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## The United States Constitution

Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution imposes only three eligibility requirements on persons serving as president, based on the officeholder's age, time of residency in the U.S., and citizenship status:

## U.S. Constitution – Presidential Candidate Eligibility

"No person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."

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## Executive Order 2029-14

OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

### Defending American Electoral Sovereignty from Foreign-Aligned Influence Operations

THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary

*By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. § 1701 et seq.) (IEEPA), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq.) (NEA), the Foreign Agents Registration Act (22 U.S.C. § 611 et seq.) (FARA), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:*

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## SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

### 1.1 Findings

The United States faces a systemic and ongoing national security threat in the form of foreign-aligned organizations that have penetrated the American electoral process at scale. This threat is distinct from, and in many respects more dangerous than, traditional foreign cyberattacks or disinformation campaigns, because it operates openly, legally, and with the complicity of elected officials who have been financially captured by its influence.

The President finds the following:



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- (a) The integrity of the United States Congress — its independence, its representative function, and its capacity to exercise sovereign judgment on matters of war, peace, foreign policy, and national security — has been materially compromised by the large-scale, systematic expenditure of funds by foreign-aligned organizations in American federal elections.
- (b) Organizations acting in the demonstrated political interest of foreign governments have spent in excess of \$221 million in American congressional elections between 2021 and 2026, making foreign-aligned electoral influence the single largest category of special-interest political spending in the current election cycle.
- (c) These organizations have exploited the architecture of American campaign finance law — specifically the shell PAC and dark money structures permitted under current Federal Election Commission regulations — to conceal the foreign-aligned origin of their electoral spending from American voters, constituting a covert influence operation against the American electorate.
- (d) The Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (22 U.S.C. § 611 et seq.), enacted precisely to protect American democratic processes from foreign influence operations, has not been consistently or aggressively enforced with respect to organizations engaged in large-scale American electoral spending on behalf of foreign interests.
- (e) The national emergency declared by Executive Order 13848 on September 12, 2018, concerning foreign interference in United States elections, remains in effect and encompasses the threat described herein. The conduct of foreign-aligned organizations that operate domestically to manipulate the composition of the United States Congress constitutes an extension and escalation of that declared emergency.
- (f) Members of the United States Congress have been subjected to financial coercion — the explicit or implied threat of large-scale opposition campaign spending — by foreign-aligned organizations, constraining their ability to exercise independent judgment on matters of American foreign policy, military assistance, and national security. This coercion of the legislative branch by a foreign-aligned actor constitutes an extraordinary threat to the separation of powers and the sovereignty of the United States.
- (g) Existing law provides the executive branch with sufficient authority to investigate, expose, sanction, and begin dismantling these influence operations pending comprehensive legislative action by Congress. The executive branch has an affirmative duty to exercise that authority.

## 1.2 Purpose



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The purpose of this Executive Order is to:

- (a) Direct the full enforcement power of the executive branch against foreign-aligned electoral influence operations using existing legal authority;
- (b) Expand the application of the existing national emergency under Executive Order 13848 to explicitly encompass domestic-operating foreign-aligned organizations engaged in American electoral interference;
- (c) Direct the Department of Justice to enforce the Foreign Agents Registration Act without political exception or delay;
- (d) Establish an interagency Foreign Electoral Sovereignty Task Force with real investigative and enforcement authority;
- (e) Direct the Director of National Intelligence to produce a comprehensive public threat assessment of foreign-aligned domestic electoral influence operations;
- (f) Protect the United States Congress and federal candidates from financial coercion by foreign-aligned actors; and
- (g) Build the evidentiary and legal record necessary to support comprehensive legislative action by Congress.

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## SECTION 2. EXPANSION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY

### 2.1 Expansion of EO 13848

The national emergency declared in Executive Order 13848 of September 12, 2018, is hereby expanded to explicitly encompass the threat posed by foreign-aligned organizations that operate within the territory of the United States to influence, manipulate, or determine the outcome of federal elections through direct or indirect financial means, including through the use of political action committees, super PACs, nonprofit organizations, shell entities, or any other vehicle.

### 2.2 Scope of Emergency

The expanded national emergency covers:



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- (a) Any organization that meets the definition of a foreign agent under 22 U.S.C. § 611 and that has made or directed electoral spending in connection with any federal election;
- (b) Any individual who directs, controls, or materially participates in the electoral spending activities of a foreign-aligned organization; and
- (c) Any domestic organization or intermediary that knowingly receives and redistributes funds from a foreign-aligned organization for electoral purposes.

