

ASYLUM SEEKERS, FAMILY SEPARATION, DENATURALIZATION, and IMMIGRATION

<https://www.vox.com/2016/4/28/11515132/iirira-clinton-immigration>

<http://immigrantjusticenetwork.org/resources/newwayforward/>

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/5383/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22jesus+garcia%22%5D%7D&r=3&s=7> We've been fighting all sorts of new immigration rules since the start of the Trump administration, but less attention has been given to the 1996 immigration law enacted during the Clinton administration that underlies the entire U.S. immigration system. According to Vox, "the '96 law essentially invented immigration enforcement as we know it today—where deportation is a constant and plausible threat to millions of immigrants." The 1996 law expanded the number of offenses, a significant number of them nonviolent, for which immigrants (both documented and undocumented) could be deported and made this provision retroactive. The law fast-tracked deportation for undocumented immigrants apprehended within 100 miles of a border. It also increased the number of immigrants who had to be held in detention before deportation, making access to immigration attorneys much more difficult. H.R.5383, To Reform the Process for Enforcing Immigration Laws of the United States—also known as the New Way Forward Act—would address many of the problems created by the 1996 law. H.R.5383 would end mandatory detention, summary deportation, local police participation in mass deportations by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and criminal prosecution for undocumented entry into the U.S. It would also bar for-profit immigration jails and provide a pathway for some those deported under the 1996 law to apply for readmission. (Write-up 12/14/2019)

TELL your Congressmembers that the U.S. needs immigration reform that doesn't just undo the worst act of the Trump administration, but that also decriminalizes migration and ends fast-track deportation

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<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2797?s=1&r=3>

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1041>

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/5282>

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/2098>

https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/immigration/story/2019-12-04/mother-of-army-officer-to-be-deported-after-request-for-protection-is-denied?fbclid=IwAR1zWfLmUkswxrCtWtj_E6YGg3L5MP-I0cgQsbNwdId_la0J9Ooe7g6bRPg

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2019/11/08/new-bill-would-protect-military-veteran-family-members-deportation.html?fbclid=IwAR1aYFTloSQ4bpliprIhtNZYCArICLYd8OCPXvirR8eMC7W0zvMfxix8KDA>

From JM-L at *News You May Have Missed*: “Rocio Rebollar Gomez, mother of US Army 2nd Lieutenant Gibran Gomez, was ordered to self-deport to Mexico in 30 days after the US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) denied her deferred action protections offered to family members of service members, veterans, enlistees, and their families, according to the [San Diego Union Tribune](#). The program is entirely at the discretion of USCIS. A bill [S.2797, the Military Family Parole in Place Act] introduced by Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) in November, [Military Times](#) reported, would protect the policy and require the secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs to sign off on deportation plans. It would also prevent the Trump administration from acting on rumors that they intended to terminate the deferred action program. According to reporting from 2018 ([Military Times](#)), the Trump Administration is denying significantly more requests from veterans and their dependents for protection from deportation than the Obama Administration.” Duckworth has also introduced S.1041, the Veterans Visa and Protection Act, which would allow veterans who have been removed from the U.S. to return as immigrants. Both pieces of legislation are currently with the Senate Judiciary Committee. Identical House legislation, H.R.5282 and H.R.2098, is with three committees: Judiciary, Armed Services, and Veterans’ Affairs. (Write-up 12/8/2019)

DEFEND veterans and their family members and **URGE** your Senators and the Senate Judiciary Committee to support S.2797 and S.1041

• **Find your Senators here:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fWPKEeiBUwv0vaiTGYGKO37TWU4aSULWvi5sgOo5YS4/edit>

• **Senator Lindsey Graham** (R-SC), Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee, 290 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-5972

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee, 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

ASK your Representative to

DEFEND veterans and their family members and **URGE** your Representative and the chairs of the appropriate House committees to support H.R.5282 and H.R.2098

• **Find your Representative here:**

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tNhdelcADPMfFL2c1V6iF_NDxATh0A_WLxzMt2Tlwm0/e/dit

• **Jerrold Nadler** (D-NY), Chair, House Judiciary Committee, 2141 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3951

• **Representative Adam Smith** (D-WA), Chair, House Armed Services Committee, 2216 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4151

• **Representative Mark Takano** (D-CA), Chair, House Veterans' Affairs Committee, B234 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-9756

ENVIRONMENT

https://www.forbes.com/sites/robinandrews/2018/10/25/the-european-union-just-voted-to-ban-single-use-plastics-by-2021/?fbclid=IwAR2KzdTvucyJ_Kpl0mCWQVfllhCsWUpkXKv1MANpFmMU4bdI7DABxtylI3o#4008663a4b4e

