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Presidential Orders

Read “Sworn In” (January 31, 2025). The article mentions Trump’s signing of executive orders. Learn more about executive orders below. Then imagine you are president. Write an executive order.

Executive Orders (EO)

An executive order is a directive that is a written, signed, and published by the president of the United States. It states a mandatory requirement for the executive branch. This branch includes the president, the vice president, and the executive departments, such as the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Education. Unlike a law, an executive order does *not* require approval from Congress. An executive order also cannot be overturned by Congress. Only a sitting U.S. president can overturn an existing executive order, by issuing another. But executive orders can be challenged in court.

Each executive order has a **number** and **date**. Executive orders go back to 1862. Through the end of Biden’s presidency, there have been 14,146 executive orders, in all.

The **title** indicates what the order will be about.

The **introduction** indicates it is written by the president, in first-person. It explains the reasoning behind the order.

The **body** of the order is grouped into sections. Sections explain the executive order and the steps that will be taken. They indicate which department will be responsible for carrying out the order. The text may note a revision to a previous EO.

The order includes the **signature** of the president.

Executive Order 14,1__ of _____, 2025

By the authority vested in me as president by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, _____

Section 1 _____

Sect. 2 _____
