

IMMIGRATION WORKING GROUP

Yale's Immigration Working Group is actively engaged in delivering information and services, while maintaining its commitment to supporting all campus community members, amidst ongoing changes in federal immigration policy. Representatives from various units coordinate the university's response to new developments and establish support for evolving needs of the campus community. The immigration working group is monitoring the following Executive Orders to determine their potential impact:

EO 14155: Suspension of the Refugee Admissions Program [In Effect as of Jan 20, 2025]

It indefinitely suspends the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP). However, Secretaries of DoS and DHS have the discretion to admit specific refugees on a case-by-case basis.

EO 14157: Securing the Borders - Ending Humanitarian Parole Programs [In Effect as of Jan 20, 2025]

It seeks to enhance the security of the U.S. southern border by implementing measures like building walls, preventing unauthorized entries, detaining migrants, executing removals, and prosecuting immigration law violators. DHS terminated humanitarian parole programs, affecting processes for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans.

EO 14164: America First Policy Directive to the Secretary of State [In-Effect as of Jan 20, 2025]

It aligns U.S. foreign policy to prioritize American interests and citizens. It echoes the "Buy American, Hire American" (BAHA) policies from the previous Trump administration, which had heightened scrutiny of employment-based visas. ***Note:** This policy has impacts on foreign assistance programs, addressed by other working groups at Yale.

EO 14163: Reintroducing Enhanced Vetting [Issued, Jan 20, 2025; Report Pending 03/21/25]

It mandates enhanced vetting and screening protocols for visa issuance and immigration applications, reverting to standards from the prior Trump administration. It requires the DoS and DHS secretaries, the Attorney General, and the Director of National Intelligence to submit a report within 60 days, identifying countries with deficient vetting information. This could lead to potential travel bans or increased visa denials for nationals of those countries.

EO 14188: Combatting Anti-Semitism [Issued, Jan 29, 2025; Report Pending 03/29/25]

Section 3(e) of the EO requires the Secretaries of DoS, DoE, and DHS, to include in their reports (due within 60 days) "recommendations for familiarizing institutions of higher education with the grounds for inadmissibility under 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3) so that such institutions may monitor for and report activities by alien students and staff relevant to those grounds." We do not know what the eventual recommendations might be, or what the Administration will expect from educational institutions in terms of "monitoring and reporting" activities by "alien students and staff". Pursuant to this EO, on February 3, 2025, DoE's OCR opened investigations for five universities under Title VI, HHS' Civil Rights Office opened investigations for four medical campuses, and DoJ established a task force "to root out anti-Semitic harassment in schools and on college campuses."

EO 14156: Birthright Citizenship [Issued on Jan 20, 2025; Blocked]

It aims to redefine birthright citizenship under the 14th Amendment. It excludes U.S. citizenship for children whose mothers were unlawfully present in the U.S. or had temporary lawful status, if the father is not a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident. This order also stops U.S. agencies from issuing citizenship documents to these children, impacting nonimmigrant visa statuses like F-1, J-1, H-1B, and more. This order has been blocked nationwide.