

Day-By-Day Digest Of President Trump's 100 Days of Failure



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- Tuesday, April 11, 2017: Government Watchdog Agency Is Investigating The Trump Transition
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- Monday, April 10, 2017: Trump Administration's "Extreme Vetting" Of Visitors Poses An Extreme Threat To Our Principles And Our Security
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- Monday, April 3, 2017: Trump's State Department Eliminates All U.S. Funding For United Nations Family Planning Agency
- Monday, April 3, 2017: Trump Signs Measure Repealing New Internet Consumer Privacy Protections
- Monday, April 3, 2017: More Fallout Follows Trump's Reversal Of Anti-Discrimination Protections For Women Workers
- Monday, April 3, 2017: Trump Donates \$78,333 To National Park Service After Proposing To Cut The Agency's Parent Department By \$1.5 Billion
- Monday, April 3, 2017: Trump White House Violates Protocol By Prematurely Confirming Jared Kushner's Trip To Iraq
- Sunday, April 2, 2017: Trump Sends His Son-In-Law As Envoy To Iraq Despite His Lack Of Foreign Policy Experience
- Saturday, April 1, 2017: Trump's Immigration Agents Arrest DREAMer Despite His Special Status Under Obama Administration Program
- Friday, March 31, 2017: Trump White House Signals He Doesn't Want Professional Reviews Of His Possible Judicial Nominees
- Thursday, March 30, 2017: Trump Administration Shuts Down The Public's Access To Key Information On U.S. Military Deployments To Middle East
- Thursday, March 30, 2017: Trump Again Proposes To "Change Libel Laws" So He Can Punish Journalists For Reporting On Him

- Wednesday, March 29, 2017: Trump's Energy Department Bans Employees From Using "Climate Change" In Written Communications
- Wednesday, March 29, 2017: Trump's EPA Chief Refuses To Ban Insecticide, Overruling The Warnings Of EPA's Own Scientists
- Wednesday, March 29, 2017: Trump Administration Erases Questions Focused On LGBT People From The 2020 Census
- Wednesday, March 29, 2017: Trump Administration Sells Arms To Nation Engaged In Bombing Campaign, Without Making Any Human Rights Demands
- Tuesday, March 28, 2017: Trump Signals He Will Not Honor U.S. Commitments To Landmark International Climate Agreement
- Monday, March 27, 2017: Trump Repeals Rule Protecting Workers From Wage Theft, Violations Of Other Labor And Civil Rights Laws
- Saturday, March 25, 2017: Trump Potentially Violates Ethics Laws By Giving His Daughter Ivanka A Formal Job In The White House
- Friday, March 24, 2017: Vice President Pence Touts A Picture Showing All-Male Panel Negotiating Women's Healthcare
- Tuesday, March 21, 2017: Trump Administration Starts Campaign To Shame And Smear Cities With Inclusive Policies Towards Immigrants
- Tuesday, March 21, 2017: In An Unprecedented No-Show, The U.S. Pulls Out Of Planned Human Rights Hearing
- Sunday, March 19, 2017: Trump White House Has Installed Advisors Throughout The Government To Monitor Cabinet Secretaries' Loyalty
- Sunday, March 19, 2017: Misunderstanding How NATO Works, Trump Accuses Germany Of Owing "Vast Sums Of Money" To NATO And U.S.
- Friday, March 17, 2017: Trump Administration Delays Rule To Ensure The Basic Rights Of People With Disabilities To Choose Where And How To Live
- Thursday, March 16, 2017: Trump Administration Picks Hate Group Opposed To Civil Rights For U.S. Delegation To The United Nations
- Thursday, March 16, 2017: Trump Proposes Deep Cuts To America's Diplomacy And International Aid Programs
- Thursday, March 16, 2017: Trump's Budget Director Says Budget Cuts to Programs Like Meals on Wheels Are "Compassionate"
- Wednesday, March 15, 2017: Trump Is Considering Expanding Killing Powers Abroad, Which Would Be Disastrous For Civilians
- Sunday, March 12, 2017: Analysis Shows That Trump Voters Would Be Hit Hard By GOP Healthcare Repeal Pushed By Trump
- Sunday, March 12, 2017: Trump's Budget Director Baselessly Accuses Bureau Of Labor Statistics Of Manipulating Jobs Data
- Sunday, March 12, 2017: Trump White House Seeks Massive Layoffs In Federal Workforce
- Saturday, March 11, 2017: Trump Administration Abruptly Fires 46 U.S. Attorneys Without Replacements Ready
- Friday, March 10, 2017: Trump Administration Considers Protestors Trying To End Police Brutality To Be "Domestic Terrorists"
- Friday, March 10, 2017: Trump's Agenda Hits America's Tourism Industry
- Thursday, March 9, 2017: Trump Budget Would Take \$6 Billion Away From Housing And Urban Development To Enlarge Pentagon Budget
- Thursday, March 9, 2017: Attorney General Lauds Prison Camp Infamous For Being Symbol Of Injustice, Abuse, And Disregard For The Rule Of Law
- Thursday, March 9, 2017: Congress Warns Trump To Stop Deleting Tweets In Apparent Violation Of Federal Law
- Wednesday, March 8, 2017: Trump Administration Approves Arms Sale To Saudi Arabia That Had Been Suspended Due To Saudi-Led Coalition's Killing Of Civilians

- Wednesday, March 8, 2017: Trump's EPA Deletes The Word "Science" From The Office On Science And Technology's Mission Statement
- Tuesday, March 7, 2017: Trump Administration's Proposed Budget Cuts To Great Lakes Programs Provoke Ire And Concerns
- Monday, March 6, 2017: On The Defensive After Defeats In Federal Court, Trump Signs Revised But Still Unconstitutional Muslim Ban
- Friday, March 3, 2017: Trump's Secretary of State Skips Presentation Of State Department's Human Rights Report
- Thursday, March 2, 2017: Trump's EPA Stops Requiring Oil And Gas Companies To Disclose Information About Their Methane Leaks
- Thursday, March 2, 2017: Released Records Show Mike Pence Had Used Private Email Account To Conduct Government Business As Governor
- Thursday, March 2, 2017: Facing Perjury Allegations, Attorney General Sessions Is Forced To Recuse Himself From Russia Investigation
- Wednesday, March 1, 2017: Trump Refuses To Take Responsibility For Botched U.S. Military Raid In Yemen
- Wednesday, March 1, 2017: News Breaks That Attorney General Jeff Sessions Committed Perjury Before Congress
- Wednesday, March 1, 2017: Trump Announces New Governmental Unit That Will Spread False Rhetoric Portraying Immigrants As Criminals
- Tuesday, February 28, 2017: Trump's Attorney General Announces That Police Departments' Civil Rights Abuses Will Go Unchallenged In Court
- Tuesday, February 28, 2017: Trump's Attorney General Signals The Federal Government Will Stop Overseeing Abusive Police Departments
- Tuesday, February 28, 2017: Trump Administration Proposes Intrusive Checks Of International Visitors' Social Media Accounts, Raising Alarms
- Tuesday, February 28, 2017: Trump White House Excludes Journalists From Press Briefing In Likely Unconstitutional Move
- Monday, February 27, 2017: Trump Admits Ignorance On Health Policy, Says Let The Affordable Care Act Implode So Democrats Get Blamed
- Monday, February 27, 2017: Signaling Contempt For Voting Rights, Trump Administration Choose To Leave Discriminatory Voter ID Law Standing
- Sunday, February 26, 2017: Trump Proposes To Slash Health, Education, And Jobs Programs While Massively Increasing The Pentagon Budget
- Saturday, February 25, 2017: Trump Administration's Immigration Dragnet Targets All Immigrants Without The Right Papers—In Church Shelters And Courthouses
- Friday, February 24, 2017: Trump Berates The F.B.I. And Escalates Attacks On Journalists As "The Enemy Of The People"
- Friday, February 24, 2017: Trump Assails Media, Promises To Throw Immigrants Without The Right Papers "The Hell Out Of The Country"
- Thursday, February 23, 2017: Trump's Attorney General Does The Private Prison Industry A Favor
- Thursday, February 23, 2017: Trump Administration Indicates Coming Crackdown On Recreational Marijuana Use
- Wednesday, February 22, 2017: Trump Withdraws Guidance Explaining Title IX's Protections For Transgender Students
- Tuesday, February 21, 2017: Trump Administration Pushes Ahead With the Apparatus of Human Misery Trump Promised During the Campaign
- Sunday, February 19, 2017: Trump Points To Nonexistent Terrorist Incident In Sweden To Push His Discriminatory Anti-Immigrant Agenda
- Saturday, February 18, 2017: Trump's Mar-a-Lago Membership Policy Highlight Potential For Pay-To-Play Corruption In Trump Administration

- Friday, February 17, 2017: Trump Hypes Violence Against Police, Which Is Declining, While Ignoring Shocking Police Violence Against Civilians
- Friday, February 17, 2017: Trump Delays Rule To Rein In Unscrupulous Financial Advisers And Excessive Wall Street Fees
- Friday, February 17, 2017: Trump Continues To Attack The Press, Denouncing News Outlets As The "Enemy Of The American People"
- Thursday, February 16, 2017: Trump Overturns Law That Protects Water Sources And Wildlife From Toxic Mining Waste Dumping
- Tuesday, February 14, 2017: Trump Moves To Allow Corrupt Extractive Companies Hide Their Foreign Bribes From The Public
- Tuesday, February 14, 2017: News Breaks That Trump Aides Repeatedly Spoke With Russian Intelligence Officials During The Campaign
- Tuesday, February 14, 2017: National Security Director Michael Flynn Resigns After Damaging Revelations
- Monday, February 13, 2017: Trump Holds Open Air Meeting At His Mar-a-Lago Club To Discuss North Korean Missile Test
- Monday, February 13, 2017: Trump Team Had Been Warned That National Security Advisor Flynn Was Susceptible To Russian Blackmail
- Monday, February 13, 2017: Trump's Justice Department Begins Rollback Of Transgender Students' Rights
- Sunday, February 12, 2017: Trump Advisor Stephen Miller Claims The Powers Of The President Should Not Be Questioned
- Friday, February 10, 2017: Trump Launches Sweeping Immigration Raids, Separating Families And Ensnaring Those With No Criminal Records
- Friday, February 10, 2017: Trump Accuses Massachusetts Residents Of Illegally Voting Against Him In New Hampshire
- Thursday, February 9, 2017: Trump Misleadingly Stokes Fear About Crime Trends And Diverts Government Resources To Advance Authoritarian Agenda
- Thursday, February 9, 2017: White House Official Breaks Ethics Laws, Says "Go Buy Ivanka's Stuff" On Live Television
- Thursday, February 9, 2017: Trump Falsely Accuses Democratic Senator Of Misrepresenting Neil Gorsuch's Criticism Of Trump
- Wednesday, February 8, 2017: Trump's EPA Nominee Refuses To Come Clean On His Dealings With Fossil Fuel Industry
- Wednesday, February 8, 2017: Trump Hypes The Wrong Murder Rate
- Wednesday, February 8, 2017: Trump Insinuates That The Judicial System Should Side With Him Or Else
- Wednesday, February 8, 2017: Melania Trump Sues Media Outlet Claiming It Harmed Her Opportunity To Profit Off Of Public Role Of First Lady
- Tuesday, February 7, 2017: Trump Denies Knowing Putin, Contradicting Past Statements Flaunting His Relationship With The Russian President
- Monday, February 6, 2017: Trump Administration Hides Online Public Records Of Animal Welfare Violations
- Monday, February 6, 2017: Trump Maligns The Press For Not Reporting Terrorist Attacks That He Says "You've Seen" Due To Press Coverage
- Sunday, February 5, 2017: Trump Tells The Public To Blame Federal Judge Who Halted His Unconstitutional Muslim Ban "If Something Happens"
- Sunday, February 5, 2017: Trump Places White Nationalist Steve Bannon On The National Security Council Without Realizing It
- Saturday, February 4, 2017: Trump Defends Vladimir Putin's Regime For Murdering Dissidents And Political Opponents
- Saturday, February 4, 2017: Trump Denigrates Federal Judge Who Halted Muslim Ban

- Friday, February 3, 2017: Trump Disparages Americans Exercising Their Constitutional Right To Protest, Calling Them "Anarchists" And "Thugs"
- Friday, February 3, 2017: White House Aide Makes Up A Terrorist Attack That Didn't Happen To Justify Trump's Muslim Ban
- Thursday, February 2, 2017: Draft Executive Order Exposes Trump Plans To Fuel Sweeping Discrimination Under The Guise Of Religious Freedom
- Thursday, February 2, 2017: Trump Had To Learn About The United States' Legal Responsibilities Towards Refugees From Foreign Head Of State
- Thursday, February 2, 2017: Trump Alters "Countering Violent Extremism" Program To Ignore White Supremacist Terrorists
- Thursday, February 2, 2017: Trump Hangs Up On Australian Prime Minister Over THE U.S. Honoring What He Calls A "Dumb Deal"
- Wednesday, February 1, 2017: During Phone Call With The Mexican President, Trump Threatens To Deploy U.S. Troops To Invade Mexico
- Tuesday, January 31, 2017: Trump's Muslim Ban Wreaks Havoc On Families Who Chose The Wrong Dates To Travel
- Tuesday, January 31, 2017: Trump Administration Detains Iraqi Man At Airport Despite The Special Immigrant Visa He Got For Aiding U.S. Army
- Monday, January 30, 2017: Trump's Customs And Border Protection Agency Goes Rogue And Disobeys Federal Courts
- Monday, January 30, 2017: Trump Fires The Acting Attorney General For "Betrayal" After She Advised That Trump's Muslim Ban Is Likely Illegal
- Monday, January 30, 2017: Trump White House Defends Deliberately Omitting Mention Of Jews In Its Holocaust Remembrance Day Statement
- Sunday, January 29, 2017: Trump Sows Confusion And Chaos By Keeping Details Of His Muslim Ban Secret From His Own Agencies
- Saturday, January 28, 2017: Trump Begins His Unconstitutional Program of Anti-Muslim Discrimination
- Friday, January 27, 2017: The Trump Administration Is Threatening to Publicly Release the Private Data of Immigrants and Foreign Visitors
- Friday, January 27, 2017: Trump Bans Refugees and Individuals From Majority-Muslim Nations From Entering The U.S., Creating Chaos
- Thursday, January 26, 2017: Trump Insists The U.S. Should Have Taken Iraq's Oil—A War Crime With Disastrous Consequences
- Thursday, January 26, 2017: Trump's Gag Orders On Federal Employees Are Likely Illegal, Lawmakers Warn
- Thursday, January 26, 2017: Contradicting His Defense Secretary, Trump Claims That Torturing With Waterboarding Is "Absolutely" Effective
- Thursday, January 26, 2017: Advocates Sound The Alarm Over Trump's Extreme "Global Gag Rule" That Will Endanger Women's Lives Around The Globe
- Wednesday, January 25, 2017: Trump Establishes Deportation Force With Far-Reaching Authority To Expel Undocumented Immigrants
- Wednesday, January 25, 2017: Trump Issues Executive Order To Begin Militarizing American's Border With Mexico
- Wednesday, January 25, 2017: Trump Accuses Millions Of Americans Of Illegally Voting For His Campaign Opponent
- Wednesday, January 25, 2017: Trump Administration Bans Federal Workers From Communicating With Congress And The Press
- Tuesday, January 24, 2017: Trump Restarts Dakota Access Pipeline, Which Threatens Ancestral Burial Grounds And The Water Supply
- Tuesday, January 24, 2017: Trump's Nominee for Attorney General Stands by His Support for Sweeping Anti-LGBT Bill

- Monday, January 23, 2017: Trump Administration Imposes Gag Order On EPA Employees
- Saturday, January 21, 2017: Trump Tells The CIA That The United States Should Have Illegally Seized Iraq's Oil
- Saturday, January 21, 2017: Trump White House Misleads The American Public About Inauguration Crowd Size
- Friday, January 20, 2017: Trump Issues Executive Order To Dismantle The Affordable Care Act, Threatening Healthcare For Millions Of Americans

