



Donald Trump’s Policy Impact— A Mid-Year Report on How His Administration Has Changed U.S. Law

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Even while failing to deliver on big-ticket promises to voters in areas including health care, infrastructure and tax reform, President Trump and the Republicans who run Congress produced some significant changes to federal law by the end of June, laying out a detailed record by which their early performances can be judged. The GOP work product to date is split almost evenly into two categories—legislative items, most of which bear the imprimatur of House Speaker Paul Ryan, and executive orders by Trump that carry the force of law but lack permanency.

Overall, the measures deliver policy wins to trade protectionists and to core Republican constituencies such as abortion foes, gun enthusiasts, energy firms and Wall Street financiers. But there is little in the list of accomplishments that stands to directly benefit the working-class voters whose support was crucial to the president’s election. In fact, all six workplace measures signed by Trump would undercut blue-collar job protections and economic opportunities on a large scale. Trump did a better job of keeping his immigration promises, garnering at least temporary Supreme Court backing for parts of his revised executive order to block many residents of six Muslim-majority countries from obtaining visas to enter the United States.

Here is a listing of 37 of the most significant bills, resolutions and executive orders that Trump signed between Jan. 20 – June 30. The dates shown are signing dates.

Abortion–Planned Parenthood	To nullify a rule affirming Planned Parenthood’s eligibility for Title X family-planning grants notwithstanding states’ efforts to block the funding. (HJ Res 43) (04/13/17) To block IRS enforcement against tax-exempt religious organizations that engage in politicking, and instruct federal agencies to consider dropping regulations requiring employer-provided health insurance to cover abortion. (EO) (05/04/17)
Business Deregulation	To nullify a rule that U.S. corporations disclose payments to foreign governments for mineral extraction rights. (HJ Res 41) (02/14/17)
Civil Service Employment Rules	To reduce civil-service job protections at the Department of Veterans Affairs to speed the dismissal of poorly performing employees. (S 1094) (06/23/17) To improve whistleblower protections and staff accountability at the Department of Veterans Affairs. (EO) (04/27/17)
Defense–National Security	To grant a waiver allowing retired U.S. Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis to serve immediately as secretary of defense. (S 84) (01/20/17)

Education Deregulation	<p>To nullify a rule on state and local implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (the federal K-12 education law). (HJ Res 57) (03/27/17)</p> <p>To nullify a rule on teacher assessments under the Every Student Succeeds Act (the federal K-12 education law). (HJ Res 58) (03/27/17)</p>
Elections	To establish a commission to investigate registration and voting and make recommendations on rules and practices for federal elections. (EO) (05/11/17)
Energy	To promote offshore energy development in U.S. territorial waters. (EO) (04/28/17)
Environmental Deregulation	<p>To nullify a rule putting environmental controls on mountaintop-removal mining. (HJ Res 38) (02/16/17)</p> <p>To shelve a rule applying the Clean Water Act to waters upstream of navigable waters. (EO) (02/28/17)</p> <p>To revoke President Obama’s “Clean Power Plan” for reducing CO₂ emissions and addressing climate change. (EO) (03/28/17)</p> <p>To review presidential designations under the Antiquities Act of 1906 that have preserved in their natural state designated federal lands possessing extraordinary geological features. (EO) (04/26/17)</p>
Ethics	To establish ethics rules for executive branch appointees. (EO) (01/28/17)
Federal v. States’ Rights	To nullify a rule banning inhumane killing of predators on U.S. wildlife refuges in Alaska in deference to state law and policies. (HJ Res 69) (04/03/17)
Federal Budget	<p>To approve government funding from April 28 through May 5 at a \$1.1 trillion annualized level. (HJ Res 99) (04/28/17)</p> <p>To approve government funding from May 5 through Sept. 30 at a \$1.1 trillion annualized level. (HR 244) (05/05/17)</p>
Gun Rights v. Public Safety	To nullify a rule subjecting mentally ill persons on Social Security disability rolls to FBI background checks when they seek to purchase firearms. (HJ Res 40) (02/28/17)
Health Care	<p>To direct federal agencies to grant as many waivers, deferrals and exemptions from requirements of the Affordable Care Act as they can within the law. (EO) (01/20/17)</p> <p>To establish a presidential commission on drug addiction and opioid abuse. (EO) (03/29/17)</p>
Immigration	<p>To propose a wall or other physical barrier on the border with Mexico and direct federal agencies to use all legal means to prevent illegal immigration. (EO) (01/25/17)</p> <p>To direct the attorney general to pursue the withholding of federal funds from “sanctuary city” jurisdictions that do not cooperate with federal efforts to remove illegal immigrants. (EO) (01/25/17)</p> <p>To impose a 90-day ban on entry into the United States by persons from seven predominantly Muslim nations and a 120-day suspension of the acceptance of refugees. (EO) (01/27/17)</p> <p>To place a 90-day ban on the issuance of new visas for residents of six predominantly Muslim nations seeking to travel to the United States and limiting the number of refugees admitted to 50,000 per year. This revised an earlier order (above) that was blocked by the courts. (EO) (03/06/17)</p>

Miscellaneous	To establish “Buy American” federal procurement policies and “Hire American” immigration practices. (EO) (04/18/17)
Privacy Rights v. Corporate Profits	To nullify an FCC rule that Internet service providers must obtain customer consent before sharing personal data with advertisers. (SJ Res 34) (04/03/17)
Public Land Management	To nullify updated Bureau of Land Management procedures for obtaining public comments on proposed public-land uses in the West. (HJ Res 44) (03/27/17)
Trade	<p>To withdraw the United States from participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement. (EO) (01/23/17)</p> <p>To step up enforcement of penalties against foreign producers who “dump” products into U.S. markets. (EO) (03/31/17)</p> <p>To address violations of trade laws and instances of unfair trade that are detrimental to the United States. (EO) (04/29/17)</p>
Workplace Rules	<p>To nullify a rule intended to ensure that federal contractors comply with 14 basic workplace laws. (HJ Res 37) (03/27/17)</p> <p>To nullify as too narrow a Department of Labor rule on states’ drug-testing of applicants for unemployment benefits. (HJ Res 42) (03/31/17)</p> <p>To nullify a Department of Labor rule on the length of time companies must retain updated records on worker injuries. (HJ Res 83) (04/03/17)</p> <p>To nullify a rule to help cities establish privately run retirement plans for private-sector workers whose employers do not offer such plans. (HJ Res 67) (04/13/17)</p> <p>To nullify a rule to help states establish privately run retirement plans for private-sector workers whose employers do not offer such plans. (HJ Res 66) (05/17/17)</p> <p>To revoke President Obama’s executive orders requiring federal contractors to comply with certain workplace laws. (EO) (03/27/17)</p>
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