



CBCF EXECUTIVE ORDER TRACKER

Protecting the Meaning and Value of American Citizenship

Executive Order #14160

Date Issued: January 20, 2025

Topic: Civil Rights, Immigration

WHAT DOES THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER DO?

- This order ends birthright citizenship in the 14th Amendment for a) those whose “mother was unlawfully present in the United States and the father was not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident at the time of said person’s birth” and b) those whose “mother’s presence in the United States at the time of said person’s birth was lawful but temporary and the father was not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident at the time of said person’s birth.” This includes those born to both undocumented immigrants and those in the country on tourist, work, or student visas.
- The order prohibits federal departments or agencies from issuing documents recognizing US citizenship, or accepting documents issued by state, local, or other governmental authorities that recognize citizenship of the persons named above.



HOW WILL THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER BE ENFORCED?

- This order applies to those born in the United States thirty days after this order was issued.
- The order authorizes the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Commissioner of Social Security to “take all appropriate measures to ensure the regulations and policies of their departments and agencies are consistent with this order.”
- Federal agency and department heads must issue public explanations of their plans to implement this order within their agencies and departments within 30 days of the date this order was issued.





HOW DOES THIS IMPACT BLACK COMMUNITIES?

- Birthright citizenship, ratified in 1868, is a protection that was born out of the aftermath of the Civil War to ensure that formerly enslaved Black Americans were granted civil rights.
- Immediately, this order has sown fear and uncertainty in Black migrant communities, particularly those from the Caribbean and Africa, who already face systemic barriers within the immigration and legal systems. Denying citizenship to US born children would lead to reduced access to resources in education, healthcare, and economic opportunities.
- Over the last five years, [Salisbury, Maryland](#) has experienced a significant increase in its Haitian population, partly due to political unrest in Haiti. This community has been integral to the local economy, with many employed in poultry processing plants and contributing to various local businesses.
- However, heightened fears of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids have led to [noticeable changes in community behavior](#). Many immigrants are choosing to stay home, resulting in decreased patronage of local businesses. This decline in customer turnout has raised concerns among business owners about the sustainability of their enterprises.
- In the long term, this order would set the foundation for a hereditary caste system in which children and descendants of Black immigrants would never become citizens, perpetuating cycles of disenfranchisement.



HOW ARE CBC MEMBERS RESPONDING?

Eight members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) have spoken out against this order, citing it as unconstitutional, reaffirming America's identity as a "nation of immigrants," and rearticulating a commitment to fighting for the rights of all Americans. CBC Chair **Rep. Yvette D. Clarke**, along with other Tri-Caucus Chairs, [released a joint statement](#). Select statements from individual CBC Members are featured below.

- **Rep. Yvette D. Clarke**, Chair of the CBC: "I was born in Flatbush, Brooklyn 60 years ago to two Jamaican immigrants. My citizenship is my birthright. If Donald Trump wants to tell me, my family, my neighbors in Brooklyn and across New York and around the United States that our citizenship is illegitimate and we are not proper Americans, then he should expect to hear from the tens of millions of Americans he just disgraced. We are witnessing a shameless abuse of power, and I can say with certainty the immigrant community will not stand by as it progresses further. We will not yield to Mr. Trump's impropriety, illegality, and cruelty." [Full Statement](#)
- **Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove**, CBC Whip, Co-Chair of the Global Migration Caucus: "No matter how hard he tries, Donald Trump cannot erase the fundamental truth that the United States is a nation of immigrants. He may push his anti-immigrant agenda, but he cannot diminish the diverse cultures and identities woven into the tapestry of our country." [Full Statement](#)