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017: TRUMP SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER SIGNALING FURTHER DEREGULATION OF BANKING INDUSTRY

"President Trump, who has high-profile Wall Street bankers working as his top aides, has been clear about his intent to roll back Dodd-Frank's regulatory reach and the CFPB's independence. . . . Dodd-Frank and the CFPB established a wide range of rules and oversight designed to curb financial companies' aggressive and risky practices that are harmful to consumers. Friday, Trump stepped up his efforts, signing executive orders that direct Treasury officials to review oversight of 'too big to fail' financial institutions. . . . The president, backed by the financial services industry and Republican lawmakers, is likely to chip away many rules by using a variety of tactics." [Vox, [4/21/17](#)]

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017: ANOTHER PERSON DIES IN IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE) CUSTODY

A 55-year-old man died in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody on April 13, three weeks after another in-custody death at the same facility. Sergio Alonso Lopez is the sixth person to die in ICE custody in 2017 . . . Since 2003, 170 people have died in ICE custody. Recent reports found many in-custody deaths are preventable and largely due to 'egregious violations' of medical care standards and applicable detention standards. . . . Advocates, who are increasingly concerned over the Trump administration's plans to drastically expand the detention system, worry that quickly expanding an already unruly, deadly system will only lead to more in-custody deaths." [ReWire, [4/20/17](#)]

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017: INVESTIGATION OF TRUMP'S LUXURY PROPERTIES REVEALS VAST POTENTIAL TO BUY INFLUENCE OVER THE PRESIDENT

Review Of Trump's Luxury Real Estate Holdings Exposed Extensive Opportunities To Buy The President's Favor. "President Trump's companies own more than 400 condo units and home lots whose sale could steer millions of dollars to Trump . . . Trump says he's separated himself from his businesses, but the trust set up in January is run by his sons. Trump is the only beneficiary and can withdraw funds at any time. The volume of real estate creates an extraordinary and unprecedented potential for people, corporations or foreign interests to try to influence a president. . . . USA TODAY's review of sales of Trump-owned real estate found dozens of transactions during and since the campaign involving buyers who have business in or connections with foreign countries, or are shielded by purchasing under the name of an LLC." [USA Today, [4/20/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017: HEADED BY TRUMP APPOINTEE, THE FCC WEAKENS INTERNET REGULATIONS IN FAVOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY

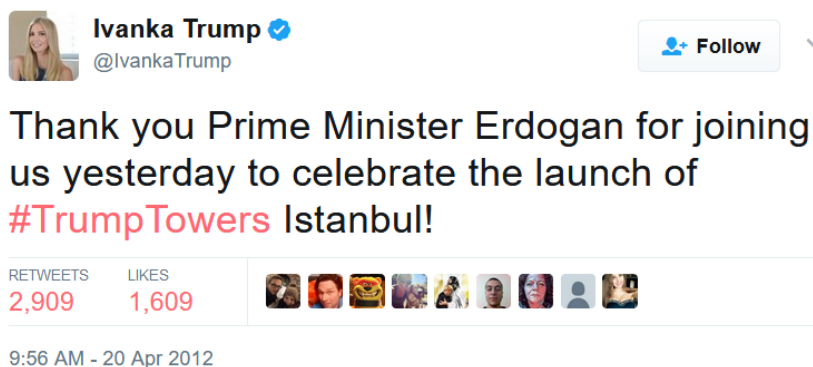
The New FCC Leadership Pushed Ahead To Weaken Rules For The Telecommunications Industry, Including Net Neutrality. "Ajit Pai, the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, is taking the next steps to unwind Obama-era rules and other regulatory efforts that had restricted the abilities of telecommunication companies and broadcasters. . . . Since being appointed by President Trump in January to lead the commission, Mr. Pai has abolished a plan to open the cable box market, suspended several participants from a program for low-income broadband subsidies, and chipped away at net neutrality, which guarantees consumers equal access to all internet content. A proposal to roll back net neutrality rules is expected as soon as this month." [The New York Times, [4/19/17](#)]

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ADMITS IT EXPELLED DREAMER WHO GREW UP IN AMERICA DESPITE HIS PROTECTED STATUS

The Trump Administration Had Deported 23-Year-Old DREAMer Who's Been Living In The U.S. Since He Was Nine. "The Department of Homeland Security reversed itself Wednesday saying that a young man, identified by USA TODAY as the first DREAMer to be deported by the Trump administration, had valid protective status despite its earlier claim. . . . Montes, who was deported from Southern California to his native Mexico in February, had been protected from deportation under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program created by President Barack Obama for so-called DREAMers, undocumented immigrants brought to the United States as children. . . . President Trump had pledged to exempt people enrolled in the DACA program from being deported under his tougher enforcement policies toward undocumented immigrants." [USA Today, [4/19/17](#)]

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017: TRUMP CONGRATULATES THE PRESIDENT OF TURKEY ON WINNING WHAT DEMOCRACY WATCHERS ARE CONDEMNING AS A POWER GRAB

Trump Congratulated The President Of Turkey, Where Trump Towers Istanbul Is Located, On A Referendum That Will Entrench His Autocratic Rule. "This week, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan held a referendum in which he narrowly won the ability to claim broad new governmental powers. The referendum was treated by international observers as a grotesque power grab . . . But President Donald Trump didn't see it that way. Instead, he phoned Erdogan to congratulate him on the win. . . . It wasn't just that Trump has an affinity for strong men. His family has direct ties to Erdogan himself. Back in April 2012, the Turkish president joined the Trump family at the opening of Trump Towers Istanbul.



A screenshot of a tweet from Ivanka Trump. The tweet text reads: "Thank you Prime Minister Erdogan for joining us yesterday to celebrate the launch of #TrumpTowers Istanbul!". The tweet shows 2,909 retweets and 1,609 likes. The timestamp is 9:56 AM - 20 Apr 2012. The profile picture shows Ivanka Trump, and the name is "Ivanka Trump" with a verified account icon and the handle "@IvankaTrump". A "Follow" button is visible.

Never before in U.S. history have the president and his private business interests been so entangled with matters of public affairs." [The Huffington Post, [4/18/17](#)]

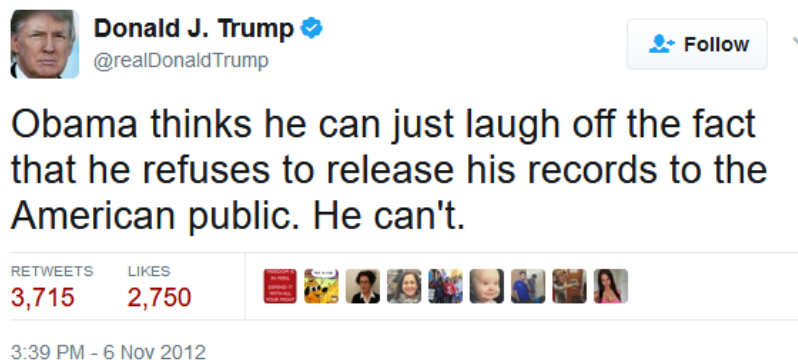
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017: TRUMP MIXES UP THE CURRENT LEADER OF NORTH KOREA WITH THE COUNTRY'S PAST LEADERS

Amid His Escalatory Rhetoric Aimed At North Korea, Trump Implied He Doesn't Know Exactly Who's Running That Country. "Trump doesn't seem to know exactly who the leader of North Korea is — or have any grasp of how long he's been in power. Speaking to Fox News about rising tensions with Pyongyang, Trump repeatedly referred to 'the gentleman' leading North Korea as an individual who had persistently outwitted US administration after administration, at least as far back as the Clinton era of the 1990s. As NBC News's Bradd Jaffy pointed out, Trump seems to be implying that all these administrations have dealt with the same leader. But Kim Jong Un, North Korea's current leader, only took power in 2011, during the Obama years." [Vox, [4/18/17](#)]

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017: FLOUTING THE PUBLIC'S DEMANDS, THE WHITE HOUSE REITERATES TRUMP'S REFUSAL TO DISCLOSE HIS TAX RETURNS

Despite Mounting Concerns That He's Personally Profiting Off The Presidency, Trump Again Refused To Release His Tax Returns For Public Inspection. "White House press secretary, Sean Spicer, emphasized again on Monday that Mr. Trump had no intention of making his public. . . . More than 100,000 of his critics took to the streets over the weekend in marches around the country, demanding that the president release his returns. Tax legislation, they say, could be a plot by Mr. Trump to get even richer." [The New York Times, [4/17/17](#)]

Flashback:



SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017: CIRCUMVENTING ETHICS RULES, TRUMP FILLS HIS WHITE HOUSE WITH MORE FORMER LOBBYISTS AND INDUSTRY OPERATIVES

Trump Brought More Former Lobbyists And Industry Consultants Into His White House's Revolving Door And Issued Secret Waivers To Ethics Rules. "President Trump is populating the White House and federal agencies with former lobbyists, lawyers and consultants who in many cases are helping to craft new policies for the same industries in which they recently earned a paycheck. The potential conflicts are arising across the executive branch, according to an analysis of recently released financial disclosures, lobbying records and interviews with current and former ethics officials . . . evaluating if and when such violations have occurred has become almost impossible because the Trump administration is secretly issuing waivers to the rules." [The New York Times, [4/15/17](#)]

Flashback:



Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump

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Someone incorrectly stated that the phrase "DRAIN THE SWAMP" was no longer being used by me. Actually, we will always be trying to DTS.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017: TRUMP WHITE HOUSE SHROUDS ITSELF IN SECRECY, REFUSES TO RELEASE VISITOR LOGS TO THE PUBLIC

The White House Announced It Will Hide All Records About Who's Visiting Trump And His White House Aides. "The White House announced Friday that it would cut off public access to visitor logs revealing who is entering the White House complex and which officials they are meeting, breaking with the Obama administration's practice and returning a cloak of secrecy over the basic day-to-day workings of the government." [The New York Times, [4/14/17](#)]

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017: TRUMP'S JUSTICE DEPARTMENT USES FAKE REPEAL OF ANTI-LGBT BILL TO FURTHER TURN ITS BACK ON THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

"The American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of North Carolina, and Lambda Legal today condemned the decision by the Department of Justice to dismiss its lawsuit challenging House Bill 2, the discriminatory North Carolina law that banned many transgender people from restrooms and other public facilities matching their gender. The law also prohibited local municipalities from extending nondiscrimination protections to LGBT people. The Department of Justice cited the passage on March 30 of House Bill 142 — a purported 'repeal' of HB 2 that in fact left many of the harms caused by HB 2 in place — as the reason for its withdrawal." [ACLU, [4/14/17](#)]

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017: TRUMP SIGNS BILL EMBOLDENING STATES TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS LIKE PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Trump Decision Emboldens States And Cities To Discriminate Against Health and Family Planning Services Providers Over Their Abortion Policy. "President Trump signed the resolution today, which will embolden state lawmakers to move forward with legislation that discriminates against qualified reproductive healthcare providers — including independent providers and Planned Parenthood — by preventing them from receiving Title X funding. . . . Here's why that's so disturbing: [House Joint Resolution] 43 would eliminate a regulation that enables Title X family planning grants to go to the most qualified health care providers. . . . Title X providers offer vital services — such as birth control, cancer screenings, and testing for sexually transmitted infections — to 4 million people, regardless of economic status." [ACLU, [4/13/17](#)]

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017: TRUMP'S STAYS AT HIS PRIVATE PROPERTIES DRAW CRITICISM THAT HE'S EXPLOITING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PRIVATE GAIN

Ethics Experts And Watchdog Groups Rebuked Trump's Excessive Time Spent At His Private Properties. "According to NBC News' estimates by Sunday Trump will have spent 28 percent of his term traveling to or staying at Mar-a-Lago. . . . It's not just a question of travel time, but of ethics and cost efficiency, according to watchdog groups and ethics experts. . . . 'It's just another example of his consistent efforts to exploit public office for private gain,' ethics expert Steve Schooner told NBC News. 'He's using his official office and the fact that people have to travel with him, meet him, and follow him to promote his commercial enterprise, in this case his privately owned club.'" [NBC News, [4/13/17](#)]

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017: IN INTERVIEW, TRUMP FONDLY REMEMBERS THE CAKE HE ATE WHILE BOMBING SYRIA BUT MIXES UP THE COUNTRY HE WAS BOMBING

Trump Forgot Which Country He Was Bombing But Remembered The Dessert He Ate While Bombing It. "Trump took the time to tell reporter Maria Bartiromo about the dessert he was eating at Mar-a-Lago when he informed President Jinping about the strike. 'I was sitting at the table. We had finished dinner. We're now having dessert. And we had the most beautiful piece of chocolate cake that you've ever seen and President Xi was enjoying it.' The President then went on to mistake the country he had just bombed for another nation entirely. 'So what happens is, I said, 'We've just launched 59 missiles heading to Iraq and I wanted you to know this.' And he was eating his cake. And he was silent,' Trump stated. Bartiromo reminded the most powerful man the world that he had, in fact, bombed Syria." [Vice, [4/13/17](#)]

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FACES NEW LAWSUITS AFTER WITHHOLDING KEY DETAILS OF ITS MUSLIM BAN FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS

Trump Administration's Refusal To Release Information About Its Muslim Ban Drew Legal Challenges. "To clarify the public's understanding of these urgent developments, 50 ACLU affiliates filed Freedom of Information Act requests on February 2. Yet more than two months later, neither DHS nor CBP has provided us with any information about their local implementation of the executive order. . . . The public has a right to know how CBP officers have implemented the Muslim ban locally. We deserve to have access to that information now. Dozens of ACLU affiliates across the country filed coordinated lawsuits yesterday demanding responses to our FOIA requests." [ACLU, [4/13/17](#)]

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION MOVES TO MAKE NATIONAL DETENTION STANDARDS HARSHER AND MORE DANGEROUS FOR IMMIGRANTS

Trump Administration Changes To Detention Standards Raised Alarms. "For more than 15 years, jails that hold immigrants facing deportation have had to follow a growing list of requirements But as the Trump administration seeks to quickly find jail space for its crackdown on illegal immigration, it is moving to curtail these rules as a way to entice more sheriffs and local officials to make their correctional facilities available. . . . Kevin Landy, the Obama administration's director of ICE's Office of Detention Policy and Planning, which is closing, said the changes would depart from years of efforts to improve the health and safety of people held on immigration violations, especially in jails built for serious criminals." [The New York Times, [4/13/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017: TRUMP LEARNS THE BASICS OF CHINA-KOREA RELATIONS FROM CHINESE PRESIDENT DURING THEIR MEETING

During Sensitive Discussions On North Korea, Trump's Ignorance Compelled Chinese President To Tutor Him About China-Korea Relations. "Trump's meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping reportedly included this exchange. . . . 'Mr. Xi then explained the history of China and Korea, Mr. Trump said. 'After listening for 10 minutes, I realized it's not so easy,' Mr. Trump recounted'. . . . While it is good that Trump can be made to understand that his simplistic, uninformed views on foreign policy issues are deficient, it's also true that we don't want the president to be in a position where he is learning (possibly for the first time) about complicated subjects from the head of another government." [The American Conservative, [4/12/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017: TRUMP CAMPAIGN FACES CHARGES THAT IT BROKE ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS

New Evidence Came To Light Suggesting Illegal Activities Between The Trump Campaign And Super PAC Backed By Billionaire Donor. "The Campaign Legal Center, a non partisan watchdog group, has filed new evidence with the Federal Election Commission, which they say shows that a Trump supporting super PAC illegally compensated Steve Bannon, Trump's current White House Chief Strategist, during the campaign. The group also alleges that the same super PAC, Make America Number 1, engaged in unlawful coordination by using a common vendor. The PAC was initially founded to fight Hillary Clinton, and most of the donations came from conservative high-dollar donor Robert Mercer, the billionaire." [LawNewz, [4/12/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017: TRUMP THREATENS TO RAISE AMERICANS' HEALTH COSTS UNLESS DEMOCRATS HELP HIM RAISE AMERICANS' HEALTH COSTS

