

TRUMP'S DAY ONE EXECUTIVE ACTIONS

Hurting The Poor & Working Class,
Destroying Our Environment, and
Giving the Rich More Power and Money



On President's Trump's first day in office he took action to reverse many orders signed by President Biden to enact his political agenda. Many of the orders focus on immigration, climate change and the environment, while giving more power to billionaires, corporations, and their CEOs.

President Trump signed too many [Executive Orders to respond to them all](#), but we have a responsibility to call out many of those orders that will hurt our communities – particularly those affected by HIV/AIDS, the drug war, mass incarceration, and homelessness.

Many of President Trump's actions took aim at immigrants. As people who have been victims of poverty, a racist and classist incarceration system and have seen the harms of the failed war on drugs, VOCAL-US leaders believe immigrants are being attacked and scapegoated. The real problem are billionaires and the politicians they own who refuse to enact policies that will end homelessness and lift people out of poverty. And we believe many recent migrants should be seen as drug war refugees fleeing the violence created by the Drug Enforcement Agency. There's really only one connection between fentanyl and the increase of new arrivals: our failed global drug war that fuels them both. The War on Drugs has made living conditions so untenable that millions of people are faced with the arduous choice to make the perilous trek north.

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- **Enriching Private Prisons:** Trump reversed a [President Biden order](#) that eliminated DOJ contracts with private prisons. Now, two giant corporations - CEO Group and CoreCivic - will get larger and larger profits if they can incarcerate more and more people.
- **Damaging the Environment, Especially for Poor Communities:** Trump reversed many Biden Orders to protect the environment, including the “Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government” order that is specifically geared towards protecting the air, water and land of poor communities from corporate polluters.
- **Rolling Back Healthcare for the Poor:** President Trump reversed Biden’s “Strengthening Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act” which will begin to weaken healthcare for poor and working people. .
- **Allowing billionaires to Control the Government:** President Trump took action to create the [Department Of Government Efficiency](#) (DOGE), led by Elon Musk, the richest man in the world. DOGE will put billionaires inside Government agencies to propose ways to cut spending and transform government services.
- **Removing the United States from the World Health Organization:** President Trump removed our country from the [World Health Organization](#), which has played a critical role in tackling the global AIDS epidemic and other global health issues that will impact poor people at home and abroad.
- **Ending Protections for Transgender People:** President Trump signed an action to only “Recognize two sexes: male and female”, and remove protections for transgender people in federal prisons.