In October, the European Union Parliament passed strict regulations for single use plastics. Plastic items for which there are appropriate replacements would be fully eliminated by 2021. Other plastic items, such as some kinds of food packaging, for which there are currently no replacement would have to be cut by 25% by 2025. Also by 2025, a minimum recycling rate of 90% would be put in place for beverage bottles and cigarette butts would have to be reduced by 50%, moving up to 80% by 2030. (Write-up 12/14/2019)

TELL the Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House, and your Congressmembers that the U.S. needs to act now to limit single-use plastics as Europe is doing

- **Senator Mitch McConnell** (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader, 217 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2541

- **Representative Nancy Pelosi** (D-CA), Speaker of the House, 1236 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4965

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https://act.biologicaldiversity.org/onlineactions/XQMzSYyR90eFr7GljOTD-w2?sourceid=1006267&utm_source=action&utm_medium=email&emci=0cae7e91-8617-ea11-828b-2818784d6d68&emdi=c71cb68d-1718-ea11-828b-2818784d6d68&ceid=1183370&contactdata=Dtyk9QrpCJgo7Khhm2Ky4dYf1mGDS5ajjjK%2bGCbJszt%2bRtMlAcjTdX10R6meDFgBqOtlr6yBRO43WEFc snBLAZ%2fXzZZmY%2bd9pnVt3PfOsifi%2ftzXIV48Z6WH3JlpwNYNq8TfzuQGLYd1u51XkLX%2bowmpXCDIxTMTKpVbO%2bQ6%2fg%3d

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to allow the use of M-44s, also known as “cyanide bombs,” despite overwhelming public opposition to their use. M-44s are used to kill coyotes, dogs, foxes, and other wildlife perceived to be a threat to livestock. The devices first lure animals to food-baited traps, then release cyanide directly into their mouths as the animals eat. As the Center for Biological Diversity points out, M-44s are a threat to endangered animals like grizzly bears, lynx, and wolves. These devices also kill pets and, in one instance, injured a child. (Write-up 12/14/2019)

DEMAND an end to the use of cyanide bombs that threaten endangered species, pets, and children

- **Andrew Wheeler**, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20460, (202) 564-470

8 Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), Chair, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6176

- **Senator Thomas R. Carper** (D-DE), Ranking Member, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, 456 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-8832

• **Representative Raúl M. Grijalva**, Chair, House Natural Resources Committee, 1324 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-6065

• **Find your Senators here:**

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ETHICS and SEPARATION of POWERS

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/house-democrats-slam-trump-admin-illegally-withholding-puerto-rico-hurricane-n1096421>

<https://soto.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-soto-speaks-out-against-hud-illegal-withholding-puerto-rico-aid>

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) continues to withhold hurricane relief funds from Puerto Rico. It has been three months since the HUD ignored a statutory deadline to issue a Federal Register notice detailing how Puerto Rico can use \$8.2 billion in disaster relief aid appropriated by Congress through the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program. HUD continues to withhold \$1.9 billion for electric grid upgrades. Puerto Ricans continue to suffer from major hurricanes that made landfall more than two years ago while HUD illegally withholds this aid. (Write-up 12/14/2019)

ASK the Inspector General of HUD to investigate the agency's failure to process Congressionally approved funds in a timely manner

• **Rae Oliver Davis**, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th St., Washington DC 20410, (202) 708-0430

URGE the Chair of the appropriate House subcommittee to investigate HUD's failure to process Congressionally approved funds in a timely manner

• **Representative David E. Price** (D-NC), Chair, Subcommittee on the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, House

Appropriations Committee, 2358-A Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515,
(202) 225-2141

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/28/opinion/trump-administration-corruption-conflicts.html>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/08/opinion/donald-trump-impeachment.html>

The *New York Times* has pointed out that, while the Constitution forbids the president from profiting off the office by accepting “emoluments,” Trump continues to own his hotels, allowing politicians, lobbyists and foreigners to [enrich](#) him and curry favor with him by staying there. According to *New York Times* opinion columnist David Leonhardt “[t]he Democratic-controlled House has done an especially poor job of calling attention to this corruption. It hasn’t even conducted good oversight hearings—a failure that, as Bob Bauer, an N.Y.U. law professor and former White House counsel, told me, ‘is just astonishing.’” (Write-up 12/14/2019)

ASK the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee to investigate the probable violations of the emoluments clause

