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High Costs, No Benefits: 100 Days Of Trump's Immigration Agenda

President Donald Trump and his allies in Congress have spent their first 100 days in power implementing a costly, dangerous, cruel, and chaotic immigration agenda – with no regard for our values, public safety, or economic concerns.

They have spent 100 days looking for ways to cut health care, food assistance, and other vital services to pay for their indiscriminate mass deportations and family separations – including by increasing ICE's budget by as much as 2200%.

Their policy agenda is not only cruel, but disrupts our economy, raises the prices of groceries, health care, and housing, and makes all of us less safe.

Costs to Americans' Health and Retirement Security

President Trump and his allies in Congress have spent 100 days building support for cuts to Medicaid and SNAP benefits: all to fund President Trump's mass deportations. Lawmakers are proposing more than \$880 billion in cuts from Medicaid to help pay to deport law-abiding, taxpaying families. Threats to Medicaid put health care at risk for [72 million Americans](#).

- **\$430 Million Cost:** The continuing resolution [passed](#) in March 2025 would provide \$430 million more to ICE and DHS to increase capacity for immigrant detention.
- **Medicaid and Food Assistance Cuts:** Mass deportations cost around \$88 billion a year. To pay for it, Congress is ready to slash [\\$880 billion](#) from Medicaid and [\\$230 million](#) from SNAP.
 - Families would go hungry and lose health care coverage so that the government could instead pay to ramp up mass deportations.
- Immigrants' tax contributions to Social Security and Medicare, two federal programs vital to American families, will disappear with their deportations. In 2022 alone, undocumented immigrants contributed [\\$22.6 billion](#) to Social Security and \$5.7 billion to Medicare.

The Economy

The immigration policies in the first 100 days of the Trump administration are leading to economic turmoil, worker shortages, and higher prices. By removing millions of construction, hospitality, and agriculture workers, President Trump's deportation plans could [reduce the GDP by \\$1.7 trillion](#). For every

1 million undocumented workers deported, 88,000 native-born workers [would lose](#) their jobs. If DACA ends, the U.S. would lose [18,600 workers](#) per month.

- **Tariff Crisis:** In his first 100 days, Trump has [threatened](#) tariffs on Mexico and Canada – two of the country’s closest trade partners – as part of his immigration policy.
 - Tariffs on Canada and Mexico are expected to [cost](#) the average American household \$930 in 2026, while destabilizing the U.S. economy.
- **Construction Slowdown:** Nearly [1.6 million](#) undocumented immigrants are working construction jobs, building our homes, schools, businesses, and roads. Construction sites are slowing down or stalling altogether as immigration raids target crews.
- **Higher Grocery Prices:** Mass deportation also threatens the more than [one million agricultural workers](#) who lack legal immigration status.
 - Grocery prices are climbing again as food rots in the field and supply chains lose key workers. [42% of U.S. adults](#) are expecting higher food costs due to mass deportations.
- **Higher Health Care Costs:** Nursing homes and home care providers are likely to face [critical staffing shortages](#).
 - The administration is prepared to round up and deport the estimated [142,000](#) immigrants, many of them TPS recipients, who work as child care workers, personal care, and home health workers. Elder and child care costs are rising as the labor pool shrinks.
 - Many undocumented workers in health care – [doctors, nurses, home aides](#) – are being detained or living in fear.
- **Inflation:** Economists are warning of a new wave of inflation driven by the loss of millions of essential workers. Mass deportations threaten to [reignite](#) inflation by as much as 3.1%.

Threats to Americans’ Safety and Security

In the first 100 days, the Trump administration has diverted DHS resources away from violent criminals and fentanyl traffickers to focus on detaining and deporting law-abiding, working, taxpaying, and productive members of our communities who have been in the U.S. for decades. President Trump’s mass deportation plans are not only cruel and costly, they’re dangerous. By diverting necessary resources away from investigating drug traffickers, arms dealers, and international crime organizations, the Trump administration is making America less safe.