Trump Threatened To Make Health Coverage Unaffordable To Politically Force Lawmakers To Help Him Repeal Health Coverage. "President Donald Trump might withhold payments under Obamacare that are used to help poor people afford medical services in order to force Democrats to negotiate changes to the health law, he told the Wall Street Journal in an interview. . . . The payments are used to help poorer people in Obamacare afford copays and other cost sharing for medical services. Without them, they might not be able to afford to get care. Trump's administration has threatened to stop making the payments." [Bloomberg, [4/12/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017: TRUMP'S EDUCATION SECRETARY ROLLS BACK PROTECTIONS FOR STUDENT BORROWERS

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos Undid Policies Designed To Help Borrowers Manage Their Student Debt. "So what did President Obama do? He put in place policy memos that directed the Federal Student Aid Office to shift its focus, spend less time on debt collection, and help borrowers find ways to manage debt with repayment plans and other techniques. . . . Everyone's favorite underqualified secretary of education wants no part of such things. In order to cut costs, DeVos has decided that she's going to throw Obama's plans out the window and, as is becoming a theme with this administration, she has no replacement plan ready to go." [GQ, [4/12/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO WEAKEN HIRING STANDARDS FOR BORDER PATROL AGENTS

The Press Revealed The Trump Administration Is Weakening The Hiring Process For Border Patrol To Speed It Up. "Homeland Security's plan to greatly expand its Border Patrol has been known for some time and includes adding about 5,000 agents, in part by allowing some applicants to skip the polygraph test that is required for all prospective hires. That proposal has been praised by Border Patrol agents, who say the polygraph is excessively difficult, and questioned by some experts, who say the test is needed to screen out drug cartel members and other problematic hires. The memo, which was first reported by The Washington Post, outlined several other ways in which the administration is considering relaxing hiring standards and stepping up recruitment." [The New York Times, [4/12/17](#)]

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION DOUBLES INVASIVE SEARCHES OF PEOPLE'S ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT THE U.S. BORDER

New Data Showed Surge In Intrusive Border Searches Of People's Electronic Devices. "Customs officers at the border and at airports almost doubled their searches of electronic devices of people entering the United States in the last six months, according to data released Tuesday by Customs and Border Protection. . . . Privacy activists say the searches are invasive and violate Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches. But courts have long held that those protections do not apply at the border and at airports because of the government's compelling interest in combating crime and terrorism." [The New York Times, [4/11/17](#)]

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION SUSPENDS OWN INITIATIVE TO SHAME "SANCTUARY CITIES" BECAUSE ITS REPORTS ARE RIDDLED WITH MISTAKES

Data Inaccuracies Force Immigration and Customs Enforcement To Halt Its Reports Meant To Embarrass Cities With Immigrant Policies That Trump Dislikes. "After just three weeks, the Trump administration has stopped publishing a weekly report designed to publicly shame 'sanctuary cities' that fail to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement efforts after local police agencies complained the reports were filled with errors." [USA Today, [4/11/17](#)]

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017: TRUMP WHITE HOUSE SAYS HITLER — WHO USED GAS CHAMBERS TO COMMIT MASS GENOCIDE — DIDN'T USE CHEMICAL WEAPONS

Sparking Public Disbelief And Outcry, White House Spokesman Claimed Hitler Didn't Use Chemical Weapons Despite Hitler Using Gas Chambers In Nazi Death Camps. "The White House press secretary, Sean Spicer, set off an intense backlash on Tuesday when he suggested that President Bashar al-Assad of Syria was guilty of acts worse than Hitler and asserted that Hitler had not used chemical weapons, ignoring the use of gas chambers at concentration camps during the Holocaust. Mr. Spicer later apologized." [The New York Times, [4/11/17](#)]

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017: GOVERNMENT WATCHDOG AGENCY IS INVESTIGATING THE TRUMP TRANSITION

Government Watchdog Confirmed It Would Investigate Trump's Presidential Transition. "The U.S. Government Accountability Office is reviewing Donald Trump's presidential transition, focusing on funding, ethics and communications with foreign governments. . . . The report will focus on four questions, including how taxpayer and private funds were spent during the election. . . . Trump has extensive potential conflicts of interest, but because he has declined to release his tax returns, the extent of those conflicts remains unknown. He declined to divest entirely from his business interests following

the election, instead simply saying that it would be run by his children, who would have no contact with him over business-related decisions." [The Huffington Post, [4/11/17](#)]

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017: PUSHBACK FORCES TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO BACK DOWN AFTER TRYING TO UNMASK ANONYMOUS CRITIC ON TWITTER

Trump Administration Tried And Failed To Dox Anonymous Critic On Twitter. "On March 14, U.S. Customs and Border Protection sent Twitter a demand for information that could unmask the user behind the @ALT_uscis Twitter account, which is run by an anonymous speaker critical of the government's immigration policies. . . . Recognizing the demand for what it was — unlawful and illegitimate government overreach — Twitter filed a lawsuit last week asking the court to nullify the summons and declare it unconstitutional and unenforceable. We represented the user and intended to file in the case on the user's behalf. But less than 24 hours after Twitter filed, CBP buckled and withdrew the summons." [ACLU, [4/10/17](#)]

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S "EXTREME VETTING" OF VISITORS POSES AN EXTREME THREAT TO OUR PRINCIPLES AND OUR SECURITY

Trump Administration's Far-Reaching Proposals To Violate People's Privacy And Online Security Provoked More Outcry. "Trump administration officials are considering subjecting visitors to a range of invasive measures, including searches of their mobile phones and contacts, mandatory disclosure of their social media passwords, and interrogation about their beliefs and opinions. . . . But the Trump administration's plans would go well beyond anything we've seen to this point. If they are implemented, the administration's formal policy will be to probe deeply into people's beliefs, statements, and associations before admitting visitors to the United States. As with other Trump administration policies, these extreme vetting measures appear to be targeted at Muslims. . . . These vetting measures would be equally damaging to privacy and online security, for Americans and foreigners alike." [ACLU, [4/10/17](#)]

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017: TRUMP TAKES CREDIT FOR TOYOTA INVESTMENT THAT THE COMPANY DECIDED TO MAKE DURING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

Trump Tries To Take Credit For Jobs He Had Nothing To Do With. "President Donald Trump took credit for Toyota Motor Corp. investing \$1.33 billion in an existing U.S. factory, championing spending by a Japanese automaker he's blasted for building a plant in Mexico. The outlays in Georgetown, Kentucky, aren't new -- they've been in the works for years. But the way they're being marketed is. . . . While Toyota is pleased Trump recognized the significance of its investment, according to Wil James, the Kentucky factory's president, the company started preparing for the redesigned Camry that will be built at the plant during Barack Obama's administration." [Bloomberg, [4/10/17](#)]

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017: TRUMP'S NOMINEE FOR ARMY SECRETARY DRAWS CONCERNS AND CRITICISM FROM LGBT ADVOCATES

Trump Nominated Anti-LGBT State Lawmaker For Army Secretary. "A Tennessee state senator who has criticized federal attempts to bar discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in workplaces and businesses has been nominated to be President Donald Trump's next secretary of the Army. . . . Green's nomination, which had been anticipated for weeks, had drawn criticism from LGBT advocates even before Trump officially named him Friday." [The Seattle Times, [4/8/17](#)]

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017: TRUMP RESURRECTS FAILED FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM DESPITE HARM TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Trump Administration Brought Back Harmful Immigration Enforcement Program Despite Record Of Abuses And Failures. "One of the worst federal immigration enforcement programs is being resurrected by the Trump administration. The Department of Homeland Security's 287(g) agreements that deputize state and local police with immigration enforcement powers are back from the dead. . . . Community trust is the key to public safety, and leading law enforcement groups such as the Major Cities Chiefs Association say that entangling federal immigration enforcement with state and local policing, as 287(g) does, is mistaken and harmful." [ACLU, [4/7/17](#)]

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017: TRUMP'S BOMBINGS AGAINST SYRIAN GOVERNMENT DENOUNCED AS ILLEGAL

Trump's Military Strikes Against Assad Regime Drew Condemnation For Violating U.S. And International Law. "In the face of constitutional law barring hostile use of force without congressional authorization, and international law forbidding unilateral use of force except in self-defense, President Trump has unilaterally launched strikes against a country that has not attacked us, and without any authorization from Congress. Doing so violates some of the most important legal constraints on the use of force." [ACLU, [4/7/17](#)]

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION SHARPLY INCREASES IMMIGRATION ARRESTS AT STATE COURTHOUSES

More Reports And Analysis Emerged Showing The Harm Of Trump Administration Stepping Up Immigration Arrests At Courthouses. "There have been increasing numbers of reports that Department of Homeland Security agents are staking out people at courthouses in 2017. A Texas domestic violence survivor was arrested when she went to court to obtain a restraining order, and so were a Michigan father in court to seek custody of his children, a Brooklyn father in court for a child support hearing, and a Vermont dairy worker arrested before he could appear for his court hearing. . . . There are two major dangers: a threat to public safety and a threat to the Constitution." [ACLU, [4/6/17](#)]

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017: TRUMP'S SON-IN-LAW FAILED TO DISCLOSE CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS WHEN HE SOUGHT TOP-SECRET CLEARANCE

Trump's Son-In-Law And Senior Adviser, Jared Kushner, Omitted Crucial Information About His Contacts With Foreign Government Officials On His Security Clearance Forms. "When Jared Kushner, President Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, sought the top-secret security clearance that would give him access to some of the nation's most closely guarded secrets, he was required to disclose all encounters with foreign government officials over the last seven years. But Mr. Kushner did not mention dozens of contacts with foreign leaders or officials in recent months." [The New York Times, [4/6/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017: ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS TAKES STEP TO DELAY AND OBSTRUCT POLICING REFORMS

Trump's Attorney General Moved To Weaken Federal Oversight Of Abusive Police Departments. "Attorney General Jeff Sessions ordered a review Monday of all police reform agreements and investigations initiated by the Justice Department, part of an effort to cut back on federal oversight of

local law enforcement. The directive, issued in a two-page memorandum, effectively opens a re-examination of an aggressive effort by the Obama administration to force local police to reform many policies, from the use of deadly force to how officers deal with minority communities." [USA Today, [4/5/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017: TRUMP DEFENDS FOX NEWS HOST BILL O'REILLY DESPITE THE NUMEROUS CHARGES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AGAINST HIM

Trump Says Fox News Host With Reputation As A Serial Sexual Harasser Is A "Good Person."

"Last week, President Donald Trump declared April National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. This week, he took time in a New York Times interview to defend Bill O'Reilly, a man who has been repeatedly accused of sexual harassment. 'I think he's a person I know well. He is a good person,' Trump said. 'I think he shouldn't have settled. Personally, I think he shouldn't have settled. ... Because you should have taken it all the way. I don't think Bill did anything wrong.'" [Vox, [4/5/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION SEEKS TO END PROGRAMS TO LIMIT CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE TO TOXIC LEAD

Trump's EPA Proposed To End Programs That Help Reduce Children's Exposure To Lead, A Neurotoxin. "Environmental Protection Agency officials are proposing to eliminate two programs focused on limiting children's exposure to lead-based paint, which is known to cause damage to developing brains and nervous systems. . . . Environmental groups said the elimination of the two programs, which are focused on training workers in the safe removal of lead-based paint and public education about its risks, would make it harder for the EPA to address the environmental hazard." [The Washington Post, [4/5/17](#)]

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017: TRUMP MAKES IT EASIER FOR COMPANIES TO CONCEAL THEIR HARMFUL WORKPLACES

Trump Reverses Requirement For Employers To Keep Accurate Records Of Workplace Injuries.

"President Donald Trump signed legislation late Monday loosening the reporting requirements that employers face when workers get hurt or sick due to their jobs. . . . Workplace safety experts warn that the rollback of the OSHA record-keeping rule will enable unscrupulous companies to fudge their injury data and conceal ongoing hazards from regulators." [The Huffington Post, [4/4/17](#)]

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017: TRUMP'S LAWYER CONFIRMS TRUMP CAN SECRETLY ACCESS WHATEVER PROFIT HE MAKES OFF THE PRESIDENCY AT ANY TIME

Trump's Lawyer Contradicted Trump's Claims That He Distanced Himself From His Business Empire To Prevent Corruption.

"When President Donald Trump placed his businesses in a trust upon entering the White House, he put his sons in charge and claimed to distance himself from his sprawling empire. . . . The setup has long been slammed as insufficient, far short of the full divestment that many ethics experts say is needed to avoid conflicts of interest. A small phrase buried deep in a set of recently released letters between the Trump Organization and the government shows just how little separation there actually is. Trump can draw money from his more than 400 businesses, at any time, without disclosing it." [ProPublica, [4/4/17](#)]

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017: TRUMP'S STATE DEPARTMENT ELIMINATES ALL U.S. FUNDING FOR UNITED NATIONS FAMILY PLANNING AGENCY

Trump Administration Ended Global Public Health Funding Vital To Women Around The World. "The State Department on Monday officially cut off funding to a United Nations agency that works on maternal and reproductive health, a policy shift experts and activists say will be a major blow to women worldwide. . . . Last year, the US was UNFPA's third-largest donor, contributing \$75 million to its operations, according to the agency. The State Department's determination contradicts its own 2001 inquiry into whether UNFPA funding supports coercive Chinese reproductive health policies. UNFPA also denies that its funding supports the measures, and public health experts say there's no clear support for the claim. . . . Rucks and other public health experts say the determination is simply political cover for a conservative ideological agenda on reproductive health, of which UNFPA is a main target." [BuzzFeed News, [4/3/17](#)]

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017: TRUMP SIGNS MEASURE REPEALING NEW INTERNET CONSUMER PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

Trump's Signature Guttled Online Privacy Protection Rule. "President Donald Trump signed a resolution on Monday that officially repeals Obama-era broadband privacy rules. . . . The rules would have required broadband and wireless companies to get your permission before sharing sensitive information about you, such as the websites you visit, the apps you use or even your location. . . . Even though the rules only included broadband and wireless providers, and excluded internet companies like Google and Facebook, proponents saw it as a first step in giving consumers more control of their personal data online." [CNET, [4/3/17](#); ACLU, [3/29/17](#)]

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017: MORE FALLOUT FOLLOWS TRUMP'S REVERSAL OF ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROTECTIONS FOR WOMEN WORKERS

Trump Rolled Back Legal Protections For Women In The Workplace. "On March 27, Trump revoked the 2014 Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces order then-President Barack Obama put in place to ensure that companies with federal contracts comply with 14 labor and civil rights laws. . . . In an attempt to keep the worst violators from receiving taxpayer dollars, the Fair Pay order included two rules that impacted women workers: paycheck transparency and a ban on forced arbitration clauses for sexual harassment, sexual assault or discrimination claims. Noreen Farrell, director of the anti-sex discrimination law firm Equal Rights Advocates, said Trump went 'on the attack against workers and taxpayers.'" [NBC News, [4/3/17](#)]

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017: TRUMP DONATES \$78,333 TO NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AFTER PROPOSING TO CUT THE AGENCY'S BUDGET BY \$1.5 BILLION

Trump Made Tax-Deductible Token Donation To Federal Agency In Stunt Photo-Op. "The \$78,333 check is a drop in the bucket compared to the hundreds of millions that Zinke said the department needs for the battlefield maintenance. . . . Trump's donation, however, won't even cover 1 percent of its intended use, much less the \$1.5 billion he's proposed to cut from the Department of Interior." [CNBC, [4/3/17](#)]

