

TRUMP'S PLANS TO PRIORITIZE PUBLIC SAFETY BY ADDRESSING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Survey after survey has found that a majority of Americans support Trump declaring a national emergency to address illegal immigration. However, a mass deportation order poses high costs and logistical challenges. Trump maintains there is no “price tag” considering the crime and safety issues illegal immigration has caused.

Did you know...?

- The Trump administration has said it would prioritize deporting those with criminal convictions and final removal orders. Tom Homan, Trump’s “Border Czar” has vowed to target “the worst first” for deportation and that it’ll be a humane but necessary operation.
- According to ICE data, there are more than 13,000 immigrants convicted of homicide that are living outside of detention. Two law enforcement officials disclosed that there are 13,099 immigrants who have been convicted of homicide living in the U.S.
- Deportations could address rising unemployment for Americans in the U.S. who have lost out on jobs to workers crossing the border. Stephen Camerota of the Center for Immigration Studies agrees, stating in written testimony provided to the U.S. House Education and Workforce Committee that “there is clear evidence that immigration reduces the wages and employment of some U.S.-born workers.”



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PRESIDENT-ELECT TRUMP'S PLANS TO PRIORITIZE PUBLIC SAFETY AND LABOR BY ADDRESSING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Executive Summary

To reverse the damage done by Biden and Harris' open border policies, President-Elect Donald Trump and Border Czar Tom Homan are prioritizing public safety and a skilled American workforce by vowing to enact sweeping immigration measures such as mass deportation that could target as many as 20 million people in the country illegally. On Day 1, Trump will declare a necessary national emergency and activate the U.S. military to assist in deportation proceedings.

The American public sides with Trump on his deportation vows. Survey after survey has found that a majority of Americans support Trump declaring a national emergency to address illegal immigration. This tracks with previous polling and has bipartisan support from Democrats and Republicans. Unfortunately, liberal blue state politicians and pro-immigration groups have vowed to not cooperate and are plotting to challenge any Trump order in court.

Economists have warned that mass deportations could trigger inflation and higher prices, increased deficits, prolong the housing shortage and hamper economic growth. However, the president of the Minneapolis Federal Reserve has cautioned that it's too early to know the effects of Trump's deportation policy.

1. [Trump has vowed to prioritize public safety by following through on his mass deportation promise.](#)
2. [An overwhelming number of Americans support mass deportations, including Democrats.](#)
3. [Trump's deportations are necessary to ensure public safety and a skilled American workforce.](#)
3. [Trump's plans face logistical challenges and high costs.](#)
4. [Trump's efforts to deport illegal migrants in his first term were stymied by the blue states, who have already vowed to defy the federal government moving forward.](#)
5. [Mass deportations may increase inflation, worsen the housing shortage and curb economic growth.](#)

Trump Has Vowed To Prioritize Public Safety By Following Through On His Mass Deportation Promise

- Trump has [vowed](#) that his administration will start deporting hundreds of thousands of people in the country illegally, a plank he campaigned strongly on this past election. Trump has [said](#) he would target as many as 20 million people. His other immigration specific plans include [revoking](#) numerous Biden administration policies such as not pursuing illegal immigrants in the country who haven't committed a crime and changes to the immigration court system.
- The Trump administration has said it would prioritize deporting those with criminal convictions and final removal orders. [Tom Homan](#), Trump's "Border Czar" has vowed to target "the worst first" for deportation and that it'll be a humane but necessary operation.
- Earlier this week, Trump confirmed he would [declare](#) a national emergency and activate the U.S. military to assist in deportations. However, Pentagon officials have called Trump's military activation "[insane](#)."
- As of 2022, there were as many as 11 million people in the U.S. illegally according to DHS estimates. Updated estimates could be even [higher](#) following Biden's border failures.

An Overwhelming Number Of Americans Support Mass Deportations, Including Democrats

- According to a newly released survey by Napolitan News service, 55% of registered voters favor declaring a national emergency to address illegal immigration, with 31% strongly favoring and 24% somewhat favoring.
- Support for deportations has [increased](#) over the years. A CNN survey found that those supporting deportations grew by 20 points from 2017 and 2024. A June 2024 Gallup survey showed support for deportations up 15 points since 2016.
- A September 2024 Scripps News/Ipsos [survey](#), a majority of Americans (54%) back mass deportation of illegal immigrants, which included 25% of respondents who self-identify as Democrats. The same poll [found](#) “65 percent of Americans view illegals as a major or minor threat.”

Trump’s Deportations Are Necessary To Ensure Public Safety And A Skilled American Workforce

