

# Moving fast on his agenda

US President Donald Trump has moved aggressively in his first week in office to fulfil major campaign promises. Since being sworn in on Jan 20, he has signed a number of executive orders to roll back predecessor Barack Obama's agenda. Here is a look at the new president's first acts in the Oval Office.

## What he has signed off on so far



• First executive order targets Obamacare, limiting its "economic and regulatory burden".



• Signs off on the US' formal withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact.  
 • Bans US foreign aid money from going to overseas non-governmental organisations that provide abortions or advocate abortion rights.  
 • Freezes hiring of new federal workers, except for positions in national security, public safety and the military.



• Smoothens path for two controversial oil pipelines in bid to expand energy infrastructure.



• Orders construction of a wall along the US-Mexico border to reduce illegal immigration.

• Pledges to hire 10,000 more immigration officers, and revoke federal grant money given to "sanctuary cities" that refuse to deport undocumented immigrants.

US President Donald Trump displays one of the executive orders he signed during a visit to the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, DC.



## What else he has promised

### TRADE

• Renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta).

### TERRORISM

• Re-enabling overseas "black site" prisons for terror suspects, as well as stipulating permissible interrogation methods.

### IMMIGRATION

- Suspending refugee admissions to the US for a certain period of time.
- Barring people from several countries – including Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen – from entering the US on visas.
- Ending an Obama programme that protected more than 740,000 unauthorised migrants from deportation since 2012.
- Reducing the scope of legal migration to the US to protect US jobs and workers.
- Restricting public benefits to US citizens.

## What Obama did in his first week in office

Mr Barack Obama enacted five key executive orders. His top priorities were unwinding some of President George W. Bush's actions during the war on terror and increasing executive branch transparency.

- Undoing a Bush administration order preventing records of past presidents from being unsealed.
- Preventing executive appointees from working as lobbyists for five years after their terms, and lobbyists from getting jobs in the executive branch.
- Requiring interrogations by intelligence agencies to comply with US and international law and the Army Field Manual, rescinding all previous executive orders on interrogations.
- Ordering the closure of the Guantanamo Bay prison.
- Requiring a task force to review the detention of prisoners apprehended in the war on terror.

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