

Dangerous Trump Republican Administration Actions

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114	Immigration	1/24/17	Building wall	Win favor of Base	Mexico will pay for it; will have positive impact on US jobs; will increase US safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Minimal impact on illegal immigration . Waste of money . Unnecessarily wreck relationship with Mexico and start trade war
115	Immigration	1/25/17	Denying federal funds to Sanctuary Cities. 4/27/17: Sessions vows to press legal fight on sanctuary cities despite a court order barring federal officials from targeting localities	Disallow local regions from standing against his anti-immigrant policies	Immigrants are thieves and rapists; immigrants are taking our jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Breaking up families . Wrecking lives of disadvantage people . Forcing Americans that disagree with Trump policies to tow line of face huge financial penalties
116	Immigration	1/25/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Freeze the U.S. refugee program for 120 days, cut the current refugee quota by more than 50%, and take steps to initiate a "Muslim Ban"—targeting and banning immigration from upward of seven Muslim-majority countries. . Call for a brutal immigration crackdown, including a likely acceleration of mass deportations and an effort to cut funding for 	Win favor of Base	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Refugees are all terrorists . Immigrants are the reason for US job losses and the wealth and income gap . Refugees are "pouring in" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Religious discrimination; breaking apart families . Increase cost of food thru increased cost of agriculture labor . Testing the extent to which the DHS (and other executive agencies) can act and ignore orders from the other branches of gov't . A play to consolidate power to Trump's inner White House circle . Setting up to make a play for total power if terror attack does occur
117	Immigration	3/5/17	New Muslim ban, only slightly different from the last one. People from six majority-Muslim countries are being blocked from getting visas to the United States, and the refugee program is still being suspended.	Win favor of Base	Same as with first Muslim Ban (see above)	<p>Same as with first Muslim Ban (see above)</p> <p>More on details: people from Iran, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen, Syria and Libya will face a 90-day suspension of visa processing. Iraq was removed from the list of countries affected. The order will keep in place a 120-day suspension of the refugee program, but it will no longer identify Syrian refugees as subject to an indefinite ban. The revisions are meant to help it withstand a court challenge.</p>
118	Immigration	4/23/17	Jeff Sessions says DREAMers, like "everyone that enters the country unlawfully," are "subject to being deported."	No compassion; kick out all immigrants they can	That this will make America better off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Breaking up families . Wrecking lives of disadvantage people
119	Immigration	5/22/17	Jeff Sessions and the Department of Justice are telling lawyers to stop representing immigrants in deportation proceedings	They're accusing immigrant-rights lawyers of breaking a rule that was put in place to protect people from lawyers who take their money and then drop their case.	Immigrants are thieves and rapists; immigrants are taking our jobs	The cease and desist letter could dissuade law firms from letting their lawyers volunteer for these cases, scaring those firms away by convincing them that immigration-related projects are too risky pro-bono projects

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120	Judicial	Jan 2017	Nominate Jeff Sessions as Attorney General	Bring in lieutenant that will do as he is told and not push back at Trump extremism	That America is living in a dark world and needs to crack down on all those that oppose Trump	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Free reign to push extremism . Attack on immigrants and minorities . Refusal to enforce regulations
121	Judicial	1/31/17	Nominated Neil Gorsuch for the Supreme Court.	Keep court's rightwing advantage	That Gorsuch will be fair and balanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Ideologically aligned with ultra conservative, Koch-funded Federalist Society and Heritage Foundation . His record and previous legal writings shows his desires to limit access to the courts . He also has a record of denigrating the power of agencies like the EPA to make rules to carry out their functions
122	Judicial	2/25/17	Attorney General Jeff Sessions reinstated the government's use of private prisons w/Trump blessing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Play to base . Lock up minorities and those that might oppose him . Generate fear 	That private prisons will be run more efficiently and that all these evil people, including non-violent drug addicts, need to be locked up	The U.S. incarcerates more people than any other country on earth with nearly 2M behind bars. A big reason for this is that we have created a financial incentive to incarcerate more and more people. The private prison industry is founded on a business model that allows corporations to profit from mass incarceration.
123	Judicial	3/11/17	Trump abruptly orders remaining 46 U.S. attorneys to tender their resignations immediately, sweeping away the remaining vestiges of the Obama administration's prosecutors at the Justice Department.	Appoint judges that will not challenge him.	That any challenge to Trump is judicial activism	It is not unusual for a new president to replace United States attorneys appointed by a predecessor, especially when there has been a change in which party controls the White House. Other presidents, however, have done it gradually in order to minimize disruption.
124	Judicial	4/4/17	Attorney General Jeff Sessions ordered review of federal agreements with dozens of law enforcement agencies.	Suppress minorities; move country backwards towards racial profiling; play to whites in his base	That this somehow makes America safer	In an effort to improve relations between the police and the communities they serve, the Obama administration negotiated reform agreements with troubled police forces.
125	Judicial	4/7/17	The Senate confirmed Neil Gorsuch as the 113th Supreme Court justice	Move the court to the far right	That Gorsuch will be fair and balanced	Gorsuch will be as far right as Scalia.
126	Judicial	5/12/17	Jeff Sessions directed prosecutors to seek the toughest drug charges for offenders.	Impress his base by "looking tough"; lock up minorities. Give more business to corporate prisons	That we need to go back to the Bush-era policy that tasked federal prosecutors with charging "the most serious readily provable offense", and that this will make us safer	The new sentencing guidelines roll back an Obama-era policy of avoiding charging nonviolent, less-serious drug offenders with long, mandatory-minimum sentences, which are completely biased to lock up minorities

