

Actions Biden took during his first day in office

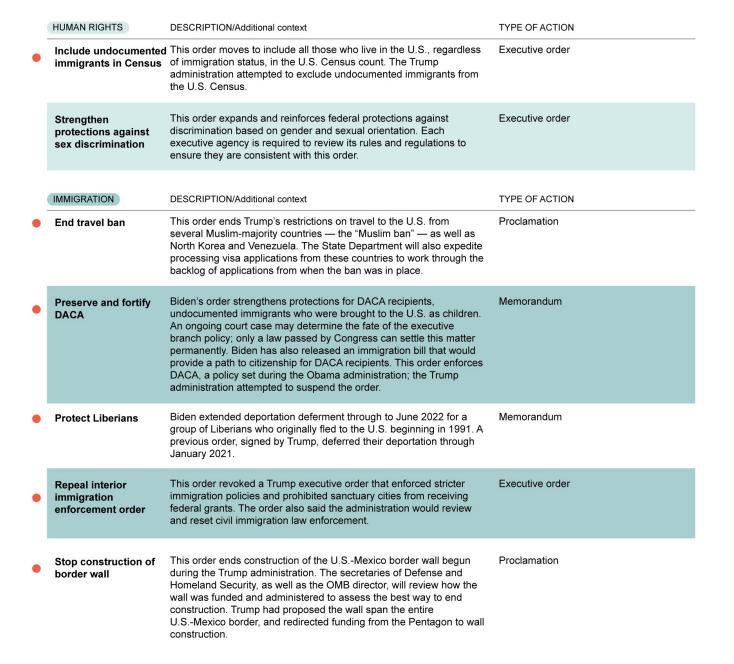
President Joe Biden kicked off the early days of his administration by signing a variety of executive orders, memorandums and proclamations — many of which reverse policies set by former President Donald Trump's administration. Beyond a host of orders to address the Covid-19 pandemic, other orders include ending Trump's travel ban (the so-called Muslim ban) and revoking the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline.

Executive actions organized by subject area

	CLIMATE	DESCRIPTION/Additional context	TYPE OF ACTION
Reversal of Trump order	Rejoin Paris climate accord	The U.S. will rejoin the Paris climate accord — an international agreement to tackle climate change and set emissions targets. The U.S. will be able to officially rejoin the agreement in 30 days. Trump withdrew the U.S. from the agreement in 2017.	Statement of acceptance
•	Revoke permit for Keystone XL pipeline and reverse other environmental rollbacks	The order calls for an immediate review of actions from the past four years regarding greenhouse gas emission standards. It also revokes the permit the Trump administration granted to the Keystone XL pipeline and restores restrictions on oil and gas drilling in certain Arctic waters and the Bering Sea set by President Barack Obama's administration.	Executive order
	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	DESCRIPTION/Additional context	TYPE OF ACTION
•	Advance racial equity across federal government	The order calls for greater federal accountability by directing agencies to evaluate how their programs and actions may perpetuate systemic racism. This order also revokes the 1776 Commission, a board commissioned by Trump to push a "patriotic education" in schools.	Executive order
	Establish new ethics rules	Every executive agency appointee is required to sign an established ethics pledge. The pledge includes certain restrictions on lobbying, including a revolving door ban and commits the appointees to working "exclusively in the public interest, without regard to private gain or personal benefit."	Executive order
•	Freeze Trump's last-minute regulations	This order freezes any new rules set at the end of Trump's time in office. This will allow the incoming administration to determine which of these regulations should proceed and which should be repealed.	Memorandum for heads of executive departments and agencies
•	Revoke Trump-era executive orders	This order revokes six executive orders from the Trump administration, including one that required executive departments or agencies to repeal two regulations for every new regulation they introduced.	Executive order
	FINANCE	DESCRIPTION/Additional context	TYPE OF ACTION
	Pause interest and payments on federal students loans	The Department of Education will extend the pause on interest and payments for federal student loans until Sept. 30. Biden has also voiced support for canceling \$10,000 in federal student loan debt per person.	Statement







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