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017: TRUMP WHITE HOUSE VIOLATES PROTOCOL BY PREMATURELY CONFIRMING JARED KUSHNER'S TRIP TO IRAQ

Trump White House Broke Security Procedures By Prematurely Confirming Kushner's Trip To Iraq. "Jared Kushner, President Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, is in Iraq as a White House envoy in a further expansion of his role as shadow diplomat. . . . In a breach of protocol, senior White House officials confirmed reports of Kushner's trip before he had landed in Iraq, raising security concerns from the Pentagon. . . . Usually when Pentagon officials travel to active combat zones, such as Iraq and Afghanistan, their destinations and travel dates are left intentionally vague and distributed to the press for planning purposes only. . . . their travel is still kept secret to help ensure that the enemy does not attempt to attack their aircraft or launch any large assaults." [The Washington Post, [4/3/17](#)]

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017: TRUMP SENDS HIS SON-IN-LAW AS ENVOY TO IRAQ DESPITE HIS LACK OF FOREIGN POLICY EXPERIENCE

"Jared Kushner, President Trump's son-in-law, landed in Iraq on Monday, military officials said, visiting the country as the American military is aiding Iraqi forces in their brutal fight to retake Mosul from the Islamic State. . . . Mr. Trump has repeatedly turned to Mr. Kushner as an envoy to foreign leaders, at times creating a parallel structure to the one led by Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson. . . . Mr. Kushner . . . has no previous government or diplomatic experience. . . ." [The New York Times, [4/2/17](#)]

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017: TRUMP'S IMMIGRATION AGENTS ARREST DREAMER DESPITE HIS SPECIAL STATUS UNDER OBAMA ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

Trump Administration Arrests DREAMER And Threatens Deportation Despite His Protected Status Under The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program. "When I got DACA, I was full of excitement at getting a chance. I was a dreamer. . . . The next thing I knew, I was in handcuffs and inside their car. I thought, Where are we going? What's happening? The ICE agents told me I would lose DACA and took me first to a facility in Portland, and then all the way to Tacoma, Washington. . . . I still face deportation proceedings. The idea is still unimaginable to me because Portland is my home." [ACLU, [4/1/17](#)]

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017: TRUMP WHITE HOUSE SIGNALS HE DOESN'T WANT PROFESSIONAL REVIEWS OF HIS POSSIBLE JUDICIAL NOMINEES

The American Bar Association Revealed That The Trump White House Doesn't Want Its Reviews Of Possible Judicial Nominees. "The White House has notified the ABA that President Donald Trump's administration doesn't intend to ask for a review of possible judicial nominees to the lower federal courts before their names are announced. . . . President Dwight D. Eisenhower first invited the ABA into the nomination process in 1953. Since then, every president except for George W. Bush has asked the ABA to conduct pre-nomination evaluations of possible nominees." [ABA Journal, [3/31/17](#)]

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION SHUTS DOWN THE PUBLIC'S ACCESS TO KEY INFORMATION ON U.S. MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS TO MIDDLE EAST

In A Blow To Public Transparency And Accountability, Trump Administration Stopped Releasing Significant Information About U.S. Military Deployments. "Even as the U.S. military takes on a greater role in the warfare in Iraq and Syria, the Trump administration has stopped disclosing significant information about the size and nature of the U.S. commitment, including the number of U.S. troops deployed in either country. . . . Neither of those deployments was announced once they had been made, a departure from the practice of the Obama administration, which announced nearly all conventional force deployments. . . . Congress has not debated the additional deployments, and the

Trump administration has yet to explain what its longer-term policy is for Iraq or Syria." [The Los Angeles Times, [3/30/17](#)]

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017: TRUMP AGAIN PROPOSES TO "CHANGE LIBEL LAWS" SO HE CAN PUNISH JOURNALISTS FOR REPORTING ON HIM

Trump Again Pushed Rollback Of First Amendment Freedoms For The Press. "President Donald Trump complains about news coverage incessantly, but on Thursday he took it to a whole new level. Trump raised the specter of taking the New York Times to court. . . . Setting aside that there are no federal libel laws for Trump to change or open up, this is a clear affront to First Amendment protections for free speech and media. . . . The Supreme Court has ruled on this several times, with perhaps the most famous case being New York Times Company v. Sullivan. Without this freedom, the press would be stifled, since it would be unable to run anything critical of the president or other public figures without fearing a crippling lawsuit. This offhand tweet shouldn't be dismissed. This is the president of the United States advocating the rollback of key American institutions and values — the First Amendment, free speech, and freedom of the press." [Vox, [3/30/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017: TRUMP'S ENERGY DEPARTMENT BANS EMPLOYEES FROM USING "CLIMATE CHANGE" IN WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Trump Administration Banned The Energy Department's Office of International Climate and Clean Energy From Using The Phrase "Climate Change." "A supervisor at the Energy Department's international climate office told staff this week not to use the phrases "climate change," "emissions reduction" or "Paris Agreement" in written memos, briefings or other written communication, sources have told POLITICO. . . . Officials at the State Department and in other DOE offices said they had not been given a banned words list, but they had started avoiding climate-related terms in their memos and briefings given the new administration's direction on climate change." [Politico, [3/29/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017: TRUMP'S EPA CHIEF REFUSES TO BAN INSECTICIDE, OVERRULING THE WARNINGS OF EPA'S OWN SCIENTISTS

Trump Administration Sides With Insecticide Industry Instead Of EPA's Own Scientists Warning Of Harm To Children And Workers. "Scott Pruitt, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, moved late on Wednesday to reject the scientific conclusion of the agency's own chemical safety experts who under the Obama administration recommended that one of the nation's most widely used insecticides be permanently banned at farms nationwide because of the harm it potentially causes children and farm workers. The ruling by Mr. Pruitt, in one of his first formal actions as the nation's top environmental official, rejected a petition filed a decade ago by two environmental groups that had asked that the agency ban all uses of chlorpyrifos. The chemical was banned in 2000 for use in most household settings, but still today is used at about 40,000 farms on about 50 different types of crops, ranging from almonds to apples." [The New York Times, [3/29/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ERASES QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON LGBT PEOPLE FROM THE 2020 CENSUS

Trump Administration Reversed Census Bureau Plan To Include Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity In The 2020 Census. "The next census won't include questions related to sexual orientation or gender identity, the Census Bureau announced Tuesday, a move that's drawn sharp rebuke from LGBT rights organizations. . . . A draft of subjects planned for the 2020 census, the next year the decennial survey will be conducted, initially had a proposal to include sexual orientation and gender identity for

the first time. However, that inclusion was not listed in the finalized report delivered to Congress this week. . . . Nevertheless, the decision to remove the proposal drew fierce opposition from civil rights groups that have long sought inclusion of such data in the census." [Huffington Post, [3/29/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION SELLS ARMS TO NATION ENGAGED IN BOMBING CAMPAIGN, WITHOUT MAKING ANY HUMAN RIGHTS DEMANDS

Trump Administration Dropped All Human Rights Preconditions On Arms Sale To Bahrain.

"Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson has decided to lift all human rights conditions on a major sale of F-16 fighter jets and other arms to Bahrain in an effort to end a rift between the United States and a critical Middle East ally, according to administration and congressional officials involved in the debate. . . . But the decision to drop the human rights assurances as a condition of the sale is bound to be read by Saudi Arabia and other states in the region as a sign that the new administration plans to ease its demands to protect and respect political dissidents and protesters." [The New York Times, [3/29/17](#)]

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017: TRUMP SIGNALS HE WILL NOT HONOR U.S. COMMITMENTS TO LANDMARK INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE AGREEMENT

Trump Signed Executive Order To Roll Back Clean Power Plan, Which Is Essential For U.S. To Meet International Climate Agreement. "President Trump, flanked by company executives and miners, signed a long-promised executive order on Tuesday to nullify President Barack Obama's climate change efforts and revive the coal industry, effectively ceding American leadership in the international campaign to curb the dangerous heating of the planet. Mr. Trump made clear that the United States had no intention of meeting the commitments that his predecessor had made to curb planet-warming carbon dioxide pollution, turning denials of climate change into national policy." [The New York Times, [3/28/17](#)]

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017: TRUMP REPEALS RULE PROTECTING WORKERS FROM WAGE THEFT, VIOLATIONS OF OTHER LABOR AND CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS



Trump Signed Bill To Kill Regulation Requiring Companies That Do Business With The Federal Government To Follow Wage And Safety Laws. "President Donald Trump signed a bill Monday repealing a regulation that had encouraged federal contractors to follow labor laws. Under the Obama-era rule, companies with an egregious record of violating wage and safety laws would lose their government contracts if they didn't come into compliance. The idea behind the rule was to make sure unscrupulous employers didn't receive taxpayer dollars." [The Huffington Post, [3/27/17](#)]

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017: TRUMP POTENTIALLY VIOLATES ETHICS LAWS BY GIVING HIS DAUGHTER IVANKA A FORMAL JOB IN THE WHITE HOUSE

Trump Gave His Daughter Ivanka A Formal White House Job And Security Clearance, Potentially Violating Anti-Nepotism Laws. "First daughter Ivanka Trump is set to assume a 'voluntary' position in the White House described as her father's 'eyes and ears,' but experts say it could put the Trump administration in questionable ethical territory. She will get an office in the West Wing, security clearance, and government communications devices, all while maintaining ownership of her eponymous fashion and jewelry brand. . . . The federal antinepotism statute prohibits public officials — including the president — from appointing relatives to positions in agencies over which they preside." [Business Insider, [3/25/17](#)]

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017: VICE PRESIDENT PENCE TOUTS A PICTURE SHOWING ALL-MALE PANEL NEGOTIATING WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

Mike Pence Tweeted Photo Showing No Women At The Negotiating Table For Healthcare Bill That Will Affect Women With Healthcare Coverage. "A lack of women in a photo of negotiations over the GOP health care bill that was tweeted out by Vice President Mike Pence is drawing criticism from Democrats. . . . The photo shows Pence at the center of a conference table during negotiations with the House Freedom Caucus. About two dozen men can be seen in the photo and not a single woman." [Associated Press, [3/24/17](#)]

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TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION STARTS CAMPAIGN TO SHAME AND SMEAR CITIES WITH INCLUSIVE POLICIES TOWARDS IMMIGRANTS

Trump's Immigration Agency Started New Campaign To Name And Shame Police Departments That Won't Do Their Bidding. "Immigration and Customs Enforcement yesterday released its first report attempting to name and shame police departments that require more than ICE's say-so in order to hold someone in jail. This is just the Trump administration's latest attempt to smear sanctuary cities, but it's also a trap for local law enforcement—ICE could be shaming them into violating your rights." [ACLU, [3/21/17](#)]

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017: IN AN UNPRECEDENTED NO-SHOW, THE U.S. PULLS OUT OF PLANNED HUMAN RIGHTS HEARING

In Troubling Signal To Human Rights Advocates, Trump Administration Pulled U.S. Participation From Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Hearings. "The United States has pulled its participation from hearings planned for today by a regional human rights body that has enjoyed the support of every U.S. administration since its founding. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights is meeting in Washington, D.C., for a regular session covering human rights issues spanning North and South America. . . . In the past, when U.S. governments have sought to express displeasure at having their records scrutinized, they have occasionally protested by sending lower-level officials. But today's refusal to engage the commission at all is a deeply troubling indication of its disrespect for human rights norms and the institutions that oversee their protection." [ACLU, [3/21/17](#)]

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017: TRUMP WHITE HOUSE HAS INSTALLED ADVISORS THROUGHOUT THE GOVERNMENT TO MONITOR CABINET SECRETARIES' LOYALTY

Reports Revealed The Trump White House Is Expending Resources To Monitor The Loyalty Of His Own Cabinet Secretaries. "Most members of President Trump's Cabinet do not yet have leadership teams in place or even nominees for top deputies. But they do have an influential coterie of senior aides installed by the White House who are charged — above all — with monitoring the secretaries' loyalty, according to eight officials in and outside the administration. This shadow government of political appointees with the title of senior White House adviser is embedded at every Cabinet agency, with offices in or just outside the secretary's suite." [The Washington Post, [3/19/17](#)]

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017: MISUNDERSTANDING HOW NATO WORKS, TRUMP ACCUSES GERMANY OF OWING "VAST SUMS OF MONEY" TO NATO AND U.S.

Trump Provoked German Officials Into Debunking His Claim That Germany Owes Money To NATO And The U.S. "Trump tweeted on Saturday that he had a "GREAT meeting" with German Chancellor Angela Merkel the day before, but added that 'Nevertheless, Germany owes vast sums of money to NATO & the United States must be paid more for the powerful, and very expensive, defense it provides to Germany!' . . . German Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen rejected Trump's claim in a statement on Sunday, saying that 'there is no debt account at NATO'. . . . Ivo Daalder, a former U.S. NATO ambassador, also dismissed Trump's characterization, saying on Saturday 'that's not how NATO works.'" [NBC News, [3/19/17](#)]

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION DELAYS RULE TO ENSURE THE BASIC RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO CHOOSE WHERE AND HOW TO LIVE

The Trump Administration Delayed The Home And Community Services Rule For People With Disabilities. "Obama administration issued a groundbreaking rule in 2014, requiring every state to upgrade its home and community services to ensure that those receiving them had their basic rights respected by 2019. The HCBS settings rule included requirements that people get a choice of where they live . . . It also instructed states to ensure people living in residential facilities were afforded the right to choose what to do during the day, who they invited into their homes, when they ate, and whom they shared a bedroom with. . . . This week, President Trump's Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Administrator Seema Verma issued a letter to state governments indicating their intent to delay the rule's implementation deadline." [ACLU, [3/17/17](#)]

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION PICKS HATE GROUP OPPOSED TO CIVIL RIGHTS FOR U.S. DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Trump Administration Tapped Anti-LGBT And Anti-Women's Rights Group To Represent America At United Nations Meetings. "The United States has sent a lobbying group listed as a 'hate group' by civil rights activists in its delegation to key United Nations meetings, advocates said on Wednesday, fueling fears over rolling back gay rights. The Center for Family and Human Rights (C-FAM) was named this week by the U.S. State Department to attend the U.N.'s Commission on the Status of Women, an annual set of high-level meetings on women's equality and empowerment. C-FAM has been listed as an anti-LGBTQ hate group by nonprofit civil rights group the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) for at least five years, said Heidi Beirich, director of the SPLC's Intelligence Project." [NBC News, [3/16/17](#)]

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017: TRUMP PROPOSES DEEP CUTS TO AMERICA'S DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL AID PROGRAMS

Trump Administration Announced It Will Seek To Slash U.S. Diplomacy And Foreign Assistance Efforts. "David Miliband, president and CEO of the International Rescue Committee, said the roughly one-third cut in foreign aid endangered U.S. values and interests abroad. 'What's more, the U.S. foreign assistance budget makes up a mere 1 percent of the federal budget - a tiny category of discretionary spending which saves lives and spreads goodwill around the world,' he said. More than 120 retired U.S. generals and admirals urged Congress in a letter last month to fully fund diplomacy and foreign aid, arguing the functions were 'critical to keeping America safe.'" [Reuters, [3/16/17](#)]

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017: TRUMP'S BUDGET DIRECTOR SAYS BUDGET CUTS TO PROGRAMS LIKE MEALS ON WHEELS ARE "COMPASSIONATE"

Trump's Budget Director Mick Mulvaney Defended Cutting Meals On Wheels And Afterschool Programs As "Compassionate." "White House budget chief Mick Mulvaney on Thursday defended the Trump administration's proposed deep cuts to social welfare programs such as Meals on Wheels and after-school services, saying it's unfair to taxpayers if such programs don't show hard results. . . . He explained that the budget proposal is compassionate to the taxpayer because it stops government spending on programs that he said have been ineffective." [Politico, [3/16/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017: TRUMP IS CONSIDERING EXPANDING KILLING POWERS ABROAD, WHICH WOULD BE DISASTROUS FOR CIVILIANS