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127	Media	6/29/17	Trump assailed television host Mika Brzezinski on Twitter for "bleeding badly from a face-lift."	Personal attacks on the media	FAKE NEWS!	About two hours before his tweets, Brzezinski said on the show that "it's not normal behavior" for any leader to tweet about a person's appearances, bully, lie, undermine managers, or throw people under the bus
128	Privacy	3/30/17	Republicans vote to repeal Internet privacy protections. Trump signed 4/4/17.	Remove any type of "regulation" that inhibits corporate profit (at the expense of consumers).	That this rule was an example of Obama "over-reach"	The resolution overturns an Obama-era FCC rule that would have required Internet service providers to get your permission before collecting and sharing your data, including your web browsing history, app usage and geo-location
129	Regulations	7/11/17	Trump's secret political appointees are trying to scale back government regulations	Kill regulations	They aren't needed and cost jobs!!	In February, Trump signed an executive order requiring federal agencies to form deregulation teams, many of which are staffed by political appointees with deep industry ties and potential conflicts of interest, such as reviewing rules their previous employers sought to weaken or kill.
130	Science	3/17/17	Trump's budget proposal calls for major cuts to funding for medical and science research; he wants to slash funding to the National Institutes of Health by \$6 billion, which represents about one-fifth of its budget.	Attacking science makes it easier for Trump to pursue policies that will enrich his family and their businesses, as well as to repeal and block any of those pesky regulations based on scientific studies	Science is fake news, etc	Given that the NIH says it uses more than 80 percent of its budget on grant money to universities and other research centers, thousands of institutions and many more scientists would suffer from the proposed cuts. Scientists now brace for a Lost Generation in American research.
131	Security	1/30/17	Reorganization of the National Security Council: Bannon and Priebus have permanent seats on the Principals' Committee; the Dir of Nat'l Intelligence and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff demoted to only attending mtgs where told that their expertise is relevant; the Secretary of Energy and the US UN Rep kicked off	Very tight "inner circle," containing at least Trump, Bannon, Miller, Priebus, Kushner, which is making all of the decisions	Not a big deal; Obama had David Axelrod as member	Who knows what crazed and extreme decisions will be made but recent Bannon-driven Executive Orders indicates total extremism

