

## **The Trump DHS Aggressively Expanded The Expedited Removal Of Undocumented Immigrants**

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July 2019: DHS Announced A Policy Change Where It Would Now "Expedite The Deportation Of Undocumented Immigrants Anywhere In The United States Who Can't Prove They've Been In The Country Continuously For Two Years, Potentially Deporting People Before They've Had The Chance To See A Judge." "The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is claiming the legal power to expedite the deportation of undocumented immigrants anywhere in the United States who can't prove they've been in the country continuously for two years, potentially deporting people before they've had the chance to see a judge. The policy change was announced Monday by DHS secretary Kevin McAleenan, and enacted on Tuesday. Previously, the only undocumented immigrants who qualified for expedited removal were those who were caught within two weeks of entering the country and within 100 miles of the border." [Time, [07/23/19](#)]

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Prior To This Change, Expedited Removal Was Only Used To Deport Undocumented Immigrants Without A Hearing Or Representation Who Had Been "Arrested Within 100 Miles Of The Border Within Two Weeks Of Their Arrival." "The procedure, known as 'expedited removal,' has previously been used to deport undocumented immigrants who cross into the U.S. by land without an immigration hearing or access to an attorney if they are arrested within 100 miles of the border within two weeks of their arrival. In July, the administration expanded the rule to include undocumented immigrants who couldn't prove they had been in the U.S. continuously for two years or more, no matter where they were in the country." [NPR, [09/28/19](#)]

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Immigration Experts Described This New Rule As A Tool For The Administration To "Deport People As Quickly As Possible." "The new rule means undocumented immigrants in the U.S. who can't prove they've lived in the country continuously for at least two years can be detained and deported without seeing an immigration judge or, advocates say, before they have the chance to find legal representation. 'What the

administration is trying to do with this tool is to deport people as quickly as possible,' says Mukherjee, the Columbia professor." [Time, [07/23/19](#)]

## **Expedited Removal Can Lead To The Wrongful Removal Of Individuals With A Legitimate Right To Reside In The Country.**

According To The National Immigration Forum, The Expedited Removal Process "Can Lead To Individuals Being Wrongfully Removed From The U.S." As They Are "Deprived Of The Opportunity To Make Their Cases In Front Of An Immigration Judge." "The process of expedited removal can lead to individuals being wrongfully removed from the U.S. Noncitizens with viable claims for relief from removal are deprived of the opportunity to make their cases in front of an immigration judge." [National Immigration Forum, [06/04/19](#)]

**Although This New Policy On Expedited Removal Was Met With Legal Challenges, It Was Ultimately Allowed To Continue In June 2020.**

## **In September 2019, A Federal Judge Issued A Preliminary Injunction Blocking The Expedited Removal Policy Until Litigation Had Finished.**

September 2019: U.S District Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson Issued A Preliminary Injunction Against DHS' New Expedited Removal Policy As It "Did Not Follow The Correct Decision-Making Procedures, Such As The Formal Notice-And-Comment Period Required For Major Federal Rule Changes." "In a 126-page report issued just before midnight on Friday, U.S. District Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson issued a preliminary injunction on the policy change. She stated that the administration did not follow the correct decision-making procedures, such as the formal notice-and-comment period required for major federal rule changes, and likely violated federal law in failing to do so. She said that 'no good cause exists for the agency to have not complied with these mandates in this instance.'" [NPR, [09/28/19](#)]

- "The Preliminary Injunction Blocks The Expanded Expedited Removal Policy From Being Applied Until The Court Has Finished Litigation On The Matter." [NPR, [09/28/19](#)]

## **In June 2020, This Injunction Was Lifted By The U.S Court Of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, Allowing The Administration To Continue The Expedited Removal Of Undocumented Immigrants.**

June 23, 2020: The U.S. Court Of Appeals For The D.C. Circuit Reversed Judge Jackson's Injunction, Allowing The Administration To Continue The Policy Of Expedited Removal Of Undocumented Immigrants. "The government appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. On June 23, 2020, the D.C. Circuit reversed the district court's injunction. As an initial matter, the D.C. Circuit agreed with the lower court that it could review the plaintiffs' challenge to the expedited removal expansion under INA §242(e)(3). But the court held that the plaintiffs failed to show a likelihood of success on the merits of their APA claims." [Congressional Research Service, [06/30/20](#)]

