fears** - Read more at [The Washington Post](#))

- **Judicial page on WhiteHouse.gov is missing, or any reference to the Judicial Branch** - It appears that the Judicial page of WhiteHouse.gov was removed along with other pages on Inauguration day. Additionally, any reference to the Judicial Branch has been removed, including under the "Our Government" subheader, which includes "The Executive Branch" and "The Legislative Branch". This was discovered over the weekend when numerous lawyers and interested individuals attempted to find out more about the Judicial Branch following refugees being held at multiple airports. (Read more at [The Hill](#) and [Huffington Post](#))

- **Gallup Poll finds majority of Americans disapprove of President Trump** - A recent Gallup Poll has found that a majority of Americans, 51%, disapprove of President Trump's work in his first week in the White House. "It took just 8 days to reach these ratings. It took at least several hundred days for the majority of Americans to disapprove of past presidents." ([The Hill](#))

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- **Reportedly, Trump will name Supreme Court Nominee Tuesday at 8:00 pm EDT** - (Read more at [Politico](#))

- **ONGOING STORY: Muslim Ban Coverage**

- **Trump sends out series of three tweets Monday morning** - blaming Delta and “tears of Chuck Schumer” for causing the biggest delays at airports over the weekend. (Read more at [The Hill](#) and [Politico](#))
- **Iran’s Parliament approves reciprocity against U.S. Ban** - (Read more at [Politico](#))
- **State Department officials issue “dissent memo” in response to Trump’s Muslim Ban** - “This ban...will not achieve its stated aim to protect the American people from terrorist attacks by foreign nationals admitted to the United States,” the draft says, noting the “near-absence of terror attacks committed in recent years” by those who would be restricted under the new policy.” (Read more at [The Hill](#) and [Huffington Post](#))

- **Trump signs Executive Order: for every year new government regulation, two must be eliminated** - (Read more at [Politico](#) and [The Hill](#))

Reported future Executive Orders

- **Ending Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** - This is not confirmed, but this Executive Order “would end the DACA program. Now, it says that work permits already issued under the program will remain valid. However, these permits are all already set to expire at some point in the next two years, and once they expire, they will not be renewed, according to the order.” (preliminary reporting by [Vox](#)) Read the full [draft order](#).
- **“Detention and Interrogation of Enemy Combatants”** - Read the draft text obtained by [NY Times](#). Would reportedly redact Executive Orders 13491, which ensured compliance with US domestic law, and its international agreements, in its treatment of captives, and 13492, which ordered the closing of Guantanamo Bay prison. Would also order a review of military interrogation policies. (*As this is a draft document, nothing is confirmed. Interestingly though, this draft shows strikethroughs, including changing “jihadist terrorist groups” to “radical Islamist groups”, and changing “global war on terror” to “fight against radical Islam.”*)
- **Potential decrease funding to U.N. and other international organizations by at least 40%** - “Times, calls for terminating funding for any United Nations agency or

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other international body that meets any one of several criteria. Those criteria include organizations that give full membership to the Palestinian Authority or Palestine Liberation Organization, or support programs that fund abortion or any activity that circumvents sanctions against Iran or North Korea. (Read more at [The Hill](#), [NY Times](#))

- **Authorization of voter fraud investigation** - Trump will reportedly sign an Executive Action that will kick start the investigation into the claim of voter fraud. Again, this is without any evidence of widespread voter fraud (or even localized voter fraud). It is seen as a way to potentially lead into a country-wide voter ID program or allow further voter suppression. (Read more at [Politico](#)) **Update:** Although originally reported for signing on Thursday, due to reportedly “being behind schedule”, it has been announced that this order will not be signed Thursday. ([The Hill](#)) Leaked audio obtained Thursday night of Mike Pence claiming there will be a “full investigation of voter rolls.” (Audio obtained by [The Guardian](#). Read more on [The Hill](#))

Trump files for reelection

- Reports that Trump filed for reelection hours after his inauguration were released
- This brings about several potential implications associated with how donations are made and how nonprofits address him, as nonprofits cannot “campaign.”
- Details to come