• **Representative Carolyn Maloney** (D-NY), Chair, House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-5051

If you’ve been paying attention, you know that a significant proportion of Trump’s cabinet-level officials, who require Senate confirmation, have been serving in an “acting” capacity without confirmation. This allows Trump to put in place individuals who, even with McConnell at the helm, would not win Senate confirmation. According to *Fortune*, five of twenty-three cabinet positions are currently held by such appointees. Over the course of Trump’s presidency, all of the following positions have been held at some time by “acting” appointees: Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Secretary of Homeland Security, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Labor, Secretary of State, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Attorney General, Environmental Protection Agency Director, Office of Management and Budget Director, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Director of National Intelligence, Small Business Administration Director, and Ambassador to the United Nations. Under law, acting appointments are limited to 210 days. (Write-up 12/14/2019)

TELL your Senators that you are sick and tired of Trump using acting appointments to avoid the Senate confirmation process

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GENERAL DECENCY

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/2500>

<https://thehill.com/policy/defense/473790-lawmakers-release-defense-bill-with-parental-leave-for-space-force-deal>

Early on in the negotiation process, the House version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA, H.R.2500) included a number of important provisions: language withdrawing U.S. support for the war in Yemen, a reversal of the ban on transgender individuals serving in the military, new limits on the use of toxic chemicals, and broad family leave provision. None of these are included in the compromise NDAA language worked out by the House and Senate. The new NDAA does, however, include \$22 billion for the formation of a new branch of the military—the Space Force. Ro Khanna and Bernie Sanders have argued in a joint statement that “this bill does nothing to rein in out-of-control military spending, prevent unconstitutional war against Iran, limit the poisoning of Americans’ drinking water, or end the obscenity of innocent children in Yemen being killed by U.S. bombs...Congress must say no.” (Write-up 12/14/2019)

INSIST that without the key provisions of the original House legislation the NDAA is a no-go and **EXPLAIN** that billions for a Space Force is a waste of taxpayer money

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<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2019/11/23/president-trump-sends-park-rangers-patrol-u-s-mexico-border/4166432002/?fbclid=IwAR2Cevu-hOupMertZeOB0z9wIX0FwCgY8igE4vd6Uy w2MPsk3ZQZxxyCQcU>

From RLS at *News You May Have Missed*: Despite staff shortages in the national parks, the Trump administration has insisted that LEOs {park law enforcement officers] be sent to the border to assist with enforcement. With a 20% drop in staffing since 2011, there are only 1,800 law enforcement rangers responsible for the safety of the 320 million visitors to the nation's 419 national parks, according to *USA Today*. There already are 20,000 border patrol agents. Trump issued the order after the House refused to authorize funding for Trump's border operations; he had requested 18.2 billion, which included 5 billion for the wall. The park rangers are untrained and unaccustomed to the desert. "If the goal is to secure the border, these rangers aren't going to be it," Laiken Jordahl, a former park service contractor who now works for the Center for Biological Diversity, told *USA Today*. "One hundred percent, it's a publicity stunt that has very real consequences for the national parks across the country. It's totally clear it's putting a strain on already limited resources.... That doesn't serve any of us." (Write-up 12/8/2019)

OBJECT to this inappropriate reassignment of national park rangers

- **Senator Lisa Murkowski** (R-AK), Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and National Resources, 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-4971
- **Senator Joe Manchin III** (D-WV), Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Energy and National Resources, 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-4971
- **Senator Steve Daines** (R-MT), Chair, Subcommittee on National Parks, Senate Committee on Energy and National Resources, 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2971
- **Senator Angus E. King, Jr.** (I-ME), Ranking Member, Subcommittee on National Parks, Senate Committee on Energy and National Resources, 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2971
- **Representative Raúl M. Grijalva** (D-AZ), Chair, House Natural Resources Committee, 1324 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-6065
- **Representative Deb Haaland** (D-NM), Chair, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest, and Public Lands, House Natural Resources Committee, 1324 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-6065

HEALTH and HEALTHCARE

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/3>

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/amid-impeachment-house-democrats-push-measure-lower-cost/story?id=67653547>

The House has passed H.R.3, the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act. H.R.3 requires the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to negotiate maximum prices for insulin products and a group of twenty-five drugs without generic competition. The maximum prices could not be set more than 20% of the price for these medications in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, and the United Kingdom or 85% of the U.S. average manufacturer price. H.R.3 reduces the annual out-of-pocket spending limit in Medicare prescriptions plans. It also provides civil and tax penalties for drug manufacturers who do not comply with the bill's negotiation requirements. This legislation now moves to the Senate. (Write-up 12/14/2019)

