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Last week the @DOJ_EOIR quietly updated its list of "Myths vs. Fact." I haven't factchecked the new one, but it's much longer and at first glance appears to even more misleading than the previous one.

Also, EOIR uploaded the new one at the same URL as the prior one, which effectively removes the prior one from the internet. I've saved a copy of the old one here: <https://t.co/w6aZoiilvh>

The first one, which McHenry seems to have unilaterally issued in May 2019, was met with confusion and disbelief by others in the agency, including the union representing immigration judges. They have since been decertified, so <https://t.co/1KcyQcePmO>

A FOIA request for any email messages to the ACIJ's (who manage the nation's immigration judges) giving guidance about the "Myths vs Fact" document turned up nothing. <https://t.co/LxcaazT4rU>

Retired Immigration Judges and former BIA members also spoke out in May, 2019 about how wildly inaccurate the document was. <https://t.co/Yj9DnfYldO>

Later, a FOIA request for something else turned up these notes from a Senior OCIJ meeting confirming the Office of Chief Immigration Judge wasn't consulted and "did not support" the document. <https://t.co/CgwDkYjfo1>

I posted a fact-check of the prior version here, also showing the EOIR director McHenry himself had authored the document circulated afterward that tried to explain it. <https://t.co/qXWxexFAmq>

So who wrote the Myths vs Reality memo (the most politically slanted and repeatedly false publication by the agency to date)? James McHenry, the EOIR Director. <https://t.co/dFWa6c9xyU>

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Lol at this snippet. This ignores that the OIG found quite the opposite re the appointment of, for example, current Deputy Chief Appellate Immigration Judge Garry Malphrus here: <https://t.co/1ZYr8sffGG>

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This little update to the section on VTC makes it appear that in 2020 EOIR had quite an increase in hearings continued due to video malfunction. Compare 2019 to 2020: