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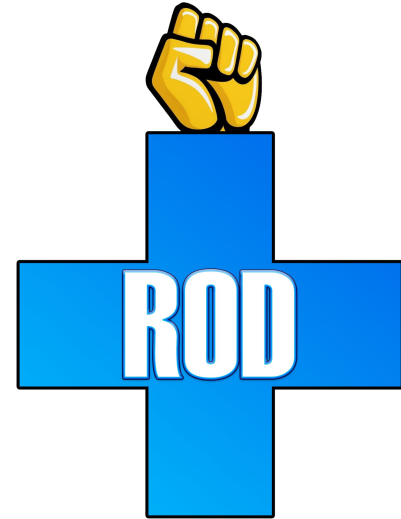
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What Are Executive Orders and How Are They Used?

Understanding Presidential Power in Action

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What Is an Executive Order?

- A rule or instruction issued by the President
- Has the force of law, but doesn't go through Congress
- Applies to how the federal government operates



Where Does the Power Come From?



- U.S. Constitution gives the President executive power (Article II)
- Executive orders help the President run the government
- Must be based on existing laws or powers

What Can Executive Orders Do?



- Direct federal agencies on how to enforce laws
- Set national policies (like environmental or immigration rules)
- Respond to emergencies or crises
- Organize the functions of the executive branch

What Can't They Do?

- Can't make new laws or spend money not approved by Congress
- Can't override the Constitution
- Can be overturned by courts or reversed by future Presidents



Examples of Famous Executive Orders



- *Emancipation Proclamation* (1863) – Freed slaves in Confederate states (Lincoln)
- *Desegregation of the military* (1948) – End of racial segregation in the armed forces (Truman)
- *DACA* (2012) – Protected undocumented immigrants brought as children (Obama)
- *Travel Ban* (2017 & 2025) – Restricted entry from certain countries (Trump)

Can They Be Challenged?

- Yes!
- Courts can strike them down as unconstitutional
- Congress can pass laws to override them (President can veto)
- New Presidents can cancel or change previous orders



How Long Do They Last?



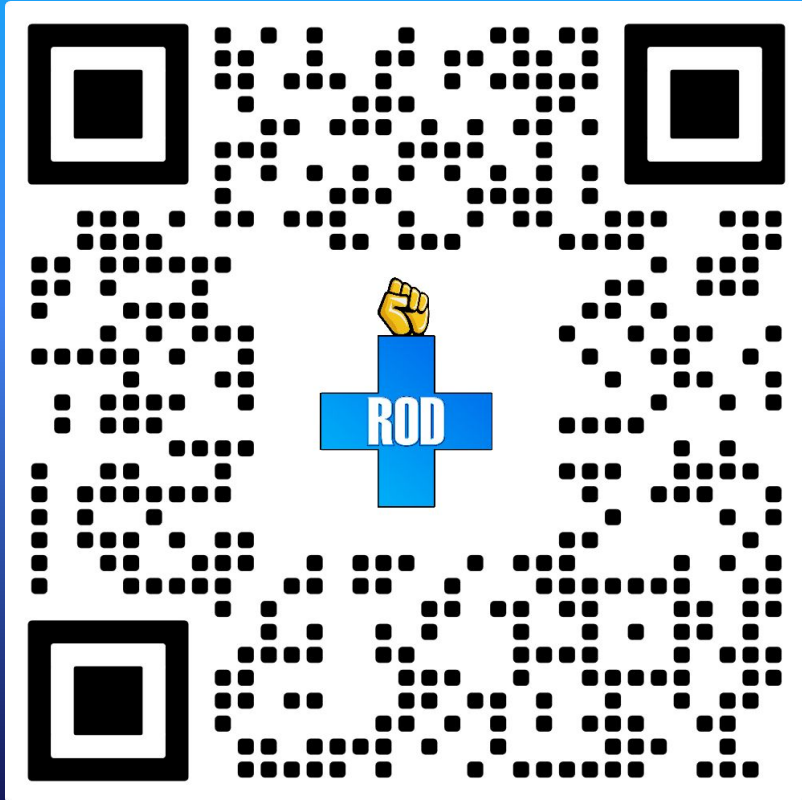
- *They stay in effect until canceled, changed, or ruled illegal*
- *Many are reversed by new Presidents from the other party*
- *Some remain in place for decades*

Why You Should Care

- *Executive orders can affect immigration, climate, education, healthcare, and more*
- *They show how much power the President has — and its limits*
- *Your vote shapes who becomes President and how that power is used*



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