TELL the Senate Majority leader and our Senators that we want swift, positive action on H.R.3

• **Senator Mitch McConnell** (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader, 217 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2541

• **Find your Senators here:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fWPKEeiBUwv0vaiTGYGKO37TWU4aSULWvI5sgOo5YS4/edit>

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2019/dec/14/facebook-prep-anti-hiv-drug-misinformation?fbclid=IwAR0CpsboMy8OBstjsTfu8FWRNfUbD0iJg3VPBsGxunSkh2Ui0e3a-7YYWkM>

https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/921031?src=soc_fb_share&fbclid=IwAR0dh53Q_iWIO8MNGBhhrVtnB96UrwCm6U5RbrYD_cj46lnMUacKoajogY

From RLS at *News You May Have Missed*: People at risk of HIV can almost certainly prevent it with a daily dose of Truvada. Now, men have a new option: a one-time dose of four pills, two of them two hours before sex, one 24 hours later, and another 24 hours after that, reports Heather Boerner, writing for Medscape. (This option has not been tested in women because it is thought likely to be less effective in women.) Daily Truvada, a protocol known as [prEP](#), is almost 100% effective in preventing the transmission of HIV. Just last week, [Health and Human Services](#) launched an initiative to make prEP available at no cost to people without medical insurance. You could be forgiven for having missed this news; though it is widely available on health and

activist websites, it is almost completely absent from the news. Compounding the problem, Facebook has been allowing ads which badly misrepresent Truvada. Personal-injury law firms have been running ads suggesting that Truvada has serious side effects, according to the Guardian. The ads, for example, say that Truvada causes bone damage, whereas the fact is that it can reduce bone density by 1%. Facebook has declined to remove the misleading ads, putting people for whom HIV could be a death sentence at tremendous risk.

CASTIGATE Facebook leadership for their refusal to remove advertising that literally has the potential to kill people

• **Mark Zuckerberg**, Chairman and CEO, Facebook Headquarters, 1 Hacker Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025, (650) 543-4800

• **Sheryl Sandberg**, Chief Operating Officer, Facebook, 1601 Willow Rd, Menlo Park, CA 94025, (650) 308-7300

HUMAN and CIVIL RIGHTS

https://www.aclu.org/news/voting-rights/congress-must-act-to-protect-the-right-to-vote/?initms_af=f=nat&initms_chan=eml&utm_medium=eml&initms=191214_debrief_cultivation_gols_sel&utm_source=s&utm_campaign=debrief&utm_content=191214_civilliberties_cultivation_gols&ms_aff=nat&ms_chan=eml&ms=191214_debrief_cultivation_gols_sel

<https://apnews.com/acbaaecb9abe056650dd8faf5b6acf0b>

The House has passed the Voting Rights Advancement Act, H.R.4. *A.P. News* explains that “The bill would... impose new obligations on states and local jurisdictions, essentially reversing a 2013 Supreme Court decision that tossed out a ‘pre-clearance’ provision that determined which jurisdictions needed federal oversight of elections.” Before the 2013 ruling, states with histories of voter suppression had been required to gain Justice Department clearance for proposed election changes. (Write-up 12/14/2019)

TELL our senators that we want them to vote for H.R.4 and continue to make voting rights a priority

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https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/supreme-court-upholds-kentucky-abortion-law-mandating-ultrasounds-n1098181?fbclid=IwAR2dNF7LMsrC59YyxFui3YMM6qa4S_I3So7-dBQvNLfCrXkM0PdZ1qdkws

The Supreme Court has allowed to stand a Kentucky law that requires doctors to perform ultrasounds on any woman receiving an abortion and to require that such women view fetal images and listen to fetal heartbeats—none of which are medically necessary—before an abortion is performed. This court ruling emphasizes once again that women cannot depend on *Roe v. Wade* to protect their right to individual reproductive choice. Real reproductive choice requires Congressional action. (Write-up 12/14/2019)

TELL our Congressmembers that they need to act now to protect women's right to reproductive choice

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<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/dec/10/us-immigration-detained-children-flu-shots>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2019/12/12/doctors-protest-border-patrol-allow-flu-vaccines-detained-migrants/>

https://www.propublica.org/article/inside-the-cell-where-a-sick-16-year-old-boy-died-in-border-patrol-care?utm_source=pardot&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=majorinvestigations&fbclid=IwAR0mbhNqktmrqIG8UAj4N5E8-_h4wdSUYOa0zOV7sXXvVqURlw8bM1eM5P8