**During The Trump Administration, Air Transportation Companies Received Over \$587 Million In Government Contracts To Provide Air Transportation And Relocation Services Related To ICE Deportations.**

## **Classic Air Charter Received Over \$362 Million In Government Contracts To Assist With Deportations.**

During The Trump Administration, Classic Air Charter, Inc. Received At Least \$362,726,211 In ICE Contracts, Primarily For Air Transportation And Relocation Services. [Federal Procurement Data System Search, accessed [01/12/20](#)]

## **CSI Aviation Services Received Over \$183 Million In Government Contracts To Assist With Deportations.**

During The Trump Administration, CSI Aviation Services, Inc. Received At Least \$183,615,609 In ICE Contracts, Primarily For Air Transportation And Relocation Services. [Federal Procurement Data System Search, accessed [01/12/20](#)]

## **Airport Transport Services Received Over \$42 Million In Government Contracts To Assist With Deportations.**

During The Trump Administration, Airport Transport Services, Inc. Received At Least \$42,141,589 In ICE Contracts, Primarily For Air Transportation And Relocation Services. [Federal Procurement Data System Search, accessed [01/12/20](#)]

**Major Private-Prison Contractors That Donated Heavily To Trump's Inaugural Fund And Other Republican Causes Have Made Billions From The Trump Administration's Hardline Immigration Policies.**

## **GEO Group And CoreCivic Serve As The Frontline Contractors For The Trump Administrations Immigration Policy With Geo Group's Subsidiary Maintaining Over 300 Vehicles To Support Immigration Enforcement Actions While Over Half Of Immigrant Detainees Are Held In Either GEO Group Or CoreCivic Facilities.**

GEO Transport, A Subsidiary Of GEO Group, "Has More Than 300 Vehicles To Support ICE, The U.S. Marshals Service, The Federal Bureau Of Prisons And Its State-Level Contracts." "One of the agency's private sector partners, GEO Transport, has more than 300 vehicles to support ICE, the U.S. Marshals Service, the Federal Bureau of Prisons and its state-level contracts. But that's not all the company does. It's actually part of a much larger, publicly traded company called GEO Group." [CNBC, [06/29/18](#)]

August 2019: "For Every 100 Immigrant Detainees, 32 Are In GEO Group Facilities, And 21 Are In CoreCivic Facilities." "CoreCivic and the GEO Group are recipients of more than one-half of private prison industry contracts. These companies manage the detention of immigrants seeking asylum, those awaiting hearings in immigration courts, and those who have been identified for removal. For every 100 immigrant detainees, 32 are in GEO Group facilities, and 21 are in CoreCivic facilities." [Center for American Progress, [08/30/19](#)]

## **Private Prison Contractors GEO Group And CoreCivic Have Received At Least \$1.9 Billion In Federal Government Contracts During The Trump Administration.**

September 2019: Public Citizen Found That GEO Group And CoreCivic Had Received \$1.7 and \$1.2 Billion Respectively In Federal Government Contracts During The Trump Administration. "During the

Trump administration, major prison contractors Geo Group and CoreCivic Inc. have each received more than \$1 billion from the five agencies analyzed by Public Citizen. Geo Group has received about \$1.7 billion, from the start of 2017 through June 30 of this year. CoreCivic has received \$1.2 billion during that same time period." [Public Citizen, [09/18/19](#)]

## **The Geo Group And CoreCivic Donated \$250,000 Each To President Trump's Inaugural Fund And GEO Group's PAC Donated At Least \$230,000 To Fundraising Committees And Super PACs In Support Of Trump.**

**The Geo Group And CoreCivic Both Donated \$250,000 To President Trump's Inaugural Fund, While Geo Group's Political Action Committee Donated "\$170,000 To A Joint Fund-Raising Committee Set Up Between The Republican Party And The Trump Campaign" And "\$50,000 To A 'Super PAC' Supporting The President."** "The two private prison companies that run family centers, the Geo Group and CoreCivic, are among the politically connected contractors. Each donated \$250,000 to Mr. Trump's inaugural fund. And the Geo Group's political action committee, while bipartisan in its giving, allocates many of its biggest donations to Republicans. These include \$170,000 to a joint fund-raising committee set up between the Republican Party and the Trump campaign; \$50,000 to a 'super PAC' supporting the president; and, more recently, donations to Republican Party organizations focusing on the House and Senate." [New York Times, [07/04/18](#)]