

IMMIGRATION FACTS

THERE ARE 4 EXECUTIVE ORDERS FOCUSING ON DIFFERENT AREAS OF IMMIGRATION:

1. **Interior enforcement**—the government aims to hire up to 10,000 new ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents, and 5,000 new CBP (Customs and Border Patrol) agents.
 - Extremely decentralized structure, no real “central command”
 - Agents are largely new and inexperienced
 - More scrutiny, stricter enforcement of immigration laws
 - More raids conducted (undocumented), most people who are picked up in raids have been living in the U.S. for 20+ years
 - Wider screenings, new denials for eligibility for legal status
 - Private universities have rights to demand interaction with ICE and SEVP agents regarding undocumented students **off-campus**. This is California law.
 - Department of Homeland Security still may come on campus to investigate F-1 and J-1 students

2. **Border Enforcement:** --More CBP agents at checkpoints and greater scrutiny on immigrants coming through the U.S. border

3. **Travel Ban**
 - 1st Ban was intended for refugees and residents of Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Libya, and Somalia who did not yet apply for a U.S. visa.
 - Travel Ban would suspend visas for 90 days for non-refugee visa applicants from the abovementioned countries, and 120 days for refugees entering into the Refugee Resettlement Program.
 - 2nd ban excluded Iraq
 - Existing visas were supposed to remain valid
 - Could potentially affect international students with expired visas who depart the country
 - 2nd ban was approved on **June 29, 2017**. Travelers with a “bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States,” that is, family, a college/university, or an employer, should be exempt from the ban. The ban includes Iran, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Libya, and Somalia.
 - The Supreme Court should be reviewing the Travel Ban in the fall.

4. **Review of H1-B program**
 - The Trump administration intends to review the H1-B program for possible employer “abuses” of the system. H1-B program is currently still intact.

5. **Reforming American Immigration for Strong Employment (RAISE) Act:** Bill introduced by President Trump and Republican Senators Tom Cotton and David Perdue on August

2, 2017 to cut the number of immigrants in half who enter the U.S. annually, and introduce a points-based system based on merit that could significantly reduce family-based immigration.

YOUR RIGHTS:

1. **Sensitive Locations:** Schools (including colleges and universities) and churches are considered to be “sensitive locations”, in which ICE agents are not supposed to enter to conduct raids unless it’s declared to be in the name of “national security” or “exigent circumstances”. Guidelines are still unclear and need more clarification.
 - Res Halls are **ALWAYS** off-limits
 - Buildings in which education occurs are controlled by the school (it is at the school’s discretion to keep agents out of these buildings). However, this may **not** apply to F-1 students.
 - This primarily applies to undocumented immigrants and not F-1 students. DHS (Department of Homeland Security) has more discretion concerning their actions with F-1 and J-1 students.
 - California law requires *private universities* to keep ICE and SEVP agents off-campus for undocumented students
 - January 1, 2016: California law passed which states that businesses may not discriminate against the undocumented; employees cannot call ICE or SEVP without ICE or SEVP warrant.

2. **Green Card Holders** should not have their green cards revoked!
 - Resist any demands to give up your green card at Customs!
 - DO NOT sign form I-407!
 - Demand to speak to an attorney

3. **AB540/Dream Act:** Undocumented/DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) may be eligible for Cal Grants/ state funding if they meet certain AB540 requirements: California HS graduate or GED, or in attendance at a California school for at least 3 years.

LEGAL RESOURCES

www.aclu.org

www.nilc.org

www.ilrc.org/family-preparedness-plan

www.lamayor.org/dacarenewalprocess

www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-provides-map

www.adminrelief.org

United We Dream Hotline: (844)-363-1423

Los Angeles Raids Rapid Response Network: (888)-624-4752

World Relief: (714)-210-4730

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