- According to ICE [data](#), there are more than 13,000 immigrants convicted of homicide that are living outside of detention and the number appears to be growing. Two law enforcement officials disclosed that there are 13,099 immigrants who have been convicted of homicide living in the U.S. Data provided in July 2024 [showed](#) that there were over 435,719 convicted criminal immigrants who were on ICE’s non-detained docket. Additionally, ICE has [said](#) 662,556 people under the agency’s supervision have been convicted or are face criminal charges for serious crimes, with around 15,000 in custody. Their figures show that there were 13,099 guilty of homicide, 15,811 for sexual assault and 13,423 for weapons offenses.
- Deportations could address rising unemployment for Americans in the U.S. who have lost out on jobs to workers crossing the border. Eric Wallerstein, chief markets strategist at Yardeni Research [said](#) “unemployment is rising for workers who compete directly with recent or unskilled immigrant workers.” Additionally, E.J. Antoni of the Heritage Foundation has [found](#) that illegal immigrant workers is making it harder for American to start their careers, saying the “influx of foreigners” is keeping “native-born Americans out of the workforce” and has “depressed wage growth.”
- Stephen Camerota of the Center for Immigration Studies agrees, stating in [written testimony](#) provided to the U.S. House Education and Workforce Committee that “there is clear evidence that immigration reduces the wages and employment of some U.S.-born workers.” Provided in his testimony was a 2019 review of over 50 economists studies that concluded low-skilled natives become “losers” as a result of immigration.
- According to Peter Kirsanow, who serves on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, black Americans lose out on jobs to illegal immigrants who are more likely to take jobs at lower wages and substandard work conditions. In a recent [op-ed](#), he cited a 2007 Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta study that suggested “competition from illegal immigrants accounts for approximately 40 percent of the decline in black employment rates over the last several decades.”

Trump’s Plans Face Logistical Challenges And High Costs

- Trump’s deportation order poses “[logistical problems](#)” and could take years as the most people ever deported came under Obama in fiscal year 2013, when over 430,000 people were removed from the U.S. According to ICE, its 7,000 officers conduct 250,000 deportations annually.
- Trump has said there is “no price tag” to deportation but an American Immigration Council [analysis](#) found that it would cost at least \$315 billion for a onetime mass deportation operation.

Longer-term costs could be more than \$968 billion over 10 years, which was characterized as a “highly conservative” estimate.

- According to pro-immigration think tank [American Immigration Council](#), federal agencies lack the manpower and detention space to carry out mass deportations.

Trump's Efforts To Deport Illegal Migrants In His First Term Were Stymied By The Blue States, Who Have Already Vowed To Defy The Federal Government Moving Forward

- During his first presidential term, Trump [sought](#) to deport a large number of migrants but his efforts were thwarted by blue state politicians who refused to cooperate with the federal government. However, the Trump administration was able to [deport](#) 1.5 million illegal immigrants.
- Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey has [vowed](#) to use “every tool in the tool box” to prevent deportation and Boston Mayor Michelle Wu [said](#) the city would not cooperate with federal authorities. Wu’s intentions have been rebuked by “border czar” Tom Homan, who [said](#) she wasn’t “very smart,” as the deportation policy will “prioritize safety threats.”
- Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker [said](#) he will do everything to protect undocumented immigrants, claiming there the federal government does not have manpower to carry out Trump’s deportation plans.
- Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs has [called](#) Trump’s deportation plans “misguided” and will not help federal authorities. Attorney General Kris Mayes said Trump’s policies were “[unacceptable](#)” and Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego has declared that the city [would not](#) assist or cooperate with federal authorities to carry out deportations.
- According to Sean Rankin, president of the Democratic Attorneys General Association, the 24 Democratic state attorneys general across the country have [prepared](#) a unified front to block Trump’s immigration orders. California AG Rob Bonta has been [prepping](#) for months to take on Trump’s immigration actions.
- The ACLU’s Immigrants’ Rights Project has already [vowed](#) to immediately challenge Trump’s plan to activate the military to conduct deportations.
- [Robyn Barnard](#) at Human Rights First has said Trump’s mass deportation policy will tear families apart and hurt businesses as they will lose employees.

Mass Deportations May Increase Inflation, Worsen The Housing Shortage And Curb Economic Growth

- Mass deportations could [increase](#) food prices, push up the cost of housing and “vastly reduce the supply of home health aides.” However, Minneapolis Fed president [Neel Kashkari](#) has said it’s too early to know the business effects of Trump’s mass deportation policy.
- Mass deportations [could](#) “choke off the supply of foreign-born workers who have been propping up the U.S. job market.” Wells Fargo economists admitted that there “may be valid reasons” for deportations but the side effects could place “upward pressures on labor costs” and negatively affect the economic growth rate.
- According to George Mason University’s [Michael Clemens](#), and economics professor, Trump’s threat of mass deportations “will cost trillions of dollars in economic growth” and result in “eliminating hundreds of thousands of jobs held by U.S. Natives. He added that “it will quickly raise inflation, by reducing the capacity of U.S. firms to supply goods and services faster than it reduces demand.”

- Economists at the Peterson Institute for International Economics [estimates](#) that deporting 8.3 million illegal immigrants “would push prices 9.1 percent higher overall by 2028.” There would be a 1.5 percent price increase for deporting 1.3 million.
- Brookings Institution economists [modeled](#) that additional restrictions on legal immigration and deportation of 3.4 million immigrants would curb economic growth by 0.4 percentage points in 2025.
- On the housing side, the Manufactured Housing Institute says it is “[not concerned](#)” with Trump’s immigration plans and look forward to working with him to address the housing supply shortage.
- Michael Lukens of the Amica Center for Immigrant Rights [said](#) that mass deportation would make the housing shortage crisis worse, noting it “would cripple” the construction, housing and agricultural market. He added that “it would be incredibly expensive and it would destroy the economy.”
- The American Immigration Council has [said](#) mass deportation would result in less tax revenues, contributions to Social Security and GDP, and result in “labor shocks across multiple key industries.
- Liberal economist Paul Krugman [wrote](#) in *The New York Times* that mass deportation “will probably cause soaring inflation,” as a result of the degrading of “productive capacity” and “balloon deficits.”