Alarms Sounded Over Press Reports That The Trump Administration Might Weaken Or Pull Rules That Limit Civilian Deaths Overseas From U.S. Military Action. "According to a recent New York Times report, the Trump administration is considering weakening or withdrawing those rules, which, while flawed, are intended to limit civilian deaths and injuries. Without them, the U.S. will further unmoor itself from domestic and international law that safeguards against extrajudicial killing, and many more innocent people will die. The Trump administration has also reportedly lifted limits on the CIA carrying out drone strikes, meaning that the CIA could return to its role as a paramilitary organization killing people largely in secret." [ACLU, [3/15/17](#)]

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017: ANALYSIS SHOWS THAT TRUMP VOTERS WOULD BE HIT HARD BY GOP HEALTHCARE REPEAL PUSHED BY TRUMP

Healthcare Repeal Proposed By Republicans In Congress And Trump Would Greatly Cost Trump Voters, New Analysis Concluded. "Americans who swept President Trump to victory — lower-income, older voters in conservative, rural parts of the country — stand to lose the most in federal healthcare aid under a Republican plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, according to a Times analysis of county voting and tax credit data." [The Los Angeles Times, [3/12/17](#)]

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017: TRUMP'S BUDGET DIRECTOR BASELESSLY ACCUSES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS OF MANIPULATING JOBS DATA

Without Any Evidence, Mick Mulvaney Accused The Obama Administration Of Concocting Favorable Jobs Statistics. "Mick Mulvaney told CNN's Jake Tapper on Sunday that he has long thought the previous administration framed data to make the unemployment rate 'look smaller than it actually was'. . . . Trump repeatedly railed on the unemployment rate during Obama's time in office as a 'hoax'. . . . Economists debate the best way to calculate statistics. But there is no evidence that the Bureau of Labor Statistics fudges its unemployment data." [CNN, [3/12/17](#)]

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017: TRUMP WHITE HOUSE SEEKS MASSIVE LAYOFFS IN FEDERAL WORKFORCE

Trump Proposed Historic Slashing Of Federal Workforce. "President Trump's budget proposal this week would shake the federal government to its core if enacted, culling back numerous programs and expediting a historic contraction of the federal workforce. This would be the first time the government has executed cuts of this magnitude — and all at once — since the drawdown following World War II, economists and budget analysts said. . . . Simply put, government would be smaller and less involved in regulating life in America, with private companies and states playing a much bigger role. The cuts Trump plans to propose this week are also expected to lead to layoffs among federal workers. . . ." [The Washington Post, [3/12/17](#)]

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ABRUPTLY FIRES 46 U.S. ATTORNEYS WITHOUT REPLACEMENTS READY

Trump Administration Suddenly Demanded Immediate Resignation Of U.S. Attorneys, Provoking Anger And Dismay Over The Manner It Was Done. "The Trump administration's sudden request on Friday that all 46 U.S. attorneys resign was met with surprise by multiple federal prosecutors. . . . The source noted that being asked to resign was not surprising in the least. But the source says the manner in which it happened was both angering and deeply disappointing, according to conversations the source was privy to among several U.S. attorneys." [NBC News, [3/11/17](#)]

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS PROTESTORS TRYING TO END POLICE BRUTALITY TO BE "DOMESTIC TERRORISTS"

Trump's Department Of Homeland Security Considered Opponents Of Police Violence And Systematic Racism To Be "Domestic Terrorists." "Earlier this week, we learned that people in Portland organizing against police killings of Black men, white nationalist politicians, and the countless systems of racism throughout our local, state, and federal governments are now considered 'domestic terrorists' by Department of Homeland Security. Why? Because the Portland Police Bureau labeled the

November 10, 2016 protest a 'riot'. . . . The impact of unchecked law enforcement rhetoric threatens our precious right to speak out against oppressive government." [ACLU, [3/10/17](#)]

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017: TRUMP'S AGENDA HITS AMERICA'S TOURISM INDUSTRY

Tourism Industry Sounded Alarm That The "Trump Slump" Is Costing It International Visitors.

"In the meantime, the U.S. Travel Association says the tourism industry is already seeing evidence of what's being called a 'Trump slump' as regular travelers are cooling their jets....As airport protests erupted in January in response to Mr. Trump's first travel ban, the Global Business Travelers Association reported \$185 million dollars in lost bookings to the U.S. . . . Surry says airfare searches to the United States dropped in 102 of 122 countries since Mr. Trump's inauguration. . . . One notable exception, the travel site Hopper reports, is that travel bookings to Russia jumped 54 percent." [CBS News, [3/10/17](#)]

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017: TRUMP BUDGET WOULD TAKE \$6 BILLION AWAY FROM HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO ENLARGE PENTAGON BUDGET

Budget Documents Revealed Trump Would Fund A Bigger Pentagon Budget By Slashing Housing And Urban Development.

"Five months later, the Trump administration is considering cutting \$6 billion from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to help fund a \$54 billion increase in America's defense budget, according to documents obtained by the *Washington Post*. The U.S. already spends more on its military than China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom, France, India, and Germany — combined." [New York Magazine, [3/9/17](#)]

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017: ATTORNEY GENERAL LAUDS PRISON CAMP INFAMOUS FOR BEING SYMBOL OF INJUSTICE, ABUSE, AND DISREGARD FOR THE RULE OF LAW

Jeff Sessions Praised Guantanamo Bay As A Spacious "Perfect Place." "Attorney General Jeff Sessions said Thursday that he sees 'no legal problem whatsoever' with bringing new enemy combatants to the detention center at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, a facility that former President Barack Obama sought, and ultimately failed, to empty and close. 'There's plenty of space. We're well-equipped for it. It's a perfect place for it. Eventually this will be decided by the military rather than the Justice Department, but I see no legal problem whatsoever with doing that,' Sessions responded. . . ." [Politico, [3/9/17](#)]

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017: CONGRESS WARNS TRUMP TO STOP DELETING TWEETS IN APPARENT VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW

Lawmakers Warned Trump That His Habit Of Deleting His Tweets Is Potentially Violating The Presidential Records Act.

"When President Donald Trump or a member of his staff deletes a tweet, they may be violating federal law, two top congressmen warned the White House this week. Reps. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) and Elijah Cummings (D-Md.), chairman and ranking member of the House Oversight Committee, sent a letter to White House counsel Don McGahn on Wednesday expressing concerns about the Trump administration's record keeping habits and its nontransparent use of social media and other forms of electronic communication." [The Huffington Post, [3/9/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION APPROVES ARMS SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA THAT HAD BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO SAUDI-LED COALITION'S KILLING OF CIVILIANS

Trump's State Department Reversed The Obama Administration's Decision To Stop Arms Sales To Saudi Arabia Over Civilian Deaths. "The State Department has approved a resumption of weapons sales that critics have linked to Saudi Arabia's bombing of civilians in Yemen, a potential sign of reinvigorated U.S. support for the kingdom's involvement in its neighbor's ongoing civil war. . . . It also signals a break with an approach the previous administration hoped would limit civilian deaths in a conflict that has pushed Yemen to the brink of widespread famine." [The Washington Post, [3/8/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017: TRUMP'S EPA DELETES THE WORD "SCIENCE" FROM THE OFFICE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY'S MISSION STATEMENT

Trump Administration Deleted Mentions Of "Science" From EPA Office Of Science And Technology's Mission Statement. "The branch of the US Environmental Protection Agency in charge of creating science-based clean water standards no longer has the word "science" in its mission statement. Earlier this year, the stated mission of the Office of Science and Technology at the EPA's Water Office was "developing sound, science-based standards," and "scientific and technological foundations to achieve clean water". . . . The text of the mission statement has changed; the office's mandate is now to create "economically and technologically achievable performance standards." The word "science-based" and "scientific" no longer appear." [Quartz, [3/8/17](#)]

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS TO GREAT LAKES PROGRAMS PROVOKE IRE AND CONCERNS

Residents Living Near The Great Lakes Express Worry And Dismay Over Trump's Budget. "Proposed budget cuts at the National Atmospheric & Oceanic Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Coast Guard could have a huge impact on Great Lakes fishery research, beach and boater safety, environmental protection, algal bloom monitoring, icebreaking, maritime security and rescue capabilities. . . . 'Why would we undertake this assault on the Great Lakes when we're making such progress?' [Joel Brammeier, CEO of the Alliance for the Great Lakes] said." [MLive, [3/7/17](#)]

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017: ON THE DEFENSIVE AFTER DEFEATS IN FEDERAL COURT, TRUMP SIGNS REVISED BUT STILL UNCONSTITUTIONAL MUSLIM BAN

Trump Tried Again To Impose An Unconstitutional Muslim Ban On The Country. "President Trump signed an executive order on Monday blocking citizens of six predominantly Muslim countries from entering the United States, the most significant hardening of immigration policy in generations, even with changes intended to blunt legal and political opposition." [The New York Times, [3/6/17](#)]

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017: TRUMP'S SECRETARY OF STATE SKIPS PRESENTATION OF STATE DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

Trump Administration Ignored Rollout Of U.S. State Department's Human Rights Report, Alarming Human Rights Advocates. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson "alarmed human rights advocates when he did not appear in person to present the State Department's annual human rights report, released Friday. In a break with long-standing tradition only rarely breached, Tillerson's remarks were limited to a short written introduction to the lengthy report. Nor did any senior State Department

official make on-camera comments that are typically watched around the world, including by officials in authoritarian countries where abuses are singled out in the report." [Washington Post, [3/3/17](#)]

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017: TRUMP'S EPA STOPS REQUIRING OIL AND GAS COMPANIES TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR METHANE LEAKS

Trump Administration Cancelled Directive Mandating Oil And Gas Companies To Report Their Methane Emissions. "The Environmental Protection Agency will no longer require oil and gas companies to report information related to their methane emissions, according to a new directive issued March 2. . . . The original request, sent to companies in November 2016, required oil and gas producers to provide a broad range of information about their methane emissions and equipment, as well as the feasibility of controls designed to limit methane release. . . . Methane, a potent greenhouse gas, gets released during the extraction process for oil and natural gas. In fact, the sector is the largest industrial emitter of methane." [Business Insider, [3/2/17](#)]

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017: RELEASED RECORDS SHOW MIKE PENCE HAD USED PRIVATE EMAIL ACCOUNT TO CONDUCT GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AS GOVERNOR

Vice President Mike Pence, Who Had Criticized Hillary Clinton For Her Private Email Usage, Used A Private Email Account To Conduct Government Business As Governor. "Emails released . . . show Pence communicated via his personal AOL account with top advisers on topics ranging from security gates at the governor's residence to the state's response to terror attacks across the globe. . . . Cybersecurity experts say the emails raise concerns about whether such sensitive information was adequately protected from hackers, given that personal accounts like Pence's are typically less secure than government email accounts. In fact, Pence's personal account was hacked this past summer." [USA Today, [3/2/17](#)]

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017: FACING PERJURY ALLEGATIONS, ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS IS FORCED TO RECUSE HIMSELF FROM RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

Sessions Recused Himself From Federal Investigations Into Russian Interference In The Presidential Election. "Attorney General Jeff Sessions said Thursday he would recuse himself from overseeing the federal investigation into alleged Russian interference in the presidential election, citing the advice of his staff. . . . The move comes less than 24 hours after The Washington Post revealed Sessions had spoken with Sergey Kislyak, the Russian ambassador to the United States, on two separate occasions during the campaign. That appeared to contradict assertions made by Sessions to the Senate Judiciary Committee twice during the confirmation process." [The Atlantic, [3/2/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017: TRUMP REFUSES TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOTCHED U.S. MILITARY RAID IN YEMEN

The New Commander-In-Chief Blamed Others For Botched Military Mission He Ordered. "The raid, which took place in central Yemen on Jan. 29, was Trump's first counterterrorism operation after taking office. . . . Some lawmakers, pundits and news reports have criticized the raid — said to be an intelligence-gathering operation — because it turned into a lengthy firefight that killed Owens and potentially dozens of civilians, wounded three American soldiers, and destroyed a \$70 million Osprey. They have also questioned the quality of the intelligence gathered. . . . Trump seemed to say in a Feb. 28 interview with Fox and Friends that the previous administration and his own defense leaders share the responsibility. 'Well, this was a mission that was started before I got here,' he said. 'This was something

that was, you know, just they wanted to do. And they came to see me and they explained what they wanted to do, the generals, who are very respected. My generals are the most respected that we've had in many decades, I believe. And they lost Ryan." [PolitiFact, [3/1/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017: NEWS BREAKS THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS COMMITTED PERJURY BEFORE CONGRESS

During His Confirmation Hearing, Sessions Falsely Said He Did Not Meet With Russian Officials. "Then-Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) spoke twice last year with Russia's ambassador to the United States, Justice Department officials said, encounters he did not disclose when asked about possible contacts between members of President Trump's campaign and representatives of Moscow during Sessions's confirmation hearing to become attorney general. . . . As attorney general, Sessions oversees the Justice Department and the FBI, which have been leading investigations into Russian meddling and any links to Trump's associates. He has so far resisted calls to recuse himself." [The Washington Post, [3/1/17](#); ACLU, [3/2/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017: TRUMP ANNOUNCES NEW GOVERNMENTAL UNIT THAT WILL SPREAD FALSE RHETORIC PORTRAYING IMMIGRANTS AS CRIMINALS

Trump Announced New Initiative That Will Publicize Crimes By Immigrants, Thus Fueling False Anti-Immigrant Myths. "President Donald Trump prompted audible groans during his joint address to Congress on Tuesday night, when he brought up plans to highlight crimes committed by undocumented immigrants and create a Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement (VOICE) office. . . . The creation of VOICE has prompted confusion and anger among immigration experts and advocates, who have been quick to point out that targeting criminal immigrants makes little sense given crime statistics on the matter. Decades-worth of data indicate that immigrants commit far less and are far less likely to commit crime than native born Americans. . . ." [Business Insider, [3/1/17](#)]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017: TRUMP'S ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCES THAT POLICE DEPARTMENTS' CIVIL RIGHTS ABUSES WILL GO UNCHALLENGED IN COURT

Jeff Sessions Said His Justice Department Won't Take Abusive Police Departments To Court Like The Previous Administration Did. "Donald Trump's attorney general said Tuesday the Justice Department will limit its use of a tactic employed aggressively under President Obama — suing police departments for violating the civil rights of minorities." [NBC News, [2/28/17](#)]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017: TRUMP'S ATTORNEY GENERAL SIGNALS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL STOP OVERSEEING ABUSIVE POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Jeff Session Said His Justice Department Will Pull Back Its Oversight Of Law Enforcement Agencies Charged With Civil Rights Violations. "Attorney General Jeff Sessions indicated on Tuesday that the federal government would back away from monitoring troubled police departments, which was the central strategy of the Obama administration to force accountability onto local law enforcement amid rising racial tensions." [The New York Times, [2/28/17](#)]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION PROPOSES INTRUSIVE CHECKS OF INTERNATIONAL VISITORS' SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS, RAISING ALARMS

Trump's State Department Proposed Forcing Visa Applicants To Hand Over Their Social Media Passwords. "The Trump administration is proposing a misguided plan to force people from certain countries to hand over their social media account passwords in order to get a U.S. visa. This would invade the privacy rights of not only thousands of affected visa applicants and refugees, but also all of the Americans they're in touch with through Facebook, Twitter, and other social media sites." [ACLU, [2/28/17](#)]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017: TRUMP WHITE HOUSE EXCLUDES JOURNALISTS FROM PRESS BRIEFING IN LIKELY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MOVE

