

## **What will day one of Trump's presidency look like?**

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Donald Trump and his Republican party have an ambitious agenda, as well as control of US Congress.

Trump's inauguration into the position of President of the United States is scheduled for January 20th, 2025, more than three months after the election's results were announced to the anticipatory world.

Trump and his team have said that a flurry of executive orders – directives from the US president – are to be expected out of the Oval Office within the first week.

The president elect has made multiple bold claims on the topic of numerous global conflicts, such as that of Ukraine and Russia, stating that he could end the hostile war 'in a day.'

He has also remained static in his decisions to pardon those involved in the January 6<sup>th</sup> riots that took place in Washington, following Trump's defeat to Joe Biden in the 2021 Presidential election.

Trump's plan to launch the 'largest mass deportation of illegal immigrants in US history' is being countered by a vast number of logistical challenges, begging the question of whether it is going to be pursued as early on in Trump's presidential term as he had promised, or even if the plan is going to take place at all.

### **Russia and Ukraine:**

On Trump's campaign trail, the president elect claimed that he could end the war in Ukraine 'in a day.' He has also repeatedly criticised the US government's continued support of Ukraine, concluding that the war is straining US resources.

In classic Trump manner, he has not yet given any specifics on how he would negotiate the end of the war, beyond saying that he would get the two countries to strike a deal.

Since the unanimous result of the US Presidential election, Trump has spoken to the Ukrainian President Volodymir Zelensky, on a call that Trump's billionaire associate and newfound friend (Elon Musk) was also a part of.

Trump has not yet held any discussions with Vladimir Putin, as the Kremlin have denied that Trump held a call with the Russian president, in order to avoid escalating the conflict in Ukraine any further.

Trump's simplistic claim that he could end the war in only a single day lacks any sort of clarity. Will Trump significantly scale back US military resources in Ukraine, forcing the nation to surrender into making an unjust deal with the nation's aggressor? The answer to this provocative question may be revealed early on in Trump's term.

## **Pardoning**

In Trump's victory speech, he did not mention pardons, but he has long suggested that pardoning those convicted of storming the Capitol in 2021 would be a priority.

'Oh, absolutely, I would. If they're innocent, I would pardon them,' Trump said.

More than 1,500 people were arrested in connection to the Capitol riot and more than 750 of them were sentenced, for crimes ranging from trespassing to assaulting police officers and seditious conspiracy.

The 2021 Capitol riot was a dark day in US politics and threatened the democracy of the nation. Trump has faced substantial amounts of backlash due to his complicity in what occurred that day.

However, it is not only the convicted rioters who Trump is planning on pardoning, it is the president elect himself, too.

In May, Trump was convicted by a New York jury, who found the president elect guilty on 34 felony accounts, in connection to hush money payments made to an adult film star.

Trump's court hearing was scheduled after the election, meaning that victory was essentially freedom for the president elect.

Donald Trump will be the first president to take office while several criminal offences against him are still pending.

## **Immigration and the Border**

In the weeks following Trump's victory, he has prioritised filling leadership positions that would oversee immigration, giving the impression that he is preparing to enforce his plans for border policy early on.

The president elect appointed Tom Homan as his 'border tsar.' Homan and the other Republican representatives, who are primarily focused on immigration, will be instrumental in launching Trump's controversial plans.

During Trump's last administration, about 70,000 asylum seekers were returned to Mexico to wait for hearings as a result of Trump's 'Remain in Mexico' policy, which required asylum seekers to wait in Mexico while claims are processed. Biden abolished this plan, which he called 'inhumane' in 2022. Trump may reimplement this policy to further reduce immigration into the US.

Any of the mass deportation plans that Trump will attempt to implement will face logistical difficulties, as well as a range of legal challenges from immigration and human rights activists.

Illegal migration into the US has contributed hugely to the prospering US economy. Unauthorised migrants are the backbone of the US agricultural and manufacturing sectors. These types of migrants heavily increase the productivity of multi-billion-dollar businesses, begging the question if the mass deportation plans will be beneficial to the economy.

## **Trade and Economy**

The economy was a fundamental issue that Trump heavily campaigned on, vowing to end inflation as soon as he takes office.

Trump has said that he would sign an executive order that directs every cabinet secretary head to use 'every tool and authority at their disposal', in order to defeat inflation and bring consumer prices down.

A primary plan of the president elect is tariffs. Donald Trump had said that he will hit China, Mexico, and Canada with new tariffs on day one of his presidency, in an effort to force them and crack down on illegal immigration and drug smuggling into the US.

The US president elect has said he would sign an executive order imposing a 25% tariff on all goods coming from Mexico and Canada. Could this tarnish the relations between the three members of NAFTA?

The president elect has also said that he will be 'charging China and extra 10% tariff, above any additional tariffs,' until it cracks down on fentanyl smuggling.

These tariffs would probably not need congressional approval.

Trump also plans to use executive order to roll back environmental protections, which would allow him to halt clean energy projects and scrap climate targets set by the Biden administration.

Trump has vowed to ramp up oil drilling and fracking, as a way to lower the cost of energy bills for consumers.

Trump's first day in the Oval Office is bound to be filled with immense controversy and drastic change. His decisions will heavily impact global economics, as well as the global migration system. The question is whether this ambitious agenda is a reality or just a collection of false truths used to rile up supporters.