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Era of Amnesty Is Over: President Trump Restores Rule of Law to Immigration Courts

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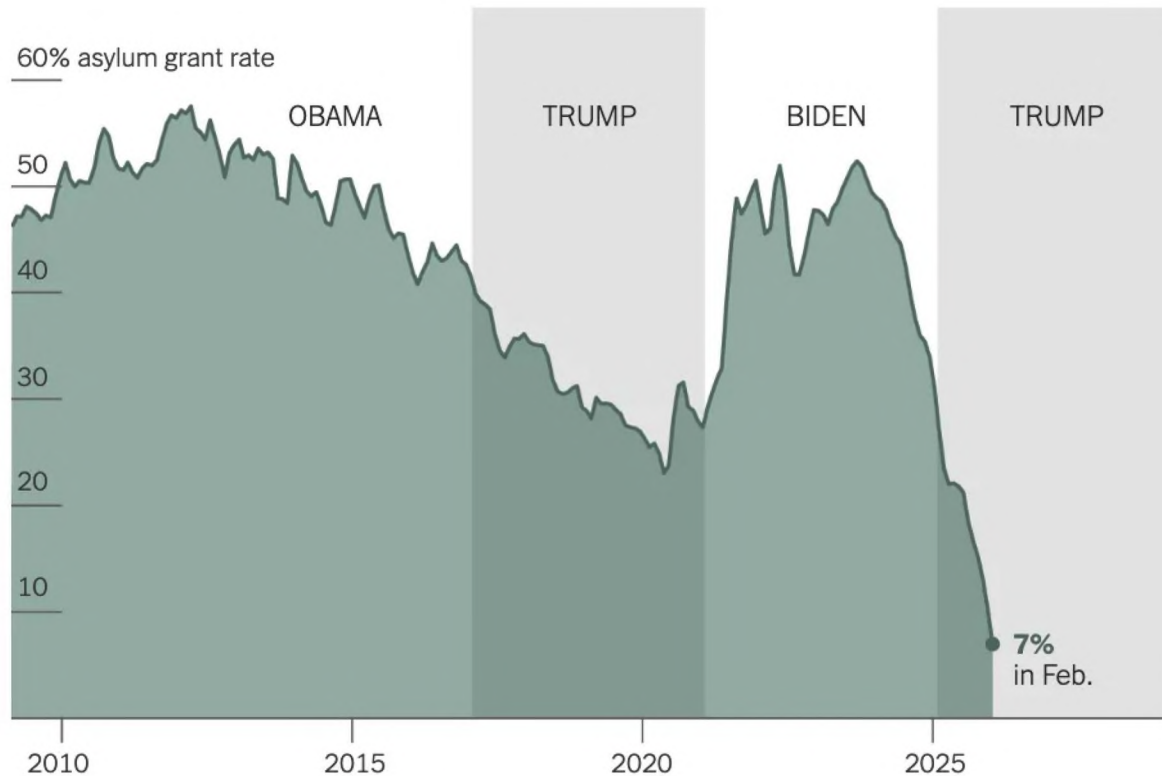
**Since President Donald J. Trump returned to office, the United States has launched the most aggressive and successful immigration enforcement overhaul in modern history — and that extends to immigration courts.** After four years of Biden-era chaos turned immigration courts into de facto amnesty factories for unvetted illegals, the Trump Administration is remaking the broken system.

President Trump took decisive action, replacing activist judges — who slow-walked deportations and granted asylum at sky-high rates — with professionals committed to enforcing the law, not undermining it.

**No more activist judges shielding criminal illegals. No more endless delays. Only results.**

## Asylum grant rates have plummeted

Average monthly rate for decided asylum cases.



Note: Data reflects a three-month rolling average. Source: Executive Office for Immigration Review. Allison McCann/The New York Times

- **Asylum grant rates have collapsed:** Under President Trump, asylum is now granted in just 7% of cases — a historic low, plummeting from over 50% rubber-stamped under Biden.
- **Deportations and removal orders are surging:** In fiscal year 2025, immigration courts issued nearly 500,000 removal orders — a 57% increase over the prior year — as criminal illegals are removed faster and in far greater numbers than ever before.
- **The massive court backlog is being slashed:** Hundreds of thousands of cases have already been cleared since Inauguration Day, with reductions accelerating every month — ending the years-long delays that let illegals remain indefinitely.
- **Overall enforcement is delivering results:** More than three million illegals have left the country in President Trump's second term — the largest reduction in illegal immigration in modern history — while zero illegals have been released at the border for 11 straight months.

**President Trump promised to end the open borders nightmare — and he is delivering on that promise with unrelenting force.** The era of catch-and-release, mass releases, and activist judicial amnesty is over.

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