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## **SECTION 3. MANDATORY FARA ENFORCEMENT**

### **3.1 Direction to the Attorney General**

The Attorney General is hereby directed to:

- (a) Within sixty (60) days of this Order, complete a comprehensive review of all organizations engaged in American federal electoral spending to identify those that meet the registration threshold under the Foreign Agents Registration Act;
- (b) Initiate registration proceedings, without delay and without exception, against any organization determined to meet that threshold;
- (c) Assign no fewer than one hundred (100) dedicated investigators and attorneys within the Department of Justice to FARA enforcement related to electoral activity;
- (d) Establish a dedicated FARA Electoral Enforcement Unit within the National Security Division of the Department of Justice, with a mandate to investigate and prosecute FARA violations by organizations engaged in electoral spending;
- (e) Publicly report to the President and to Congress, within ninety (90) days of this Order and quarterly thereafter, on all FARA investigations initiated, all registration proceedings commenced, and all enforcement actions taken;
- (f) Pursue criminal and civil penalties under FARA to the fullest extent of the law without regard to the diplomatic or political identity of the foreign government whose interests are being advanced; and



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(g) Apply FARA enforcement uniformly — no organization shall receive preferential treatment or enforcement exemption based on which foreign nation's interests it advances. The law applies equally to all foreign-aligned actors without exception.

### **3.2 No Political Interference**

No official of the executive branch shall delay, limit, terminate, or interfere with any FARA enforcement proceeding initiated under this Order for political or diplomatic reasons. Any such interference shall be reported immediately to the Inspector General of the Department of Justice and to the President.

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## **SECTION 4. IEEPA SANCTIONS AUTHORITY**

### **4.1 Designation Authority**

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and the national emergency declared and expanded herein, the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, is hereby authorized and directed to:

- (a) Identify individuals and organizations engaged in foreign-aligned electoral interference as described in Section 1 of this Order who are appropriate targets for designation and sanctions;
- (b) Block all transactions in property or interests in property of designated individuals and entities;
- (c) Prohibit designated individuals and entities from making any contribution, expenditure, or transfer in connection with any American federal election; and
- (d) Publish and maintain a publicly accessible list of designated individuals and entities.

### **4.2 Criteria for Designation**

An individual or entity may be designated under this Section if:

- (a) They are an officer, director, or senior executive of an organization required to register under FARA that has failed to do so while engaging in electoral spending;



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(b) They have knowingly established, operated, or funded a shell PAC structure designed to conceal foreign-aligned electoral spending;

(c) They have knowingly made or directed electoral spending on behalf of a foreign-aligned organization in violation of applicable law; or

(d) They have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided support for activities prohibited under this Order.

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## SECTION 5. FOREIGN ELECTORAL SOVEREIGNTY TASK FORCE

### 5.1 Establishment

There is hereby established the Foreign Electoral Sovereignty Task Force (the "Task Force"), building upon and superseding the interagency framework established under Executive Order 13848.

### 5.2 Membership

The Task Force shall be co-chaired by the Attorney General and the Director of National Intelligence, and shall include:

(a) The Secretary of the Treasury; (b) The Secretary of State; (c) The Secretary of Homeland Security; (d) The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; (e) The Chair of the Federal Election Commission (as a liaison member); (f) The Director of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and (g) Such other members as the President may designate.

### 5.3 Mandate

The Task Force shall:

(a) Investigate and document all foreign-aligned electoral influence operations active in the United States, including those conducted through domestic organizations, PACs, super PACs, nonprofit entities, and shell structures;



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- (b) Coordinate FARA enforcement, IEEPA sanctions proceedings, and federal law enforcement activities related to foreign-aligned electoral interference;
- (c) Develop and maintain a comprehensive, publicly available database of identified foreign-aligned electoral influence operations, updated no less than quarterly;
- (d) Refer credible evidence of criminal conduct to the Department of Justice for prosecution;
- (e) Provide quarterly reports to the President and to Congress on the scope, status, and findings of its investigations; and
- (f) Make recommendations for legislative action to close the statutory and regulatory gaps that have enabled foreign-aligned electoral influence operations to operate with impunity.

### 5.4 Resources

The Task Force shall be provided with sufficient staff, funding, and interagency cooperation to carry out its mandate. Each member agency shall designate a senior official as its Task Force representative and shall provide the Task Force with full access to relevant intelligence, law enforcement, and regulatory information within its possession.

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## SECTION 6. DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE THREAT ASSESSMENT

### 6.1 Mandatory Assessment

The Director of National Intelligence is hereby directed to produce, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of this Order, a comprehensive threat assessment of foreign-aligned domestic electoral influence operations in the United States.

