

Analysis

# United States: Trump's 7 Most Dangerous Campaign Promises

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Donald Trump made hundreds of promises on the campaign trail, usually vague, often changing, but nonetheless terrifying. As the United States and the world wake up to the reality of a Trump presidency we review some of his most dangerous pledges.

## 1. Build a "Great Wall" and Mass Deportations

Trump began his campaign promising to "build a great, great wall on our southern border" and "have Mexico pay for that wall." He also promised to deport the almost 11 million immigrants without legal status living in the United States as well as triple the number of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers.

## 2. Ban on Muslims Entering the U.S.

After the December 2015 shooting in San Bernardino, Calif., Trump called for "a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on." While in May of this year he said it was "just a suggestion" he also said that the ban would be in place by the end of his first 100 days in office. He also called for the surveillance and closure of Mosques in the U.S. and suggested creating a database of all Muslims living in the country.

## 3. Repeal Obamacare and Replace it with a "Market-Based" Solution

Trump declared that "on day one of the Trump Administration, we will ask Congress to immediately deliver a full repeal of Obamacare," which will be replaced by a new program based on "free market principles." While there are many critics who say Obamacare falls well short of the fully public medical system needed, ending Obamacare could mean the end of medical insurance for almost 16.9 million Americans.

## 4. Cut Taxes

Trump has promised to reduce taxes for all Americans by reducing the current seven tax brackets to three. Under his plan the top 0.1 percent of the income bracket would reportedly receive more tax relief than the bottom 60 percent of taxpayers combined. The plan also threatens to balloon the deficit by USD\$10 trillion over the next 10 years which, combined with Trump's promises to increase infrastructure and military spending, threatens the viability of the U.S. social security fund.

## 5. Cancel Paris Climate Agreement

Trump has repeatedly denied the reality of human-caused climate change, at one point suggesting that it was a myth invented by the Chinese government to hurt U.S. manufacturing. The Paris Accord, which came into effect on Nov. 4, is the international agreement which seeks to wean the

world economy off fossil fuels in the second half of the century, limiting the rise in average world temperatures to “well below” the two degrees celsius needed to avoid catastrophic climate change.

## **6. Strengthen the U.S. Military**

Trump said that he will make the U.S. military “so big and so strong and so great” that “nobody’s going to mess with us.” He has also promised to provoke China by increasing U.S. military presence in the East and China Seas, and has suggested that some non-nuclear countries might need to obtain their own nuclear arsenal. He denied reports that he repeatedly asked an international foreign policy expert why the U.S. couldn’t use nuclear weapons.

## **7. Cut Planned Parenthood Funding**

Trump has promised to cut all federal funding to Planned Parenthood which provides essential health services, including abortions, to millions of women in the U.S. Trump has made many anti-choice statements throughout the campaign, even once suggesting that women who choose to have an abortion should be legally punished. The possibility of Trump selecting up to three U.S. Supreme Court appointees over the next four years has many worried about the future of abortion rights in the country.

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