- **Abandoning Public Safety Operations:** DHS agents say they've been [ordered](#) to abandon fentanyl, arms trafficking, and anti-terrorism operations to carry out detention and deportation.
 - Major investigations into the Sinaloa Cartel and human smuggling rings [may stall](#).
- **Gutting Anti-Extremism Programs:** Federal programs tracking domestic extremism are being [gutted](#), despite record-high threats.
 - Trump's rhetoric has inspired deadly domestic terrorism, notably the racist terror attack [targeting](#) the peaceful El Paso community in 2019, when a Texas man obsessed with a so-called "Hispanic invasion" of Texas and the white nationalist great replacement conspiracy theory drove hundreds of miles to murder 23 people and injure 26 more who were shopping at a Walmart in El Paso.

Cost to Our Values and Freedom

The Trump administration claims its actions in these first 100 days are purportedly intended to protect Americans and the homeland, but in reality, they are threatening the freedoms and civil liberties of every American. The Trump administration's anti-immigrant agenda can be thought of as the "tip of the spear" of their broader assault on democratic pillars and American citizens' rights.

- **Due Process:** Due process for all people in America is under assault: anyone can be detained and then deported without a hearing.
 - **Imprisoning Migrants With No Criminal Records:** CBS News reported that [75% of the 238 Venezuelan migrants](#) sent to El Salvador's notorious prison had no criminal records, despite claims of terrorism or gang ties. A separate report from Bloomberg found this number [could be as high as 90%](#).
 - The Trump administration claimed they would prioritize deporting criminals, but ICE [data](#) shows half of the migrants deported in February had no criminal records. More than half of those who were in ICE detention had no criminal charges or convictions.
 - The Trump administration invoked the Alien Enemies Act to deport people it claims are violent criminals, but many deported have no criminal records. For example, Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a Maryland father with protected status granted by a federal judge, was [abducted](#) and sent to a Salvadoran mega-prison known for human rights violations.
 - "[Cristian](#)," a 20-year-old Venezuelan asylum seeker, was deported to El Salvador even though his asylum case was pending. He was part of a class action case of unaccompanied minors seeking asylum. The settlement for the case prohibited the

government from deporting individuals in the class action until their cases were fully adjudicated. U.S. District Judge Stephanie Gallagher ordered the U.S. government to work with the government of El Salvador to return “Cristian” to the United States.

- **Violating First Amendment Rights:** [1,500 students](#) from nearly 250 colleges have had their visas revoked, many for exercising their First Amendment rights.
- **Racial and Ethnic Profiling:** U.S. citizens, including Puerto Ricans, were wrongfully detained based on their appearance. One incident involved a U.S. military veteran swept up during a raid in New Jersey, where "Hispanic" workers were asked for documentation.
 - Jency Machado: A naturalized U.S. citizen [detained](#) while driving to work, Machado's citizenship was questioned despite him stating it clearly. "They're just following Hispanic people," he said.
 - Ernesto Campos: A U.S. citizen and business owner was [detained](#) after agents slashed his car tires and held him for hours, even after confirming his citizenship.
 - A 10-year-old U.S. citizen child, recovering from brain cancer, was [deported](#) with her undocumented parents and siblings after being stopped at a checkpoint in Texas.
 - Juan Carlos Lopez-Gomez: A U.S. citizen born in Georgia, was [detained](#) in Florida despite presenting his birth certificate.
 - Jose Hermosillo, a New Mexico teen visiting Arizona was [detained](#) and held for nearly 10 days by Border Patrol before his case was dismissed by a judge.
 - A [doctor](#) and a [lawyer](#) – both U.S. citizens– have found themselves ensnared in this growing wave of wrongful detentions, underscoring the widening scope of the administration's immigration actions.
- **Stripping TPS Protections:** Immigrants under legal programs like [TPS were stripped](#) of their status without cause, subjecting them to deportation. This includes families with U.S. citizen children, like Elsy Berrios, an asylum seeker in Maryland, who was [detained](#) despite not having a criminal record.

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