White House Press Secretary Likely Violated Constitution By Excluding Disfavored Media Outlets From Press Briefing. "Last Friday's developments at the White House crossed that legal line, said Jameel Jaffer, the director of the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University. 'That was unconstitutional,' he said. 'If you exclude reporters from briefings that they otherwise have a right to attend because you don't like their reporting, then you have engaged in viewpoint discrimination.' Viewpoint discrimination by the government in a public forum is almost always unconstitutional. Sean Spicer, the White House press secretary, on Friday barred journalists from The New York Times, BuzzFeed News, CNN, The Los Angeles Times, Politico, the BBC and The Huffington Post from a daily briefing." [The New York Times, [2/28/17](#)]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017: TRUMP ADMITS IGNORANCE ON HEALTH POLICY, SAYS LET THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IMplode SO DEMOCRATS GET BLAMED

Trump Urged Republicans To Let People's Health Coverage Under The Affordable Care Act Become A "Disaster" For Political Gain. "President Donald Trump on Monday claimed that 'nobody knew that health care could be so complicated,' and again flirted with the idea that Republicans should let Obamacare 'implode' so that Democrats shoulder the blame. . . . 'Let it be a disaster, because we can blame that on the Dems that are in our room -- and we can blame that on the Democrats and President Obama,' Trump said in remarks to the National Governors Association. 'But we have to do what's right, because Obamacare is a failed disaster.'" [Politico, [2/27/17](#)]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017: SIGNALING CONTEMPT FOR VOTING RIGHTS, TRUMP ADMINISTRATION CHOOSE TO LEAVE DISCRIMINATORY VOTER ID LAW STANDING

Trump's Department Of Justice Dropped Opposition To Discriminatory Texas Voter ID Measure. "President Trump's Justice Department is ending the government's opposition to a controversial voter ID law in Texas, according to a group involved in the case. . . . After six years of legal wrangling, the Justice Department will no longer argue that Texas intentionally sought to discriminate against minorities when it passed the law that mandates voters show certain forms of identification before casting a ballot. 'This signals to voters that they will not be protected under this administration,' Lang told Talking Points Memo." [The Hill, [2/27/17](#)]

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017: TRUMP PROPOSES TO SLASH HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND JOBS PROGRAMS WHILE MASSIVELY INCREASING THE PENTAGON BUDGET

Trump Laid Groundwork To Drastically Cut Domestic Programs While Inflating Pentagon Spending. "The White House on Monday will send federal departments a budget proposal containing the defense spending increase President Donald Trump promised, financed partly by cuts to the U.S. State Department, Environmental Protection Agency and other non-defense programs, two officials

familiar with the proposal said. . . . Some defense experts have questioned the need for a large increase in U.S. military spending, which already stands at roughly \$600 billion annually." [AOL News, [2/26/17](#)]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S IMMIGRATION DRAGNET TARGETS ALL IMMIGRANTS WITHOUT THE RIGHT PAPERS—IN CHURCH SHELTERS AND COURTHOUSES

Emboldened By The Trump Administration, Federal Immigration Agents Aggressively Targeted Immigrants In Church Shelter, Courthouses, Airports. "In Virginia, Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents waited outside a church shelter where undocumented immigrants had gone to stay warm. In Texas and in Colorado, agents went into courthouses, looking for foreigners who had arrived for hearings on other matters. At Kennedy International Airport in New York, passengers arriving after a five-hour flight from San Francisco were asked to show their documents before they were allowed to get off the plane. The Trump administration's far-reaching plan to arrest and deport vast numbers of undocumented immigrants has been introduced in dramatic fashion over the past month." [The New York Times, [2/25/17](#)]

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017: TRUMP BERATES THE F.B.I. AND ESCALATES ATTACKS ON JOURNALISTS AS "THE ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE"

Trump Lashed Out At The F.B.I. And Journalists. "President Trump turned the power of the White House against the news media on Friday, escalating his attacks on journalists as 'the enemy of the people' and berating members of his own F.B.I. as 'leakers' who he said were putting the nation at risk. . . . as if to demonstrate Mr. Trump's determination to punish reporters whose coverage he dislikes, Sean Spicer, the White House press secretary, barred journalists from The New York Times and several other news organizations from attending his daily briefing, a highly unusual breach of relations between the White House and its press corps." [The New York Times, [2/24/17](#)]

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017: TRUMP ASSAILS MEDIA, PROMISES TO THROW IMMIGRANTS WITHOUT THE RIGHT PAPERS "THE HELL OUT OF THE COUNTRY"

Trump Launched "Blistering Attack" On The Press, Vows To Expel Undocumented Immigrants "The Hell Out Of The Country." "Speaking to the Conservative Political Action Conference on Friday, Mr. Trump launched what was easily the most blistering attack on the media and corporate elites of his already bellicose and eventful presidency. His speech also included a promise to throw undocumented immigrants 'the hell out of the country' and a recitation of his law-and-order campaign promises. It represented a not-entirely friendly takeover of CPAC, an establishment Republican group whose leadership once viewed the party's surprise standard-bearer as a noisy interloper." [The New York Times, [2/24/17](#)]

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017: TRUMP'S ATTORNEY GENERAL DOES THE PRIVATE PRISON INDUSTRY A FAVOR

Attorney General Jeff Sessions Moved To Encourage The Federal Government's Use Of Private Prisons, Which Profit Off Jailing People. "The Justice Department's plan to phase out its use of private prisons — the result of declining inmate populations and concerns about safety and security — ended this week without ever really taking effect. . . . Attorney General Jeff Sessions rescinded a six-month-old Obama administration directive that sought to curtail the government's use of private prisons. . . . Private prisons mostly benefit two publicly traded companies. Those companies are CoreCivic

(which until recently was known as Corrections Corporation of America), and The Geo Group. The two companies, both generous contributors to President Trump, run the majority of the BOP's contracted prisons, as well as dozens of other facilities used to detain immigrants who are in the country illegally." [NBC News, [2/23/17](#)]

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION INDICATES COMING CRACKDOWN ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE

Trump White House Moves To Start Cracking Down Recreational Pot Use. "The White House on Thursday put states that have legalized recreational-use marijuana on notice that federal law enforcement agents could be targeting them soon. It was the clearest warning yet that the Trump administration may move to disrupt the marijuana trade in the eight states, including California, that have legalized the recreational use of pot." [The Los Angeles Times, [2/23/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017: TRUMP WITHDRAWS GUIDANCE EXPLAINING TITLE IX'S PROTECTIONS FOR TRANSGENDER STUDENTS

Trump Rolled Back Guidance Explaining That Federal Law Requires Schools To Treat Transgender Students Consistent With Their Gender Identity. "President Trump on Wednesday rescinded protections for transgender students that had allowed them to use bathrooms corresponding with their gender identity, overruling his own education secretary and placing his administration firmly in the middle of the culture wars that many Republicans have tried to leave behind." [The New York Times, [2/22/17](#)]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION PUSHES AHEAD WITH THE APPARATUS OF HUMAN MISERY TRUMP PROMISED DURING THE CAMPAIGN

The Trump Administration Set The Stage For His Sweeping Anti-Immigrant Agenda, Including Mass Deportations. "Two memos signed by Department of Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly on Monday are a grim blueprint for President Trump's promised mass deportations. As implementation instructions for his January executive orders on interior and border immigration enforcement, they're an operating manual for unprecedentedly vicious ICE and CBP crackdowns. . . . The Trump administration has sent another gust of fear throughout the land with a mass deportation agenda that is badly out of step with fairness, due process, and liberty. Its attacks on civil liberties and civil rights affect not only immigrants but all who will suffer abuses at the hands of a vast immigration-enforcement complex the memos aspire to create." [ACLU, [2/21/17](#)]

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017: TRUMP POINTS TO NONEXISTENT TERRORIST INCIDENT IN SWEDEN TO PUSH HIS DISCRIMINATORY ANTI-IMMIGRANT AGENDA

Trump Hyped A Fake Immigration-Related Security Incident In Sweden That Never Happened. "Trump, who in his first weeks in office has tried to tighten U.S. borders sharply for national security reasons, told a rally on Saturday that Sweden was having serious problems with immigrants. 'You look at what's happening last night in Sweden,' Trump said. 'Sweden. Who would believe this? Sweden. They took in large numbers. They're having problems like they never thought possible.' No incident occurred in Sweden and the country's baffled government asked the U.S. State Department to explain." [Reuters, [2/19/17](#)]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017: TRUMP'S MAR-A-LAGO MEMBERSHIP POLICY
HIGHLIGHT POTENTIAL FOR PAY-TO-PLAY CORRUPTION IN TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Mar-a-Lago Was Shown To Be An Exclusive Club For The Rich And Powerful To Get Trump's Ear—If They Pay Up. "Trump's gatherings at Mar-a-Lago — he arrived there Friday afternoon, his third weekend visit in a row — have also created an arena for potential political influence rarely seen in U.S. history: a kind of Washington steakhouse on steroids, situated in a sunny playground of the rich and powerful, where members and their guests enjoy a level of access that could elude even the best-connected of lobbyists. . . . So long as they could afford the entry fee, that is: Mar-a-Lago doubled that fee to \$200,000 shortly after Trump was elected; members also pay \$14,000 in annual dues." [Boston.com, [2/18/17](#)]

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017: TRUMP HYPES VIOLENCE AGAINST POLICE, WHICH IS DECLINING, WHILE IGNORING SHOCKING POLICE VIOLENCE AGAINST CIVILIANS

Trump Signed Executive Order That Ignores Police Killings Of People Of Color While Prioritizing Violence Against Police, Which Is Already Harshly Prosecuted. "President Trump put an executive order into effect last week to, in his words, 'stop crime and crimes of violence against law enforcement officers. . . .' Despite horrific videos of police violence combined with overwhelming evidence of decades of such abuse, Trump has chosen to focus instead on the far less frequent violence against police officers. . . . He does this even though laws already exist that impose the strictest penalties for killing a police officer. . . . Every killing of a police officer is a terrible tragedy. But the bottom line is that officer deaths have dropped overall since the 1970s, with the number of officers killed on duty falling roughly by half during that time . . . If the president wasn't busy spinning fiction, he would have more time to pay attention to the mounting number of people of color being killed by police." [ACLU, [2/17/17](#)]

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017: TRUMP DELAYS RULE TO REIN IN UNSCRUPULOUS FINANCIAL ADVISERS AND EXCESSIVE WALL STREET FEES

Siding With Wall Street, The Trump Administration Moved To Stall And Weaken The "Fiduciary Rule" Designed To Save Americans Billions Of Dollars. "Over the past two weeks, the Trump administration has taken steps to delay and perhaps scuttle a new rule designed to save American workers billions of dollars they currently pay in excessive fees in their retirement accounts. The Obama administration spent 5 years crafting the rule through the Labor Department. It requires that financial advisers and brokers act in their customers' best interest when offering them investment advice for their workplace retirement accounts." [NPR, [2/17/17](#)]

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017: TRUMP CONTINUES TO ATTACK THE PRESS, DENOUNCING NEWS OUTLETS AS THE "ENEMY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE"

Trump Tweeted: "The FAKE NEWS Media (Failing @Nytimes, @Nbcnews, @ABC, @CBS, @CNN) Is Not My Enemy, It Is The Enemy Of The American People!" [Donald Trump's Twitter Account, [2/17/17](#)]



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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017: TRUMP OVERTURNS LAW THAT PROTECTS WATER SOURCES AND WILDLIFE FROM TOXIC MINING WASTE DUMPING

Trump Signed Bill To Let Coal Mining Companies Dump Mine Waste Into Streams And Contaminate Drinking Water Sources. "In early February, the House and Senate voted to repeal the so-called 'stream protection rule' — using a regulation-killing tool known as the Congressional Review Act. On Thursday, President Trump signed the bill, which means the stream protection rule is now dead. Coal companies will have a freer hand in dumping mining debris in streams." [Vox, [2/16/17](#)]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017: TRUMP MOVES TO ALLOW CORRUPT EXTRACTIVE COMPANIES HIDE THEIR FOREIGN BRIBERIES FROM THE PUBLIC

Trump Repealed Anti-Bribery Law That Required Oil, Gas, And Mining Companies To Disclose Payments To Foreign Governments. Trump signed a bill that "cancels out a Securities and Exchange Commission regulation that would have required oil and gas and mining companies to disclose in detail the payments they make to foreign governments in a bid to boost transparency in resource-rich countries. . . . Supporters of the SEC regulation say it would have provided greater transparency. The SEC said Congress had sought transparency 'to help combat global corruption and empower citizens of resource-rich countries to hold their governments accountable.'" [The Washington Post, [2/14/17](#)]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017: NEWS BREAKS THAT TRUMP AIDES REPEATEDLY SPOKE WITH RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS DURING THE CAMPAIGN

Evidence Came To Light Showing That Trump Associates Had Repeated Contacts With Senior Russian Intelligence Officials During The Election. "Phone records and intercepted calls show that members of Donald J. Trump's 2016 presidential campaign and other Trump associates had repeated contacts with senior Russian intelligence officials in the year before the election, according to four current and former American officials." [The New York Times, [2/14/17](#)]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017: NATIONAL SECURITY DIRECTOR MICHAEL FLYNN RESIGNS AFTER DAMAGING REVELATIONS

Flynn Resigned While Trump Faced Growing Pressure To Explain His Ties To Russian Government. "Donald Trump is facing mounting pressure to explain his ties with Russia after it emerged that he knew weeks ago his national security adviser had misled officials about secret communications with Russian officials but did not fire him. The retired general Michael Flynn was

forced to quit on Monday night after reports that he could be vulnerable to blackmail by Moscow." [The Guardian, [2/14/17](#)]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017: TRUMP HOLDS OPEN AIR MEETING AT HIS MAR-ALAGO CLUB TO DISCUSS NORTH KOREAN MISSILE TEST

Trump Discussed North Korea With The Prime Minister Of Japan In Insecure Setting, Drew Rebukes For Carelessness Towards Information Security. "And at one table on the terrace, there was the president and the leader of a major U.S. ally, hashing out a national security problem in the open air. . . . As Weitzman and other patrons watched Saturday evening, Trump and Abe remained at the table and discussed their response to a ballistic missile test by North Korea. While waiters came and went — and while one club member snapped photos — the two leaders reviewed documents by the light of an aide's cellphone. That strange scene — in which Trump turned his table into an al fresco situation room — astounded White House veterans, who were used to presidents retiring to private, secured settings to hash out such an event." [Washington Post, [2/13/17](#)]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017: TRUMP TEAM HAD BEEN WARNED THAT NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR FLYNN WAS SUSCEPTIBLE TO RUSSIAN BLACKMAIL

Trump Team Was Warned By The Justice Department That His National Security Advisor Was Susceptible To Russian Blackmail. "The acting attorney general informed the Trump White House late last month that she believed Michael Flynn had misled senior administration officials about the nature of his communications with the Russian ambassador to the United States, and warned that the national security adviser was potentially vulnerable to Russian blackmail, current and former U.S. officials said... It is unclear what the White House counsel, Donald McGahn, did with the information." [The Washington Post, [2/13/17](#)]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017: TRUMP'S JUSTICE DEPARTMENT BEGINS ROLLBACK OF TRANSGENDER STUDENTS' RIGHTS

Trump Administration Sent Message That It Does Not Care About Protecting Transgender Students From Discrimination. "President Donald Trump's Justice Department — now headed by Jeff Sessions — announced that it would drop a challenge to a nationwide injunction against guidance issued last year by the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice on the rights of transgender students under Title IX, a federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. Many now fear that the administration may be preparing to revoke the guidance entirely and change its stance on what those critical federal protections mean for trans students. This latest action sends a terrible message to some of the most vulnerable young people in the country that the Trump administration does not care about protecting them from discrimination." [ACLU, [2/13/17](#)]

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017: TRUMP ADVISOR STEPHEN MILLER CLAIMS THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT SHOULD NOT BE QUESTIONED

Trump Advisor Stephen Miller Said The "Powers Of The President... Will Not Be Questioned." "A senior White House adviser on Sunday denounced federal judges who have stood in the way of Donald Trump's controversial travel ban, warning that 'the whole world will soon see' that the president's executive powers 'will not be questioned.' 'We have a judiciary that has taken far too much power and become in many cases a supreme branch of government,' said Stephen Miller." [The Guardian, [2/12/17](#)]

