

Ending the Weaponization of the Federal Government

Administration Policy:

President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) titled [Ending the Weaponization of the Federal Government](#). This EO establishes that the policy of the United States is to “identify and take appropriate action to correct past misconduct by the Federal Government related to the weaponization of law enforcement and the weaponization of the Intelligence Community.”

Specifically, the EO requires the Attorney General (AG) to provide a report to the President on any federal department or agency misconduct or weaponized behavior over the last four years, with recommendations for appropriate remedial actions. This report would be made in consultation with the newly appointed department and agency heads.

This EO also requires the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) to provide a separate review and report to the President on the activities of the Intelligence Community (IC) in consultation with the newly appointed intelligence agency leaders.

Background:

Over the last four years, the Biden administration has taken many actions that have eroded the public’s trust in America’s institutions, including instances listed below:

- On October 4, 2021, the Department of Justice (DOJ) released a [memo](#) directing the FBI to partner with local law enforcement to discuss parental threats at school board meetings. Later, after conducting oversight over this decision the House Judiciary Committee found that there was “[no legitimate basis](#)” for DOJ’s policy.
- Following the [leak](#) of a draft opinion in the *Dobbs v. Jackson* case, there were roughly [40 occurrences of criminal activity](#) targeting churches and crisis pregnancy centers, some of which included violence or vandalism, which the Biden administration failed to adequately address.
- In April 2022, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the creation of a “[disinformation board](#)”, whose [activities](#) were quickly [suspended](#) and eventually [shutdown](#) due to concerns of weaponization against Americans’ civil liberties.