



FACT SHEET

Trump Administration Attacks on DOJ in the First 100 Days

Justice Connection compiled a list of actions this administration has taken in its first 100 days that harm the Department of Justice's workforce, the institution itself, and the public it serves.

JANUARY

Jan. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DOJ fires four top immigration court officials on the day of the inauguration.
Jan 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OPM directs federal agencies to put employees with DEI-related jobs on paid administrative leave; termination of these officials at DOJ follows.• Senior career attorneys in the National Security Division, Criminal Division, and elsewhere are reassigned to "sanctuary cities" working group.
Jan 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DOJ freezes civil rights litigation.• DOJ issues memo banning all DEI initiatives and threatening "adverse consequences" for employees who don't report on their colleagues.
Jan 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DOJ freezes environmental litigation and reassigns at least four Environment and Natural Resources Division section chiefs to "sanctuary cities" working group.• DOJ Honors Program is cancelled.
Jan 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DOJ stops enforcement of abortion-related FACE Act violations and dismisses three ongoing cases.• Top career leaders in the Civil Rights Division are transferred to "sanctuary cities" working group.
Jan 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior career ethics official Brad Weinsheimer is reassigned to "sanctuary cities" working group. Decisionmaking authority over ethics, employee discipline, disclosures to Congress, Inspector General requests for grand

	<p>jury material, Office of Special Counsel referrals, and other sensitive matters is handed to political appointees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Justice Connection in Bloomberg Law: “Transferring the authority over ethics and employee discipline from a career stalwart like Brad Weinsheimer to partisan loyalists could further expose employees to political retribution, and exacerbate the culture of fear at the Department. This move should outrage anyone concerned about the rule of law.” ● More than a dozen prosecutors who worked on special counsel Jack Smith’s investigations into President Trump are fired; their termination letters state they cannot be “trusted” to “faithfully” implement President Trump’s agenda. ● Interim U.S. Attorney for D.C. Ed Martin launches investigation into Jan. 6 prosecutors.
Jan 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DOJ leadership orders review of all FBI agents assigned to Jan. 6 cases. ● Eight senior executives at FBI headquarters are fired. Assistant Director in Charge of FBI’s Washington Field Office and special agents in charge of Miami and Las Vegas field offices are terminated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Justice Connection in The Wall Street Journal: Trump administration officials have “declared war on their own workforce.” ● DOJ provides notice that the Law and Policy Section within the Environment and Natural Resources Division and its 20 staff members will be eliminated.

FEBRUARY

Feb 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thousands of FBI employees are ordered to answer a questionnaire about their roles in Jan. 6 investigations.
Feb 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FBI submits details of over 5,000 employees who worked on Jan. 6 cases to DOJ; agents later sued.
Feb 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pam Bondi is sworn in as Attorney General and immediately issues 14 directives, including the creation of a task force to examine the “weaponization” of DOJ. Another directive disbands Foreign Influence

	<p>Task Force, Task Force KleptoCapture, and the Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Initiative, and curbs Foreign Agents Registration Act enforcement.</p>
Feb 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Trump signs executive order pausing DOJ's enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.
Feb 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acting U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Danielle Sassoon, acting head of the Public Integrity Section John Keller, his supervisor in the Criminal Division Kevin Driscoll, and three other career prosecutors resign rather than move to dismiss the criminal case against Mayor Eric Adams.
Feb 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant U.S. Attorney Hagan Scotten resigns over the Mayor Adams dismissal order. A veteran prosecutor in the Public Integrity Section signs the motion to dismiss, reportedly to prevent the entire office from being fired. • DOJ fires multiple immigration judges.
Feb 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top criminal prosecutor at the D.C. U.S. Attorney's Office resigns after refusing to investigate Biden-era climate funding claims without sufficient evidence.
Feb 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FBI orders transfer of 1,500 staff out of Washington headquarters.
Feb. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOJ ends lawsuits accusing law-enforcement departments of discrimination based on tests given to applicants for jobs or promotions.
Feb. 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOJ demotes seven of the most senior prosecutors in the D.C. U.S. Attorney's Office to entry-level roles; the seven were reportedly targeted for political retribution.