From RLS at *News You May Have Missed*: Carlos Gregorio Hernandez Vasquez, the teenager from Guatemala who died of the flu in ICE custody, died in a holding cell where he was put instead of being taken to the hospital, as the nurse who examined him recommended. The Border Patrol said that an agent had checked on him and found him unresponsive, but in fact his cellmate discovered he was dead after he had been visibly suffering for hours. Border Patrol logs say that an agent checked on him three times in the hours before he died, but video

obtained by *ProPublica* shows that either no one had in fact looked at him or that they had seen him writhing on the floor and not intervened. The *ProPublica* story also has a sketch of Carlos' life in Guatemala, where he played soccer and was a musician. When he was little, he used to play a game of "cross the border" with his friends. In another example of Customs and Border Protection's laissez-faire approach to the health of asylum-seekers, doctors were arrested last week at the Border Patrol headquarters in San Diego for protesting against the policy to deny flu shots to asylum-seekers in custody. Sixty doctors had shown up at the San Ysidro facility prepared to offer free flu shots, but were turned away. "We see this as medical negligence on the part of the US government," Dr. Bonnie Arzuaga, one of the doctors offering vaccinations, told the *Guardian*. "People are being held in close confinement and usually are under a lot of physical and emotional stress ... and may be malnourished and may not have access to hygiene supplies. That puts them at risk."

DEMAND humane treatment and prompt, appropriate medical care for those in custody with ICE and CBP

• **Chad Wolf**, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane SW, Washington DC 20528-0075, (202) 282-8494

REQUEST an investigation of Carlos Gregorio Hernandez Vasquez's death

• **Joseph Cuffari**, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Dr., Building 410, Washington DC 20528, (202) 981-6000

CALL for a curtailment of ICE and CBP funding until they establish appropriate medical care and procedures for individuals in their custody

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https://www.axios.com/germany-ends-arm-sales-saudi-arabia-khashoggi-80512e9d-4ea2-4796-9af6-3bac8a5d4217.html?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=fbshare&utm_campaign=organic&fbclid=IwAR1qmYa4HJ-oQr7iM8j_APOjqPpWY2B209JlzKE_CUIbTEVXVlvpOEAXJ60

From RLS at *News You May Have Missed*: Germany has banned arms sales to Saudi Arabia and asked manufacturers to cancel orders already in place, in light of reliable reports that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (known as MBS) ordered the killing of *Washington Post* journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate. Germany has also banned the 18 suspects linked to the murder from the 26 countries in the EU's passport-free Schengen Zone (which includes France but not Britain), [Axios](#) reports. MBS has denied responsibility for the murder, but an extensive CIA investigation found that he must have directed the killing; among the evidence is a recording from a device that Turkey had placed in the embassy where he was killed. MBS is friends with Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law; Trump has said that he does not want to break off relations with Saudi Arabia because the country is important in containing Iran and because he does not want to see their oil production interrupted, according to the [Washington Post](#). The U.S. has not banned arms sales to Saudi Arabia, despite the CIA report and despite the fact that US bombs are being used against civilians in Yemen, a [CNN](#) investigation found in 2018. [CNN](#) also found that US arms sold to Saudi Arabia ended up in the hands of "al Qaeda-linked fighters, hardline Salafi militias, and other factions," including Iranian rebels. Indeed, the U.S. sold nuclear technology to the Saudis, 16 days after Khashoggi's death, according to the [Times](#) of London. (Write-up 12/8/2019)

INSIST on an end to U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia

• **Donald Trump**, the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

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<https://www.thenation.com/article/afghanistan-papers-forever-war/>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2019/investigations/afghanistan-papers/afghanistan-war-confidential-documents/>

From RLS at *News You May Have Missed*: The *Washington Post*, in a six-part series, revealed this week that the US officials knew that the 18-year war in Afghanistan could not be won, yet they continued to claim that progress was being made. In a successful Freedom of Information

Act suit, the *Post* obtained 2000 pages of documents, records of an immense government project assessing the war. These made it evident that every element of the enterprise in Afghanistan was a failure, marked by lack of purpose and incompetence, all denied at every turn. Danny Sjursen, writing for the *Nation*, makes the costs of this denial clear, not only for American troops in the country, but for the country itself: “What *had* it all been for—the 2400 American lives lost, the trillion dollars spent? And what of the cost to the real victims—the Afghan people? More than 100,000 Afghan civilian and security force personnel have been killed thus far...”

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