

# New Attorney General Opinion Issued Today in Matter of Negusie



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Today the Attorney General issued a decision in [Matter of Negusie, 29 I&N Dec. 285 \(A.G. 2025\)](#). The Attorney General vacated the Board's March 16, 2021 order in the case, allowing the 2020 opinion by Attorney General Barr opinion, 28 I. & N. Dec. 120 (A.G. 2020), to retake effect.

Under the new ruling, if an immigration judge finds a noncitizen participated in the persecution of another as defined by the INA, 8 U.S.C. §§ 1158(b)(2)(A)(i), 1231(b)(3)(B)(i), the noncitizen cannot present evidence of coercion or duress to obtain eligibility for asylum or withholding of removal.

More background on the duress exception is found [here](#), courtesy of the Immigration Policy Tracking Project.

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