MARCH

March 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attorney General Bondi says during a Fox News appearance that she will fire employees who "despise Trump."
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead agent of FBI's New York field office James Dennehy is forced to retire after he supported FBI leaders who resisted turning over names of Jan. 6 investigators to DOJ leadership.
March 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White House lists FBI and DOJ headquarters buildings for possible sale.
March 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brad Bondi (Attorney General Bondi's brother) and Alicia Long (Interim D.C. U.S. Attorney Ed Martin's deputy) launch campaigns for leadership positions in the D.C. Bar, where many federal attorneys are licensed.
March 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Pardon Attorney Liz Oyer is fired after resisting Justice Department leadership's pressure to restore Mel Gibson's gun rights. • Head of DOJ's Office of Information Policy, Bobak Talebian, is fired.
March 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOJ's Public Integrity Section, which was created after Watergate to centralize enforcement of public corruption, is gutted and cases are reassigned to U.S. Attorney's Offices.
March 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Trump delivers a speech at DOJ HQ where he names individuals and non-profits he would like to see prosecuted, suggests the people who "rigged" the 2020 election "should go to jail," boasts of firing senior FBI officials, and suggests that media criticism of him is illegal. • Attorney General Bondi issues memo granting law enforcement authority to arrest suspected gang members in their homes without a warrant under the Alien Enemies Act.
March 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FBI decentralizes its command structure, moving to a regional model. The previous command structure where all 52 field offices reported to the deputy director was implemented after 9/11 to reduce lapses in communication and intelligence reporting.
March 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FBI reassigns staff in domestic terrorism unit and stops using a national database that tracks domestic terrorism and hate crimes.
March 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News breaks that FBI Director Kash Patel plans to move as many as 1,000 ATF agents to the FBI.
Late March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOJ moves to publish Jeffrey Epstein files without fully redacting witness and victim details. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kristina Rose, former director of DOJ Office for Victims of Crime, spoke to The Wall Street Journal on behalf of Justice Connection:

	<p>“Revealing personally identifiable information from the Epstein files without the victims’ permission or consultation is a shocking betrayal of trust and an appalling violation of the Justice Department’s own policies.”</p>
<p>March 25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DOJ issues memo proposing the merger of ATF and DEA, and cutting staff in Criminal Division and National Security Division offices that handle foreign bribery, counterintelligence, and export controls. It also proposes merging all grant offices into one, eliminating the Community Relations Service, spreading Tax Division attorneys across U.S. Attorney’s Offices, housing the Civil Division’s Consumer Protection Branch in the Criminal Division, moving some cyber resources to the National Security Division, and merging all policy offices. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Justice Connection in Reuters: “Gutting DOJ and merging ATF and DEA weakens law enforcement’s ability to combat gun violence, the fentanyl epidemic, and generally keep American communities secure and healthy.”
<p>March 27–28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● White House directly fires two longtime career prosecutors, one after Laura Loomer called for his termination. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Justice Connection in NBC News: “The White House firing career prosecutors for doing their jobs is likely unprecedented . . . It’s also the very weaponization this administration pretends to oppose.” ○ Justice Connection in the Associated Press: “The integrity of our legal system and the independence of DOJ requires that laws are enforced impartially, which cannot happen when the White House fires career prosecutors to advance a political agenda.”

