INFORMATION SESSION: EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND TRAVEL BAN

University of Missouri - St. Louis
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OUTLINE

- Overview of executive orders
- Immigration and travel advice
- Assistance in Counseling Services
- Safety on campus
- Questions
WHAT WE KNOW...
“Hiring freeze” for all federal departments and agencies, including
- United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- Department of State (DOS)

May cause application delays for
- Visa renewals
- OPT
- Reinstatement
- Off-campus work authorization
JANUARY 25 EXECUTIVE ORDER

- Ramped up the application for police to participate in 287(g), which trains community police to be immigration officers. While police can choose to participate in this program or not, this order makes it easier for them to be trained and certified as immigration officers.

- Can detain individuals “apprehended on suspicion of violating Federal or State law, including Federal immigration law, pending further proceedings regarding those violations”

  - Detention is permitted for suspicion not conviction
Suspends any “visa, admission, or other benefit” of foreign nationals with non-immigrant and immigrant visas from 7 countries for 90 days (until April 17, 2017):

- Iran
- Iraq
- Libya
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Syria
- Yemen

Other Countries may be added to this list after 60 days
NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS AFFECTED

- F-1 students, F-2 dependents
- H-1B workers, H-4 dependents
- J-1 students, J-2 dependents
- B-2 tourists
- Applicants for an adjustment of status with advance parole
- Legal Permanent Residents* - Additional scrutiny
- Those with dual citizenship
- All other non-immigrant visas except diplomat visas, G visas, NATO visas, and UN visas
OTHER CHANGES

 Suspends the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program for 120 days

 Suspends Syrian refugees indefinitely

 Decreases yearly cap of refugees from 120,000 to 50,000 per year
OTHER CHANGES

- Suspends the visa interview waiver program

- The Secretary of State or Secretary of Homeland Security may recommend additional countries for a similar ban at any point

- Expedites a biometric entry-exit tracking system for all travelers to the U.S.
WHAT WE DON’T KNOW...

- Jan. 25 - What “federal or state law” is included
- Jan. 27 - If other countries will be listed on the immigrant/non-immigrant ban
- Jan. 27 - What is included in “other benefit”
PASSPORT HOLDERS OF THE COUNTRIES LISTED

- You should avoid international travel until the ban is lifted.

- If you leave the US, you should expect to be denied reentry, even with a valid visa in your passport.

- If you must travel, consult our office and an immigration attorney before you leave.
PASSPORT HOLDERS OF COUNTRIES NOT ON THE BAN

- We discourage international travel during the SP17 semester
  - This is not a travel period, outside of an emergency
  - Traveling when class is in session often leads to additional questions from Customs and Border Protection
  - If you MUST travel and need to renew your visa, you could see significant delays in processing

- For those planning to travel this summer and renew a visa, expect long delays in processing
IF YOU ARE DETAINED AT THE AIRPORT

- F-1 and J-1 visa holders
  - Carry the contact information for International Student & Scholar Services

- Permanent Residents
  - Do not sign an I-407 (this cancels your Green Card in the U.S.)

- If you are from a country listed on the ban or are concerned your country may be added
  - Complete and carry a G-28, which officially appoints an attorney to represent you regarding immigration
OTHER POINTS TO CONSIDER

- If you plan to apply for any authorization from USCIS or a visa from DOS, expect that it will take the maximum amount of time.

- Be aware that the current language of this order includes suspicion of violation of State and Federal laws as reasons for detention.
Everyone has certain basic rights

You have the right to remain silent until you have an attorney present

You may refuse to speak to immigration officers

If you are detained by an immigration officer, you have the right to contact an attorney immediately

ICE must have a warrant signed by a judge to enter your home
  - Do not open your door unless an ICE agent shows you a warrant

Source: National Immigration Law Center
REMEMBER...

- This is **not** a deportation order
- The campus community is here for support
- Bring immigration questions to International Student & Scholar Services
- Campus police do not report to immigration authorities
- For confidentiality, visit Counseling Services
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