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017: TRUMP LAUNCHES SWEEPING IMMIGRATION RAIDS, SEPARATING FAMILIES AND ENSNARING THOSE WITH NO CRIMINAL RECORDS

Sweeping Immigration Raids Began In Several Cities Around The Country. "U.S. immigration authorities arrested hundreds of undocumented immigrants in at least a half-dozen states this week. . . . Officials said the raids targeted known criminals, but they also netted some immigrants without criminal records, an apparent departure from similar enforcement waves during the Obama administration. Last month, Trump substantially broadened the scope of who the Department of Homeland Security can target to include those with minor offenses or no convictions at all." [The Washington Post, [2/10/17](#)]

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017: TRUMP ACCUSES MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS OF ILLEGALLY VOTING AGAINST HIM IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Without Any Evidence, Trump Claimed He Lost New Hampshire Because Thousands Of Massachusetts Citizens Went There To Illegally Vote. "President Trump has revived unproven voter fraud allegations, telling a group of senators in a private meeting Thursday that he lost New Hampshire last November because thousands of Massachusetts residents were bused to the neighboring state to cast ballots against him. The president offered no evidence to support the claim. New Hampshire's secretary of state, who is in charge of elections in the state, disputed the president's claims, as did the state's two US senators, and on Friday night a member of the Federal Election Commission called on Trump to release proof of his charge." [Boston Globe, [2/10/17](#)]

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017: TRUMP MISLEADINGLY STOKES FEAR ABOUT CRIME TRENDS AND DIVERTS GOVERNMENT RESOURCES TO ADVANCE AUTHORITARIAN AGENDA

Trump Falsely Portrayed America As Under Siege, Further Pursued Authoritarian Agenda That Exploits Public's Fears. "President Trump signed three executive actions Thursday designed to crack down on violence in America, directing the Department of Justice to form a task force and take other steps to target criminal gangs and reduce violent crime and crime against police. . . . But Trump has, in the past, misstated crime statistics or not presented them in the proper context, presenting a somewhat bleaker view than perhaps is warranted. . . . Civil liberties groups criticized the executive orders as responses to a non-existent problem. 'President Trump intends to build task forces to investigate and stop national trends that don't exist,' said ACLU Deputy Legal Director Jeffery Robinson." [The Washington Post, [2/9/17](#); ACLU, [2/9/17](#)]

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017: WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL BREAKS ETHICS LAWS, SAYS "GO BUY IVANKA'S STUFF" ON LIVE TELEVISION

In Apparent Violation Of Ethics Law, The Trump White House Promoted Ivanka's Private Company's Products. "The Trump administration faced continued criticism over possible ethics violations Thursday after a White House official promoted Ivanka Trump's clothing line in a television interview. 'Go buy Ivanka's stuff,' Kellyanne Conway, counselor to President Trump, told Fox & Friends co-host Steve Doocy. Ivanka Trump has a 'wonderful line,' Conway added. 'I own some of it. I fully, I'm gonna just going to give a free commercial here. Go buy it today everybody. You can find it online.'" [NBC, [2/9/17](#)]

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017: TRUMP FALSELY ACCUSES DEMOCRATIC SENATOR OF MISREPRESENTING NEIL GORSUCH'S CRITICISM OF TRUMP

After Senator Blumenthal Accurately Recounted The Supreme Court Nominee's Criticism Of Trump, Trump Falsely Charged That He Instead Lied. "Sen. Richard Blumenthal said Wednesday that Judge Neil Gorsuch, Trump's nominee, told him he found Trump's attack on a federal judge on Twitter "disheartening" and "demoralizing." Within a half-hour, Gorsuch spokesman Ron Bonjean, who was tapped by the White House to head communications for Gorsuch, confirmed that the nominee, Gorsuch, used those words in his meeting with Blumenthal. . . . But none of that stopped Trump from firing off a shot against Blumenthal -- and at the same time raising questions about the coherence of the White House's messaging." [CNN, [2/9/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017: TRUMP'S EPA NOMINEE REFUSES TO COME CLEAN ON HIS DEALINGS WITH FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY

Trump's Nominee For EPA Administrator Violated His State's Open Records Law, Prompting Legal Challenge. "As the Senate moves to confirm Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt as head of the Environmental Protection Agency this week, the ACLU, the ACLU of Oklahoma, and the Center for Media and Democracy filed a legal challenge yesterday to Pruitt's failure to comply with his state's Open Records Act. Pruitt has a history of unreasonably stonewalling requests for documents, including in response to questions from U.S. senators following his confirmation hearing." [ACLU, [2/8/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017: TRUMP HYPES THE WRONG MURDER RATE

Trump Cited Factually Wrong Statistic To Bolster Fear-Mongering Agenda. "One of President Donald Trump's biggest campaign themes was that the United States is experiencing a crime plague of historical proportions. On Feb. 7, the newly elected chief executive invited a group of county sheriffs to the White House -- and proceeded to cite a startling crime statistic. 'The murder rate in our country is the highest it's been in 47 years, right?' Trump said. 'Did you know that? Forty-seven years. I used to use that -- I'd say that in a speech and everybody was surprised, because the press doesn't tell it like it is'. . . . There's a reason the press didn't tout that figure — the statement was incorrect." [PolitiFact, [2/8/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017: TRUMP INSINUATES THAT THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM SHOULD SIDE WITH HIM OR ELSE

Trump Impugned The Motives Of Federal Courts Ruling Against Him, Signals Political Showdown If They "Decide The Wrong Way." "Trump suggested to the three judges that they would marginalize themselves politically if they decide the wrong way. . . . 'If these judges wanted to help the court in terms of respect for the court, they'd do what they should be doing,' Trump said. . . . He added: 'I don't ever want to call a court biased, so I won't call it biased. But courts seem to be so political, and it would be so great for our justice system if they would read [the law] and do what's right.' If that isn't a threat to marshal support against the American court system and fight it politically, I'm not sure what is.'" [The Washington Post, [2/8/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017: MELANIA TRUMP SUES MEDIA OUTLET CLAIMING IT HARMED HER OPPORTUNITY TO PROFIT OFF OF PUBLIC ROLE OF FIRST LADY

First Lady Melania Trump Sued Paper Claiming It Harmed Her "Once-In-A-Lifetime" Opportunity To Profit From Serving As First Lady. "A lawyer for the first lady argued in a lawsuit

filed on Monday that an article falsely alleging she once worked for an escort service hurt her chance to establish 'multimillion-dollar business relationships' during the years in which she would be 'one of the most photographed women in the world'. . . . The suit noted that the article had damaged Mrs Trump's 'unique, once in a lifetime opportunity' to 'launch a broad-based commercial brand.'" [The Courier, [2/8/17](#)]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017: TRUMP DENIES KNOWING PUTIN, CONTRADICTING PAST STATEMENTS FLAUNTING HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT

Trump Denied Knowing Vladimir Putin Despite Bragging In The Past That They Know Each Other. "In a tweet on Tuesday morning, President Trump repeated his claim that he doesn't "know [Vladimir] Putin," an argument he's made ever since closeness to Russia and its president became a political liability. Back when knowing world leaders was an asset, though, Trump bragged about a relationship with Putin." [The Washington Post, [2/7/17](#)]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION HIDES ONLINE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ANIMAL WELFARE VIOLATIONS

Trump Administration Suddenly Removed Online Reports Detailing Animal Abuse Violations, Taking Pressure Off Abusers. "Two weeks into the Trump Administration, thousands of documents detailing animal welfare violations nationwide have been removed from the website of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), which has been posting them publicly for decades. . . . These records have revealed many cases of abuse and mistreatment of animals, incidents that, if the reports had not been publicly posted, would likely have remained hidden. This action plunges journalists, animal welfare organizations, and the public at large into the dark about animal welfare at facilities across the country." [National Geographic, [2/6/17](#)]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017: TRUMP MALIGNS THE PRESS FOR NOT REPORTING TERRORIST ATTACKS THAT HE SAYS "YOU'VE SEEN" DUE TO PRESS COVERAGE

Trump Claimed The "Dishonest Press" Doesn't Cover Terrorist Attacks That He Notes "You've Seen" Because The Press Reported On Them. "ISIS is on a campaign of genocide, committing



atrocities across the world. Radical Islamic terrorists are determined to strike our homeland, as they did on 9/11, as they did from Boston to Orlando to San Bernardino and all across Europe. You've seen what happened in Paris and Nice. All over Europe it's happening. It's gotten to a point where it's not even being reported. And in many cases, the very, very dishonest press doesn't want to report it. They have their reasons and you understand that." [CSPAN, [2/6/17](#)]

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017: TRUMP TELLS THE PUBLIC TO BLAME FEDERAL JUDGE WHO HALTED HIS UNCONSTITUTIONAL MUSLIM BAN "IF SOMETHING HAPPENS"

Trump Said Blame Federal Judge "If Something Happens." "His ire was aimed at US District Judge James Robart, who last week put a nationwide hold on Trump's executive order. . . . 'Just cannot believe a judge would put our country in such peril. If something happens blame him and court system. People pouring in. Bad!' the President wrote, not just attacking the decision but going after the judge who may yet make more decisions on the matter." [Newsweek, [2/5/17](#)]

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017: TRUMP PLACES WHITE NATIONALIST STEVE BANNON ON THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WITHOUT REALIZING IT

Trump Was Reported To Be Angry And Frustrated He Placed Steve Bannon On The National Security Council Without Knowing It. "Mr. Bannon remains the president's dominant adviser, despite Mr. Trump's anger that he was not fully briefed on details of the executive order he signed giving his chief strategist a seat on the National Security Council, a greater source of frustration to the president than the fallout from the travel ban." [The New York Times, [2/5/17](#)]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017: TRUMP DEFENDS VLADIMIR PUTIN'S REGIME FOR MURDERING DISSIDENTS AND POLITICAL OPPONENTS

Trump Defended Vladimir Putin For Murdering Political Opponent, Appearing To Equate The United States With Putin's Regime. "President Donald Trump appeared to equate US actions with the authoritarian regime of Russian President Vladimir Putin in an interview released Saturday, saying, 'There are a lot of killers. You think our country's so innocent?' Trump made the remark during an interview with Fox News' Bill O'Reilly, saying he respected his Russian counterpart. 'But he's a killer,' O'Reilly said to Trump. 'There are a lot of killers. You think our country's so innocent?' Trump replied." [CNN, [2/4/17](#)]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017: TRUMP DENIGRATES FEDERAL JUDGE WHO HALTED MUSLIM BAN

Trump Maligned "So-Called Judge" Who Halted His Unconstitutional Muslim Ban. "Donald Trump has reacted angrily to the legal block of his ban on refugees and immigrants from seven majority-Muslim countries entering the US. The President said the temporary suspension of his executive order, enacted by a federal judge in Seattle, could lead to 'big trouble'. He branded James Robart, who issued the restraining order against the immigration restrictions, a 'so-called judge' and promised the ruling would be overturned, claiming it 'takes law enforcement away from our country.'" [The Independent, [2/4/17](#)]

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017: TRUMP DISPARAGES AMERICANS EXERCISING THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO PROTEST, CALLING THEM "ANARCHISTS" AND "THUGS"

Trump Lashed Out At Americans For Protesting His Agenda. "President Donald Trump fired off a series of tweets Friday morning accusing 'professional anarchists' of being behind recent protests, as well as lashing out at the media and Arnold Schwarzenegger. 'Professional anarchists, thugs and paid protesters are proving the point of the millions of people who voted to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!' Trump tweeted before 7 a.m. ET Friday." [Time, [2/3/17](#)]



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017: WHITE HOUSE AIDE MAKES UP A TERRORIST ATTACK THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN TO JUSTIFY TRUMP'S MUSLIM BAN

Kellyanne Conway Cited The Fictitious "Bowling Green Massacre" That Never Happened To Justify Trump's Muslim Ban. "At one point, Conway made a reference to two Iraqi refugees whom she described as the masterminds behind 'the Bowling Green massacre.' 'Most people don't know that because it didn't get covered,' Conway said. The Bowling Green massacre didn't get covered because it didn't happen. There has never been a terrorist attack in Bowling Green, Ky., carried out by Iraqi refugees or anyone else." [The Washington Post, [2/3/17](#)]



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017: DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER EXPOSES TRUMP PLANS TO FUEL SWEEPING DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE GUISE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

A Draft Executive Order Emerged Showing Trump Administration Plans To Enable Sweeping LGBTQ Discrimination. "President Donald Trump may soon hand a major victory to conservative Christians with a 'religious freedom' executive order that would cripple anti-discrimination protections for LGBTQ people, among others. . . . The draft order defines religious freedom in broad terms, but specifically refers to organizations' right to claim religious objections to same-sex marriage, abortion, transgender rights, contraception and premarital sex. It would require the Department of Justice to defend such 'religious freedom.'" [The Huffington Post, [2/2/17](#)]

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017: TRUMP HAD TO LEARN ABOUT THE UNITED STATES' LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS REFUGEES FROM FOREIGN HEAD OF STATE

Trump's Ignorance On International Refugee Law Prompted Germany's Chancellor To Explain It To Him. "The day after US President Donald Trump signed his now notorious Muslim ban, he spoke with Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel. Over the phone, she reportedly 'explained' to Trump the United States' obligations under international refugee law, which requires the international community to take in war refugees on humanitarian grounds. It's hardly surprising that President Trump had to learn about the United States' responsibilities towards refugees from a foreign head of state. But it's clear that after only a week in office his administration's lack of familiarity with and respect for refugee and human rights law is already charting a dangerous course for the country and the world." [ACLU, [2/2/17](#)]

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017: TRUMP ALTERS "COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM" PROGRAM TO IGNORE WHITE SUPREMACIST TERRORISTS

As Part Of His Anti-Muslim Agenda, Trump Made The "Countering Violent Extremism" Program Even Worse To Further Stigmatize And Isolate American Muslims. "The Trump administration wants to revamp and rename a U.S. government program designed to counter all violent ideologies so that it focuses solely on Islamist extremism. . . . The program, "Countering Violent Extremism," or CVE, would be changed to "Countering Islamic Extremism" or "Countering Radical Islamic Extremism," the sources said, and would no longer target groups such as white supremacists who have also carried out bombings and shootings in the United States. . . . Some proponents of the program fear that rebranding it could make it more difficult for the government to work with Muslims already hesitant to trust the new administration." [Reuters, [2/2/17](#)]

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017: TRUMP HANGS UP ON AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER OVER THE U.S. HONORING WHAT HE CALLS A "DUMB DEAL"

Trump Rebuked, Then Hung Up On Australian Prime Minister Turnbull Over The U.S. Honoring Existing Agreement. "Trump blasted Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull over a refugee agreement and boasted about the magnitude of his electoral college win. . . . Then, 25 minutes into what was expected to be an hour-long call, Trump abruptly ended it . . . 'This is the worst deal ever,' Trump fumed as Turnbull attempted to confirm that the United States would honor its pledge to take in 1,250 refugees from an Australian detention center.' . . . Trump returned to the topic late Wednesday night, writing in a message on Twitter: 'Do you believe it? The Obama Administration agreed to take thousands of illegal immigrants from Australia. Why? I will study this dumb deal!'" [The Washington Post, [2/2/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017: DURING PHONE CALL WITH THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT, TRUMP THREATENS TO DEPLOY U.S. TROOPS TO INVADE MEXICO

Trump Threatened To Send U.S. Troops To Mexico To Stop "Bad Hombres Down There." "President Donald Trump warned in a phone call with his Mexican counterpart that he was ready to send U.S. troops to stop 'bad hombres down there' unless the Mexican military does more to control them, according to an excerpt of a transcript of the conversation obtained by The Associated Press." [The Los Angeles Times, [2/1/17](#)]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017: TRUMP'S MUSLIM BAN WREAKS HAVOC ON FAMILIES WHO CHOSE THE WRONG DATES TO TRAVEL

Further Reporting Showed The Muslim Ban Separating Families, Forcibly Returning Travelers Despite Prior Permission To Enter The U.S. "The first reports about the executive order, signed by Trump on Friday, were about foreigners hoping to travel to the U.S. for job opportunities, including interpreters who had worked for American forces. Now, it is becoming clear that the order is separating families of ordinary people whose mistake was to pick the wrong dates to travel. . . . Submissions [of stories of those affected by the ban to ProPublica] came from people here legally that were visiting their home countries and now are unable to return to the U.S.; people here legally that are now afraid to leave the U.S. and not be able to return; and dozens of stories in which families are being torn apart." [ProPublica, [1/31/17](#)]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION DETAINS IRAQI MAN AT AIRPORT DESPITE THE SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA HE GOT FOR AIDING U.S. ARMY

Press Reports Showed Trump's Muslim Ban Ensnaring Families With Young Children, People With Medical Conditions, And Even Special Immigrant Visa Holder Who Helped The U.S. Army.