APRIL

<p>April 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Armed U.S. marshals are dispatched to Liz Oyer’s house to discourage her from appearing in Congress two days before her scheduled testimony, where she ultimately spoke about the weaponization of DOJ alongside Justice Connection’s executive director.
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<p>April 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Office of Immigration Litigation supervisory attorney Erez Reuveni is placed on administrative leave over his representation of the government in the Kilmar Abrego Garcia case. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Justice Connection in New York Times: “Justice Department attorneys are being put in an impossible position: Obey the president, or uphold their ethical duty to the court and the Constitution.” ○ Justice Connection in Associated Press and NBC News: “We should all be grateful to DOJ lawyers who choose principle over politics and the rule of law over partisan loyalty.”
<p>April 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DOJ’s National Cryptocurrency Enforcement Unit is disbanded.
<p>April 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FBI Director Patel is removed as ATF Director and replaced by Army Secretary Daniel Discoll. The same day, ATF Deputy Director and 35-year ATF veteran Marvin Richardson is ousted. ● DOJ prohibits its employees from participating in American Bar Association (ABA) events.
<p>April 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DOJ cancels \$3.2 million in grants to the ABA meant for training lawyers to represent victims of domestic and sexual abuse. The ABA responds by filing a federal lawsuit on April 23.
<p>Approx April 11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FBI suspends an analyst who worked on the 2017 investigation into ties between the Trump campaign and the Russian government. The analyst had been named on Director Patel’s “enemies list.”
<p>April 11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Longtime spokesperson Peter Carr is fired. Carr, a former political appointee under President George W. Bush and career employee for multiple administrations, served as a spokesperson for special counsels Jack Smith and Robert Mueller.
<p>April 13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Long-term Office of Immigration Litigation supervisory attorney Erez Reuveni is fired. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Justice Connection in The Wall Street Journal: Reuveni would “never shirk his ethical responsibilities and commitment to the rule of law, and the fact that DOJ attorneys now seem to be expected to do so is appalling.”
<p>April 15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DOJ issues new policy threatening stiff penalties for employees who post anything related to work on social media.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Justice Connection in Reuters: “The Justice Department’s new social media policy represents another unwarranted attack on DOJ employees—one that stifles their free speech in their private lives and creates new ways for the administration to oust career public servants who don’t toe the party line. We’ll continue to speak out on social media and in the press as our former colleagues are unjustly censored.”
<p>April 16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● News breaks that interim D.C. U.S. Attorney Martin appeared on Russian state media over 150 times.
<p>April 18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DOJ leadership grants DOGE access to sensitive immigration records. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dana Leigh Marks, a retired immigration judge, on behalf of Justice Connection: “Allowing DOGE access to the immigration courts’ records risks devastating consequences for millions of asylum seekers, victims of domestic violence, and unaccompanied minors. The Justice Department is required to follow strict confidentiality and privacy provisions contained in law for a reason—the release of sensitive information could endanger the lives of those who return to their homelands, as well as vulnerable people still in the United States.”
<p>Mid-April</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Civil Rights Division leadership issues a series of mission statements that align the division’s work with President Trump’s policy agenda and mandate a sharp departure from traditional enforcement priorities. More than a dozen senior division leaders are reassigned and career staff resign in droves. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Justice Connection in NBC News: “Every presidential administration has its own policy priorities, but I don’t think there’s any precedent for an administration almost completely refocusing the civil rights division’s enforcement priorities the way this one has. The loss is truly hard to quantify. Vital civil rights work is not going to get done.”
<p>April 22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Three prosecutors in the Southern District of New York who worked on the case against Mayor Eric Adams case resign. They had been placed on administrative leave after refusing to move to dismiss the case, and were told to express regret and admit wrongdoing over this refusal as a condition of returning to work.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attorney General Bondi issues memo directing criminal and civil investigations of medical providers and pharmaceutical companies involved in the provision of gender-affirming care. • At least eight immigration judges are fired.
April 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOJ cancels hundreds of grants from the Office of Justice Programs to local governments and nonprofits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Justice Connection in CBS News: “This administration can’t claim to care about things like supporting crime victims, curbing gun violence, and reducing opioid deaths while slashing grants to entities that do the hard work to achieve these goals.”
April 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News breaks that DOJ plans to shutter its Consumer Protection Branch by Sept. 30.
April 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News breaks that interim D.C. U.S. Attorney Ed Martin sent letters to three medical journals questioning their editorial practices and a letter to Wikipedia threatening its tax-exempt status for allegedly allowing “foreign actors” to “reshape or rewrite history.”
April 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attorney General Bondi issues memo allowing for subpoenas and compelled testimony of journalists in leak cases not only of classified information, but of privileged and “other sensitive information.”