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132	Security	Ongoing	Nominating General Michael Flynn as national security adviser Flynn told the Trump team he was under investigation for secretly working as a paid lobbyist for Turkey weeks before he came to the White House.	Bring in counterpart that wants to go easy on Russia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . That Flynn never discussed removing sanctions on Russia before Trump was inaugurated . That Trump's campaign never coordinated with the Russian gov't 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Set US up to be blackmailed by Russia . Hurt US relationship with western allies . Trump made Flynn his national security adviser anyway, giving him access to nearly every secret held by American intelligence agencies . Trump pressured a "reluctant" Michael Flynn into accepting the national security adviser job even after Flynn warned that he was under investigation over undisclosed lobbying on behalf of a foreign gov't
133	Security	3/16/17	Trump budget cuts FEMA state and local grant funding by \$667 million, including the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program and Homeland Security Grant Program	Cut social programs in favor of defense spending, even if these programs are geared at protecting Americans	That these programs don't work; repeated studies say they do.	When disaster hits, which it always does, we will be crippled in our response
134	Security	3/20/17	Secretary of State Tillerson calls the North Korea nuclear program an "imminent" threat while ruling out negotiations with the country	Thump on his tough-guy chest to threaten N. Korea	US policy towards N. Korea has been a total failure for past 20 years	Much heighten risk of military conflict. He left open the possibility of a pre-emptive military strike to eliminate its nuclear program while China's foreign minister urged the U.S. to remain "cool-headed."
135	Security	4/17/17	Trump is "trying to out-North Korean the North Koreans" with his aggressive rhetoric against the totalitarian state. North Korean response: Any missile or nuclear strike by the United States would be responded to "in kind."	Prove that he is a "tough guy" and not to be messed with. Mike Pence warns North Korea that "the sword stands ready.	That he knows how to scare regimes like the North Korean	Puts the world in a VERY dangerous place. Pence put N. Korea on notice, warning that "the era of strategic patience is over" regarding its nuclear and ballistic missile program. "North Korea would do well not to test his resolve — or the strength of the Armed Forces of the United States in this region," the vice president warned
136	Security	5/2/17	Trump said he would be "honored" to meet with North Korea's Kim Jong Un if the circumstances were right	Convey image of a good negotiator	Also calls Kim Jong-un a "a pretty smart cookie" for managing to hold on to power after taking over at a young age	Legitimizing a crazed dictator.
137	Security	5/2/17	Trump invited Philippine President Duterte to visit him at the White House after their "very friendly conversation	Convey image of being a tough guy	That Duterte is fair and reasonable	Duterte has ordered the killing of over 7000 Philippine residents. Recognizing him legitimizing assassinations/murders.
138	Security	5/16/17	Trump revealed highly classified information to Russian diplomats during their Oval Office meeting	Boast about how good he is	That this mistake didn't do any damage	Jeopardized a critical source of intelligence on the Islamic State.

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139	Security	5/24/17	The Pentagon is in shock that Trump told Duterte about the submarines.	Boast about how good he is	That unveiling state secrets is no big deal	Pentagon never talks about the location of submarines on the belief that stealth is key to their mission.
140	Security	5/29/17	Kushner wanted a secret communications channel with the Kremlin so Michael Flynn could discuss strategy in Syria and other security issues directly with senior military officials in Moscow.	Hide communications from public and Democrats	Nothing inappropriate here	The channel was never set up, but was proposed by Kushner during an early December meeting at Trump Tower with ambassador Sergey Kislyak. Kushner suggested using Russian diplomatic facilities in the US for the communications.
141	Security	6/2/17	Hurricane season started with nobody in charge at FEMA or NOAA.	Focus on himself and not running government	That he's been attacked too much, thus how could he actually run government?	The agencies that oversee the government's weather forecasting and response to disasters are both leaderless nearly five months after Trump was sworn in. Forecasters say the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season could bring "above-normal" storm activity.
142	Security	7/21/17	Trump's embrace of Russia places him at odds with his national security and foreign policy advisers.	Kill any investigation while expanding business opportunities for himself with Russia	That America's security experts are "fake news", etc	"Deep divisions" are growing in the White House on the best way to approach Moscow. Foreign officials have said Trump and his team have sent "mixed signals" with regards to their Russia policy, leaving diplomats and intelligence officials "dumbfounded" by Trump's approach.
143	Social Services	3/16/17	Trump's team is expected to propose a wide array of cuts to transportation programs like Amtrak and to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the complete elimination of the \$3 billion Community Development Block Grant program, which funds popular programs like Meals on Wheels, housing assistance and other community assistance efforts	. Increase defense spending at the expense of social programs . Keep the poor down while keeping the rich's investments safe	That these programs don't work; repeated studies say they do.	DRAMATIC increase in poverty and suffering throughout America
144	Women's Rights	6/30/17	The White House council for women and girls has been silently disbanded	Cut this liberal crap	Not needed	Obama's White House Council on Women and Girls was created in 2009 to monitor the impact of policy changes and liaise with women's groups.