### 6.2 Scope of Assessment

The threat assessment shall:

- (a) Identify all foreign governments whose interests are being advanced through domestic electoral spending in the United States;



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- (b) Quantify the total scale of foreign-aligned electoral spending, including through indirect and concealed channels;
- (c) Assess the impact of foreign-aligned electoral spending on the independence and decision-making of the United States Congress with respect to matters of foreign policy, military assistance, and national security;
- (d) Assess the methods used to conceal the foreign-aligned origin of electoral spending from American voters and federal regulators; and
- (e) Provide recommendations for executive and legislative action to neutralize the identified threats.

## 6.3 Public Release

The Director of National Intelligence shall produce both a classified and an unclassified version of the threat assessment. The unclassified version shall be publicly released in full. The American people have a right to know the extent to which their Congress has been financially captured by foreign-aligned interests.

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## SECTION 7. FEDERAL CONTRACTOR AND GRANT PROHIBITION

### 7.1 Prohibition

No federal agency shall award a contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or any other form of federal financial assistance to:

- (a) Any organization required to register under FARA that has not done so within the time required by law;
- (b) Any organization designated under Section 4 of this Order; or
- (c) Any organization that is under active investigation by the Task Force established under Section 5 of this Order for conduct described in Section 1.



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## 7.2 Direction to OMB

The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall issue guidance to all federal agencies implementing the prohibition under Section 7.1 within thirty (30) days of this Order.

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## SECTION 8. PROTECTION OF FEDERAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICIALS

### 8.1 Reporting Mechanism

The Task Force established under Section 5 of this Order shall establish a secure, confidential reporting mechanism by which:

- (a) Members of Congress may report threats, coercion, or implied financial retaliation by foreign-aligned organizations related to their official conduct or voting record;
- (b) Federal candidates may report attempts by foreign-aligned organizations to condition electoral support on positions regarding foreign policy; and
- (c) Congressional staff may report observed patterns of foreign-aligned influence over legislative decision-making.

### 8.2 Investigation of Coercion

Any credible report received under Section 8.1 shall be investigated by the Task Force as a potential violation of 18 U.S.C. § 595 (interference with elections by government employees), 18 U.S.C. § 610 (coercion of political activity), and any other applicable federal law.

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## SECTION 9. TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

### 9.1 Public Register



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The Task Force shall maintain and publish a publicly accessible Foreign Electoral Influence Register containing:

- (a) All organizations identified as meeting the FARA registration threshold for electoral activity;
- (b) All organizations designated under Section 4 of this Order;
- (c) All enforcement actions taken under this Order and applicable law;
- (d) All known electoral spending by foreign-aligned organizations, to the extent ascertainable from public records and investigative findings; and
- (e) Quarterly updates on the status of all ongoing investigations.

### **9.2 Annual Report to Congress**

The Attorney General, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence and the Secretary of the Treasury, shall submit an annual report to Congress detailing:

- (a) All actions taken under this Order during the preceding year; (b) All designations made under Section 4; (c) All FARA enforcement proceedings initiated and resolved; (d) The current state of foreign-aligned electoral influence operations in the United States; and (e) Legislative recommendations for strengthening the statutory framework.

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## **SECTION 10. EQUAL APPLICATION**

### **10.1 No Preferential Treatment**

All authorities exercised under this Order shall be applied with absolute uniformity, without regard to:

- (a) Which foreign nation's interests are being advanced by the organization under investigation;
- (b) The political alignment, party affiliation, or ideological orientation of the candidates or officeholders targeted by foreign-aligned electoral spending; (c) Any diplomatic relationship between the United States and the foreign government whose interests are being advanced; or (d) Any political or commercial consideration involving the foreign nation in question.



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## 10.2 Statement of Principle

The sovereignty of the United States electoral process is not a diplomatic bargaining chip. The enforcement of American law is not contingent on the identity of the foreign nation whose interests are being advanced. What is prohibited for Russia is prohibited for Israel. What is prohibited for China is prohibited for Saudi Arabia. What is prohibited for Iran is prohibited for the United Kingdom. The law is the law. This administration will apply it that way.

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## SECTION 11. GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 11.1 Consistent with Law

This Order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

### 11.2 No Private Rights

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

### 11.3 Severability

If any provision of this Order or its application is held invalid, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

### 11.4 Effective Date

This Order is effective immediately upon signing.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of January,  
in the year two thousand and twenty-nine, and of the Independence of the United  
States of America the two hundred and fifty-third.

Signed,

Vincent Cordova,  
48<sup>th</sup> President of the United States

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