

The first 100 days of Donald Trump's second presidency, from January 20, 2025, to April 30, 2025, were marked by a high volume of executive actions and policy shifts.

## Immigration and Border Security

- Signed Executive Orders for Border Security: Issued 37 executive orders in the first week, many focused on immigration, including declaring a national emergency at the southern border.
- Reduced Illegal Border Crossings: Daily border encounters dropped by 93–95%, with February 2025 recording 8,450 apprehensions, the lowest in 25 years, compared to 47,000 in December 2024. Migration through Panama's Darien Gap fell by

99.99%.

- Mass Deportation Efforts: Arrested over 151,000 undocumented immigrants and deported more than 135,000, including 600 Tren de Aragua members and thousands of MS-13 and 18th Street gang members.
- Designated Cartels as Terrorist Organizations: Labeled international drug cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations to combat trafficking and violence.
- Rescinded Biden-Era Immigration Guidelines: Removed restrictions preventing immigration officers from entering “sensitive” areas like schools and places of worship, enabling broader enforcement.
- Military Deployment to Border:

Deployed Pentagon troops and Coast Guard assets to secure the southern border and Gulf of America.

- Negotiated with El Salvador: Secured a deal with President Nayib Bukele to deport criminal immigrants to a mega-prison in El Salvador, pitched as a cost-effective deterrent.
- Proposed Ending Birthright Citizenship: Signed an executive order to end automatic citizenship for children born in the U.S. to parents without permanent legal status, though this faces legal challenges.
- Fentanyl Traffic Reduction: Reported a 54% decrease in fentanyl trafficking at the southern border in March 2025 compared to March 2024.

## Economy and Trade

- Signed 143 Executive Orders: Shattered Franklin D. Roosevelt's record of 99, covering economic policy, tariffs, and deregulation.
- Implemented Tariffs: Imposed tariffs on imports, including 145% on Chinese goods, and reciprocal tariffs on nations like Vietnam, aiming to protect American workers. Auto import tariffs were later adjusted to avoid stacking with steel and aluminum levies.
- Secured \$1.1 Trillion in Investments: Attracted over \$500 billion for an AI infrastructure project with Softbank, Oracle, and OpenAI, plus investments in auto manufacturing in Ohio and Indiana.
- Created 345,000 Jobs: Reported

188,000 jobs in non-government sectors, with 9,000 in manufacturing, though unemployment rose slightly.

- **Blocked Biden-Era Regulations:**  
Halted unfinalized rules, saving an estimated \$180 billion (\$2,100 per family of four over a decade).
- **Rolled Back Environmental Regulations:** Reversed EPA tailpipe emission rules and DOT's Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards, saving \$755 billion over a decade.
- **Reduced Federal Workforce:** Cut 15,000 federal jobs and downsized the bureaucracy by over 100,000 through buyouts and performance standards.
- **Lowered Consumer Prices:** Reported declines in prescription drug prices (2%), gasoline (7%), energy (2%), and

wholesale egg prices (50%), though egg price claims are disputed by government data.

- Ended EV Mandate: Terminated Biden's electric vehicle incentives, aligning with "drill, baby, drill" energy policies.
- Promoted Domestic Energy: Issued orders to expand offshore drilling, Alaskan energy exploration, and mining, potentially raising \$10 trillion in royalties.
- Reduced Inflation: February 2025 showed the smallest annual core inflation increase since March 2021.
- Increased Labor Force Participation: Raised participation for those without a high school diploma by 0.7%.
- Lowered Veteran Unemployment:

Reduced from 4.2% in January to 3.8% in March.

- **Proposed Merit-Based Immigration:** Planned a visa system prioritizing skills, education, and investment, with “gold card” visas to raise \$100 billion.
- **Withdrew from Global Treaties:** Exited the Paris Climate Accord and opposed global taxation like the Biden-era global minimum tax.
- **Promoted Pharmaceutical Manufacturing:** Signed an order to streamline regulations and strengthen FDA inspections of foreign drug factories.

## Government Efficiency and Deregulation

- **Established DOGE:** Created the Department of Government

Efficiency, led by Elon Musk, to slash federal spending and programs like USAID and the Department of Education.