"A 33-year-old Iraqi man in a wheelchair who, according to a petition, was targeted for helping the U.S. Army was reportedly released from DFW International Airport early Tuesday morning after being detained for 15 hours. . . . Reports emerged Monday that more individuals, including families with young children and people with chronic medical conditions, weren't being allowed to leave DFW International Airport for hours at a time." [Dallas Morning News, [1/31/17](#)]

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017: TRUMP'S CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AGENCY GOES ROGUE AND DISOBEYS FEDERAL COURTS

Trump Administration Instigated Constitutional Crisis By Refusing To Comply With Judicial Orders. "Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents defied the orders of federal judges regarding Donald Trump's travel bans on Sunday, according to members of Congress and attorneys who rallied protests around the country in support of detained refugees and travellers from seven Muslim-majority countries. . . . 'We have a constitutional crisis today,' representative Don Beyer wrote on Twitter. 'Four members of Congress asked CBP officials to enforce a federal court order and were turned away.'" [The Guardian, [1/30/17](#)]

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017: TRUMP FIRES THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR "BETRAYAL" AFTER SHE ADVISED THAT TRUMP'S MUSLIM BAN IS LIKELY ILLEGAL

When The Acting Attorney General Advised Trump That His Muslim Ban Is Likely Illegal, He Responded By Firing Her. "The White House on Monday night relieved Acting Attorney General Sally Yates, an Obama administration appointee, after she directed Justice Department attorneys not to defend President Donald Trump's controversial executive order blocking U.S. entry for citizens of seven nations in the Middle East and Africa. . . . The President didn't wait to respond to Yates' challenge to his authority, issuing a statement that criticized her record and her stance on the issue in question. 'The acting Attorney General, Sally Yates, has betrayed the Department of Justice by refusing to enforce a legal order designed to protect the citizens of the United States,' the statement read." [Fortune, [1/30/17](#)]

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017: TRUMP WHITE HOUSE DEFENDS DELIBERATELY OMITTING MENTION OF JEWS IN ITS HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY STATEMENT

White House Holocaust Remembrance Day Statement Failed To Mention Jews, Chief Of Staff Defended Omission Because "I Mean, Everyone's Suffering." "President Donald Trump released a brief statement to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day. . . . It didn't take long for many people to notice that a key word was missing: Jews. . . . Over the weekend, White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus said he didn't regret the wording of the statement. 'I mean, everyone's suffering in the Holocaust including obviously all of the Jewish people affected, and the miserable genocide that occurred is something that we consider to be extraordinarily sad and something that can never be forgotten,' he said." [Vox, [1/30/17](#)]

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017: TRUMP SOWS CONFUSION AND CHAOS BY KEEPING DETAILS OF HIS MUSLIM BAN SECRET FROM HIS OWN AGENCIES

Trump Withheld Crucial Details Of His Muslim Ban From His Own Agencies Responsible For Implementing It. "U.S. Congress members Jerrold Nadler and Nydia Velazquez, both Democrats from New York, wanted clarification on whether an immigration ban issued on Friday by President Donald Trump prevented the Iraqis from consulting with attorneys. Nassauer had no clear answer. 'We are as much in the dark as everybody else,' said the border protection official at one of the largest U.S. airports. . . . Throughout much of Saturday, government officials and security workers were left to guess who from those countries could enter the United States legally and who could not." [Reuters, [1/29/17](#)]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017: TRUMP BEGINS HIS UNCONSTITUTIONAL PROGRAM OF ANTI-MUSLIM DISCRIMINATION

"President Trump signed an executive order suspending *all* refugee resettlement for 120 days and indefinitely suspending the resettlement of refugees from Syria. In addition to banning Syrian refugees, the president ordered a ban *all entries* of the nationals of seven majority-Muslim countries . . . In effect, Trump has barred Muslims from entering the United States, while favoring the entry of Christians. One of the tenets upon which our country was founded is that religion is our own business and not the government's. We have freedom of belief. We do not have religious litmus tests for participation in society. Trump's order is anathema to those founding principles." [ACLU, [1/28/17](#)]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017: THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IS THREATENING TO PUBLICLY RELEASE THE PRIVATE DATA OF IMMIGRANTS AND FOREIGN VISITORS

Trump Excluded Immigrants From Privacy Act Protections, Raising Fears That The Information They Volunteered To The Government Will Be Used Against Them. "A provision tucked into one of the executive orders signed by President Trump earlier this week strips federal privacy protections for many immigrants who now fear information they registered with the government will be used to find and deport them, advocates said. . . . The provision signed by Trump states that non-US citizens or permanent residents from shall be excluded from protections of the Privacy Act 'regarding personally identifiable information' It's not just criminal history data that will now be unprotected. The Department of Health and Human Services for instance keeps information on refugees and unaccompanied minors, Guliani said. The provision also removes privacy protections from immigrants who are here legally, like those on student, fiancé, or H1B work visas." [BuzzFeed News, [1/27/17](#); ACLU, [2/28/17](#)]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017: TRUMP BANS REFUGEES AND INDIVIDUALS FROM MAJORITY-MUSLIM NATIONS FROM ENTERING THE U.S., CREATING CHAOS

Trump Attempted To Ban People From Seven Muslim-Majority Countries From Entering The United States For 90 Days. "President Trump has signed an executive order that bans citizens from seven Muslim-majority countries in the Middle East from entering the United States for 90 days, according to the White House. His proposed list doesn't include Muslim-majority countries where his Trump Organization has done business or pursued potential deals. Properties include golf courses in the United Arab Emirates and two luxury towers operating in Turkey." [Bloomberg, [1/27/17](#)]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017: TRUMP INSISTS THE U.S. SHOULD HAVE TAKEN IRAQ'S OIL—A WAR CRIME WITH DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES

Trump Claimed There Would Be No ISIS If America Had Illegally Looted Iraq's Oil. "'We should have kept the oil when we got out. And you know, it's very interesting. Had we taken the oil, you

wouldn't have ISIS, because they fuel themselves with the oil. That's where they got the money,' the President told ABC's David Muir. 'We should have taken the oil. You wouldn't have ISIS if we took the oil.' Critics have said that taking Iraq's oil would have been stealing from civilians and thus a war crime, a violation of international law." [CNN, [1/26/17](#)]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017: TRUMP'S GAG ORDERS ON FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ARE LIKELY ILLEGAL, LAWMAKERS WARN

The Trump Administration Banned Federal Employees From Communicating With The Press And Congress. "Two House Democrats say President Trump's "gag orders" on federal employees appear to violate federal laws. . . . The letters came less than a week after Trump's inauguration as administration officials restrict social media and contacting the press at agencies including the EPA, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services. Pallone and Cummings take issue specifically with the restrictions on communicating with Congress. That appears to violate multiple laws meant to protect whistleblowers who want to tell Congress about wrongdoing in the federal government, like the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act and appropriations legislation." [The Hill, [1/26/17](#)]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017: CONTRADICTING HIS DEFENSE SECRETARY, TRUMP CLAIMS THAT TORTURING WITH WATERBOARDING IS "ABSOLUTELY" EFFECTIVE

Contradicting National Security And Military Leaders, Trump Asserted That Waterboarding Works And Isn't Torture. "Waterboarding doesn't constitute torture, President Trump said Thursday, reiterating his past argument that it is an effective way to gather intelligence. 'I mean, torture is real torture, OK? Waterboarding is — I'm sure it's not pleasant, but waterboarding was just short of torture,' he said in an interview with Fox News's Sean Hannity. 'When — you know, all of a sudden, they made it torture.' 'I spoke with people the other day who are in this world that were talking about it. Absolutely, it works. Absolutely,' he said. . . . But Secretary of Defense James Mattis has denounced the practice." [The Hill, [1/26/17](#)]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017: ADVOCATES SOUND THE ALARM OVER TRUMP'S EXTREME "GLOBAL GAG RULE" THAT WILL ENDANGER WOMEN'S LIVES AROUND THE GLOBE

Trump Draws More Criticism For A Recently-Issued Policy That Jeopardizes The Health Of Women Around The World. "Under President Donald Trump, a decades-old Republican policy on global family planning just got a whole lot more aggressive. . . . [The Trump Administration policy] limits the ability of global family planning providers to provide women and families comprehensive care if, in any aspect of their work, they recommend, discuss, or even mention abortions to clients, let alone provide abortion services. Hence the 'global gag rule' Under the gag rule, regular access to contraceptives becomes patchy, and the number of unwanted pregnancies increases, leading to more unsafe abortions and more women dying." [Vox, [1/26/17](#)]



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017: TRUMP ESTABLISHES DEPORTATION FORCE WITH FAR-REACHING AUTHORITY TO EXPEL UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

Trump Established Deportation Force. "Trump signed two executive orders directing the construction of a wall on the US-Mexico border, boosting border patrol forces and increasing the number of immigration enforcement officers who carry out deportations. The orders also call for stripping sanctuary cities of federal grant funding and announced sweeping new criteria that could make many more undocumented immigrants priorities for deportation. . . . His increases in the number of border patrol and immigration officers . . . raised the specter of Trump's campaign promise of mass deportations." [CNN, [1/25/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017: TRUMP ISSUES EXECUTIVE ORDER TO BEGIN MILITARIZING AMERICAN'S BORDER WITH MEXICO

Trump Directed The Federal Government To Start Turning U.S. Border Communities Into Heavily Armed Military Zones. "President Trump today signed executive orders directing the federal government to fund construction of a wall along the United States' border with Mexico and to freeze funding to sanctuary cities. . . . President Trump's fantasy of sealing the border with a wall is based fundamentally on racial and ethnic bias. This is a piece of dangerous political theater that will undermine civil liberties and turn border communities into military zones where heavily armed, poorly trained, and unaccountable agents will wield dangerous influence and authority." [ACLU, [1/25/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017: TRUMP ACCUSES MILLIONS OF AMERICANS OF ILLEGALLY VOTING FOR HIS CAMPAIGN OPPONENT

Amid News Of Election Results Showing He Lost The Popular Vote, Trump Pushed Debunked Voter Fraud Myth. "Donald Trump has said that he intends to launch a 'major investigation into voter fraud', as controversy continues over his false claim that millions of people voted illegally in last year's presidential election. . . . Trump was stung by his loss of the popular vote in last November's presidential election and blamed it, without evidence, on votes cast by millions of illegal immigrants." [The Guardian, [1/25/17](#)]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION BANS FEDERAL WORKERS FROM COMMUNICATING WITH CONGRESS AND THE PRESS

Trump Put A Gag Order On Federal Agencies. "Multiple federal agencies have told their employees to cease communications with members of Congress and the press, sources have told The Huffington Post. The freeze has startled aides on the Hill and people at those agencies, who worry that it could abruptly upend current operations and stifle work and discussions that routinely take place between branches of government." [The Huffington Post, [1/25/17](#)]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017: TRUMP RESTARTS DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE, WHICH THREATENS ANCESTRAL BURIAL GROUNDS AND THE WATER SUPPLY

Trump Revived Oil Pipeline That Endangers Sacred Burial Sites And Regional Water Supply. "Expediting the construction of [Dakota Access Pipeline] is the obvious goal of the executive order. . . . [Trump] doesn't mention that the route of the pipeline was first planned to traverse land further north until white landowners complained, causing a change in the route. He doesn't mention that a leak of oil in the Missouri River would not only threaten federally protected water rights belonging to the Standing Rock Sioux but would pollute water used by some 18 million persons. He doesn't mention that completion of DAPL would destroy sacred sites of the tribe." [ACLU, [1/24/17](#)]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017: TRUMP'S NOMINEE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL STANDS BY HIS SUPPORT FOR SWEEPING ANTI-LGBT BILL

Jeff Sessions Defended And Mischaracterized A Discriminatory Anti-LGBT Law. "In response to a written question from Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) regarding his support for the so-called 'First Amendment Defense Act,' or FADA, Sen. Sessions flatly states that he rejects characterizations of the bill — including by the ACLU — as being 'deceptively named' . . . Perhaps the most galling aspect of Sen. Sessions' response was how he turns the definition of discrimination on its head. He argues that FADA is necessary to 'prohibit the federal government from taking discriminatory actions.' What Sen. Sessions calls 'discriminatory actions' are in fact longstanding federal civil rights protections." [ACLU, [1/24/17](#)]

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IMPOSES GAG ORDER ON EPA EMPLOYEES

Trump Administration Banned Environmental Protection Agency Employees From Publicly Discussing EPA Grant Freeze. "EPA staff has been instructed to freeze all its grants — an extensive program that includes funding for research, redevelopment of former industrial sites, air quality monitoring and education, among other things — and told not to discuss this order with anyone outside the agency, according to a Hill source with knowledge of the situation. An EPA staffer provided the information to the congressional office anonymously, fearing retaliation." [The Huffington Post, [1/23/17](#)]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017: TRUMP TELLS THE CIA THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD HAVE ILLEGALLY SEIZED IRAQ'S OIL

Trump Again Advocated Illegal And Disastrous Proposal For The U.S. To Steal Iraq's Oil. "President Donald Trump told the CIA on Saturday that the so-called Islamic State probably would never have existed if the United States had seized Iraq's oilfields, a claim that flies in the face of the analysis of most foreign policy experts and international law. . . . The strategy of taking Iraq's oil is plainly in violation of multiple international laws and United Nations agreements. Foreign policy experts also seem to think taking Iraq's oil would neither be feasible, nor desirable. Experts cited the long-term damage to the United States' reputation as an imperial force seizing the natural resources of countries, as well as the practical challenges in actually taking a country's oil. Devoting such a large number of troops to pillaging oilfields and protecting oil pipelines and transportation routes would require a more permanent presence in Iraq and far more troops than the United States has available." [The Huffington Post, [1/21/17](#)]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017: TRUMP WHITE HOUSE MISLEADS THE AMERICAN PUBLIC ABOUT INAUGURATION CROWD SIZE



Sean Spicer Lectured The Media On Inauguration Crowd Size In His First Press Conference. "MR. SPICER: [P]hotographs of the inaugural proceedings were intentionally framed in a way, in one particular tweet, to minimize the enormous support that had gathered on the National Mall. . . . This was the largest audience to ever witness an inauguration -- period -- both in person and around the globe." [C-SPAN, [1/21/17](#)]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017: TRUMP ISSUES EXECUTIVE ORDER TO DISMANTLE THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, THREATENING HEALTHCARE FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS

On His First Day In Office, Trump Moved To Begin Dismantling The Affordable Care Act. "In his first executive order, President Trump on Friday directed government agencies to scale back as many aspects of the Affordable Care Act as possible, moving within hours of being sworn in to fulfill his pledge to eviscerate Barack Obama's signature health care law." [The New York Times, [1/20/17](#)]

