Trump actions that are likely unconstitutional

 Signed <u>executive order ending birthright citizenship</u>. The constitution explicitly states that all individuals born in the US are US citizens.

Trump action that are likely illegal

- Ordered a <u>freeze in all federal grants and loans</u>. The President cannot refuse to spend funding that Congress has approved.
- Unprecedented firing of 18 Inspector Generals. "Congress amended the regulations around the IG role, requiring that a president "shall communicate in writing the reasons for any such removal or transfer [of an inspector general] to both Houses of Congress, not later than 30 days before the removal or transfer."
- Violation of human rights law in the U.S., <u>regardless of immigration status</u>, under Trump's mass deportation arrests.

Trump actions that demonstrate abuse of power

- The unprecedented <u>removal of security clearance for 49 former intelligence employees</u>. "...no president has ever waded directly into the clearance process so publicly and on such a large scale as Trump did when he rescinded security clearances for 50 people in one step, Meyer and other legal experts said. Nor has a commander in chief chosen to publicly rescind security clearances for former CIA directors, deputy directors and other former top-ranking intelligence officials, many of whom worked for administrations from both parties." "The former intelligence officials say that Trump's mass scrapping of clearances is an attempt to punish, intimidate and silence those who challenge his claims."
- <u>Pardoned approximately 1500 criminal defendants</u>, including commuting the sentences
 of 14 of his supporters, who stormed the Capital on January 6th. Those sentenced were
 convicted of seditious conspiracy. Many of those charged violently attacked law
 enforcement; 3 of these officers consequently died. These criminal defendants will be
 released with no criminal records.
- Reclassification of career federal employees. "<u>This reclassification removes these</u>
 <u>employees' civil service protections</u>, which insulated them from political pressures, so
 that they may now be fired at will."