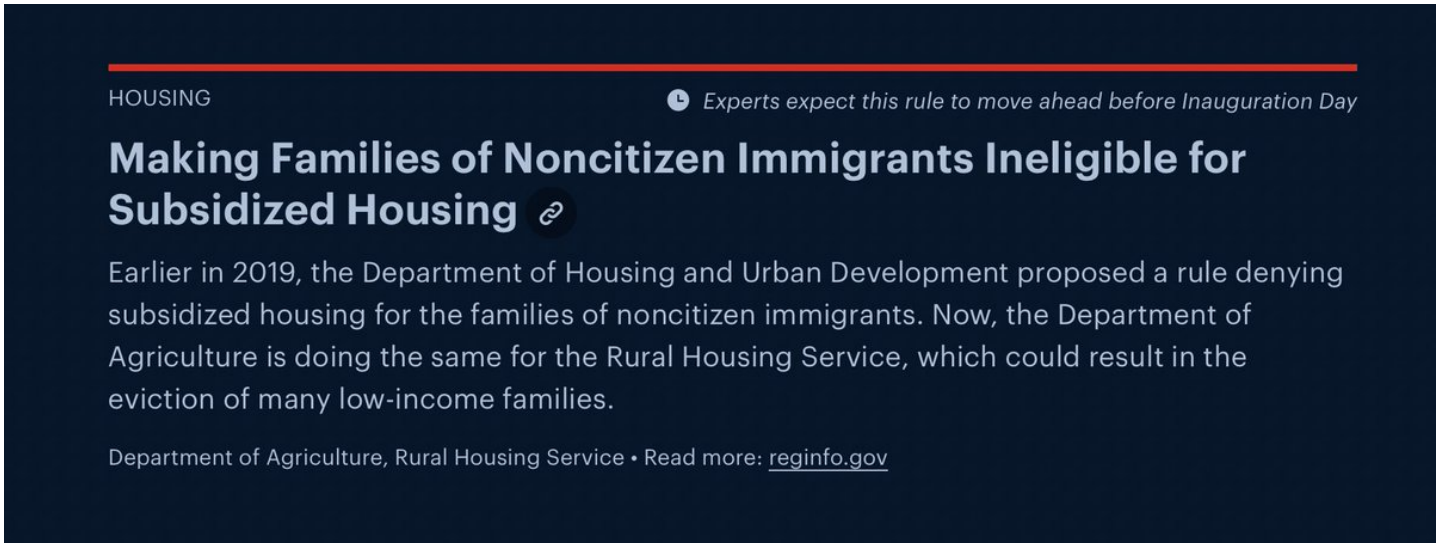
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If you want to know what the Trump administration has been about, then read this list of 'midnight regulations' that they're trying to implement in their final days in office. I'll post a few of them below.

The Trump administration is expected to move forward plans to make families of noncitizen immigrants ineligible for subsidized housing.



The Trump administration is expected to move forward plans to increase the speed at which chickens may be slaughtered by putting workers at higher risk of amputations.



The Trump administration is moving forward with plans to allow 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds to operate long haul trucks even though those age groups are generally much more likely to have accidents.



The Trump administration is moving forward with plans allow federally subsidized homeless shelters to exclude transgender people.



The Trump administration is moving forward with plans to loosen restrictions on over-fishing, making it harder to declare locations critical (and therefore protected habitats) and making it easier to develop near waterways and wetlands.



The Trump administration is moving forward with plans allow companies that discriminate against people on religious grounds to compete for federal grants.



In the middle of a pandemic and economic crisis that's affecting millions of Americans, the Trump administration is moving forward with plans to narrow eligibility for food stamps.



The Trump administration (absurdly, in a way that will have zero effect) is moving forward with plans to loosen efficiency standards for clothes washers, dryers and shower heads. Because Trump doesn't like them.



The Trump administration is moving forward with plans to stop Washington State’s requiring that truck drivers take sufficient meal and rest breaks, putting truck driver’s lives at risk as well as anyone else who uses the roads.



The Trump administration is moving forward with plans to lower wages for immigrant farm workers on temporary visas while making it possible to refuse entry to higher-skilled workers unless they have higher salaries.

IMMIGRATION

This rule has moved ahead since Election Day

Lowering Wages for Immigrant Farmworkers

This regulation changes the scale used to determine how much employers must pay immigrant farmworkers on temporary H-2A work visas, freezing it for two years. Farmworker groups oppose the change, saying that it will lower pay for both U.S.-born and immigrant workers — even as there's a worker shortage in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration • Read more: federalregister.gov

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Restricting High-Skilled Immigrant Work Visas by Raising Wage Minimums for Visa Holders

This regulation went into effect immediately when issued on Oct. 8, although a public comment period remained open through Nov. 9. It overhauls the rubrics that set how much employers must pay an immigrant to sponsor them on a temporary H-1B "high skilled" worker visa. New wage standards are substantially higher, making many would-be immigrants suddenly ineligible.

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And to end with, the Trump administration has restarted federal executions, and finalized plans to allow federal death row inmates to be executed by firing squads and electrocution. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Rule Finalized

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

This rule has moved ahead since Election Day

Allowing Federal Death Row Inmates to Be Executed by Means Other Than Lethal Injection

This rule would broaden the acceptable forms of federal capital punishment to include methods that are or may soon be legal in various states, such as firing squads and electrocution. The Trump administration has restarted federal executions, which President-elect Joe Biden has said he would not allow.

Department of Justice • Read more: regulations.gov