- Reduced Federal Telework: Cut remote work by 16 percentage points, aligning federal with private-sector practices.
- Fired Inspectors General: Purged agency oversight leaders to reduce accountability, though this raised concerns about transparency.
- Offered Federal Worker Buyouts: Provided buyouts to thousands, targeting perceived inefficiencies.
- Demanded Worker Accountability: Musk's DOGE sent emails requiring federal employees to justify their roles, though compliance was later deemed voluntary.



- Cut IRS Staff: Reduced IRS workforce by about a third through resignations and layoffs.
- Proposed Pentagon Cuts: Planned to cut 60,000 civilian Pentagon jobs, aiming for a 5% total reduction.
- Restricted Gain-of-Function Research: Signed an order limiting funding for controversial virus research, reversing his first-term stance.

## Social and Cultural Policy

- Banned DEI Programs: Eliminated diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives in the federal government and military.
- Banned Men in Women's Sports: Issued an executive order prohibiting transgender women from competing

in women's sports.

- Recognized Two Sexes: Declared only “male and female” as recognized sexes in federal policy.
- Defunded “Woke” Schools: Cut federal funding for schools deemed to promote progressive ideologies, costing some institutions billions.
- Pardoned January 6 Defendants: Pardoned those convicted for the Capitol riot and ordered restitution for some.
- Fired January 6 Investigators: Removed prosecutors and FBI agents linked to Capitol riot investigations.
- Revoked Security Clearances: Stripped clearances from Biden, Harris, Liz Cheney, Adam Kinzinger, Mark Milley, and Alexander Vindman.

- Declassified JFK Files: Released previously classified documents related to the JFK assassination.
- Pardoned D.C. Police Officers: Freed two officers prosecuted for actions deemed unjust by the administration.
- Ended Government Censorship: Signed an order to restore free speech and curb alleged government censorship.
- Reformed Kennedy Center: Removed Biden-era board members, including Doug Emhoff, to align with “Make America Great Again” values.
- Proposed School Choice: Issued an order to redirect \$100 billion in federal education funds to states and parents for private, parochial, and charter schools.

Foreign Policy

- Reinstated Travel Bans: Revived first-term travel restrictions on specific countries.
- Threatened Territorial Actions: Proposed seizing the Panama Canal, annexing Canada, and taking Greenland by force, though these remain rhetorical.
- Shifted Ukraine Policy: Suggested European peacekeepers for Ukraine and rebuked Putin for missile strikes, aligning with a less interventionist stance.
- Voted Against UN Resolution: Joined Russia, Belarus, and North Korea in opposing an EU-Ukrainian resolution condemning Russia's invasion.
- Engaged with World Leaders: Met with El Salvador's Bukele, France's Macron, and Ukraine's Zelensky,

signaling active diplomacy.

- Delayed TikTok Ban: Extended TikTok's U.S. operation by 75 days to negotiate a sale, avoiding an immediate ban.
- Investigated Foreign Imports: Launched a national security investigation into imports, escalating trade tensions.

## Legislation

- Signed Five Bills: Enacted the Laken Riley Act, a stopgap funding bill, and three Congressional Review Act resolutions overturning Biden-era rules.
- Passed Continuing Appropriations Act: Ensured government funding continuity.

## Other Notable Actions

- **Increased Army Recruitment:** Achieved a 15-year high in Army enlistment numbers.
- **Hosted LIV Golf Event:** Held a Saudi-backed golf tournament at Trump National Doral, strengthening ties with Saudi Arabia.
- **Revived “The Apprentice”:** Amazon added the reality show to Prime Video, boosting Trump’s cultural presence.
- **Frequent Golfing:** Spent at least 24 days golfing, including winning a club championship during tariff announcements.
- **Elevated Mar-a-Lago’s Status:** Made Palm Beach a power center by spending weekends at his private club.

- Media Strategy Shift: Reduced traditional journalists' access, favored friendly media, and threatened lawsuits against critics.

## Context and Analysis

Trump's first 100 days were defined by an unprecedented reliance on executive orders (143 vs. Roosevelt's 99), reflecting a strategy to bypass a polarized Congress, where Republicans & RINOs hold a trifecta. His focus on immigration, deregulation, and trade aligns with his "America First" agenda, delivering on campaign promises like border security and DEI bans.

Compared to his first term (28 bills, 24 executive orders), the second term's legislative output was minimal (5 bills),

but executive actions were far more aggressive.





