



Bidenbucks Executive Order 14019

President Biden is abusing the power of his office and using taxpayer-funded resources to transform federal government agencies and their offices located in the states into get-out-the-vote machines for the Left.



The plan was developed by a well-funded, left-wing organization, Demos, which now has two of its employees entrenched in the White House carrying out the plan they created.

Executive Order 14019 directs all federal agencies to develop a plan outlining the steps their agency will take to “promote voter registration and voter participation” and to support “approved” third-party organizations to provide voter registration services on federal agency premises across the country.¹ The order fails to specify who approves these organizations or the criteria for approval.



What We Know So Far

- **The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)** plans to turn **more than 1,400 community health centers into voter registration hubs**.²
- **The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)** plans on turning **more than 2,300 American Job Centers into voter registration agencies**, allowing third-party groups to engage in voter outreach activities on-site.³
- **The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)** will **allow food stamp agencies to use administrative funds** to pay for voter registration and participation services.⁴
- **The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** sent guidance to executive directors of **more than 3,000 public housing authorities managing about 1.2 million housing units**, providing advice on running voter registration drives through public housing agencies (PHAs). Federal housing officials also advised the local agencies on how to apply to become a “voter registration agency under the National Voter Registration Act,” and how to set up drop boxes for ballots on the premises.⁵
- In May 2022, **Kansas Governor Laura Kelly** took the unprecedented step of **designating the Haskell Indian Nations University, operated by the Department of the Interior, as a National Voter Registration Agency (NVRA)**—the first federal program ever designated this way by a state.⁶
- On September 20, 2022, **Domestic Policy Advisor Susan Rice** admitted that federal agencies are seeking NVRA designations only “whenever practicable,” and only two agencies have been designated under the NVRA to implement Executive Order 14019: the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Haskell Indian Nations University, operated by the Department of Interior. **The administration admits that these two designations are “the first time ever” that “federal programs have been designated by states as voter registration agencies” to implement Executive Order 14019.**⁷
- In guidance the **Department of Education** issued in 2022 to colleges and post-secondary schools, the Department **encouraged schools to use Federal Work Study funds to pay students employed directly by the institution to engage in voter registration efforts** and other community service activity related to the electoral process, both on or off campus.⁸⁻⁹
- A report generated by more than **50 Left-wing groups, including Demos**, outlines **strategies federal agencies could employ to carry out Biden’s Executive Order 14019 scheme more aggressively** and “collectively generate an additional 3.5 million voter registration applications per year,” while applauding some of the efforts already undertaken to date.¹⁰



Congress Has Fought Back

- **Rep. Ted Budd (R-NC) and 35 other members of Congress** submitted a letter to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) **demanding access to undisclosed agency plans related to this executive order**.¹¹
- **Ranking members from nine committees** submitted a letter to Susan Rice, director of the Domestic Policy Council of the United States, and the director of OMB **demanding answers from the administration regarding Executive Order 14019**.¹²
- **Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC) led a letter signed by eight other members of Congress** to Attorney General Garland requesting the Department of Justice (DOJ) **immediately publish the final version of its strategic plan to carry out Executive Order 14019**.¹³
- On July 21, 2022, **Rep. Ted Budd introduced H.R. 8461, the Promoting Free and Fair Elections Act**. The bill would **prohibit federal agencies from using taxpayer funds to implement or enter into agreements with partisan organizations that conduct voter mobilization activities**. Co-sponsors of the bill included Reps. Claudia Tenney (R-NY), Ralph Norman (R-SC), Ronny Jackson (R-TX), Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA), Mary Miller (R-IL), Scott Fitzgerald (R-WI), and Alex Mooney (R-WV).¹⁴
- On September 28, 2022, **Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) introduced S. 4997, the Promoting Free and Fair Elections Act**. The bill would **prohibit agencies of the government from soliciting or entering into agreements with nongovernmental organizations to conduct voter registration or voter mobilization activities on the property or website of the agency or from using federal funds to carry out activities directed under Executive Order 14019**.¹⁵
- On May 2, 2023, **Sen. Ted Budd and Rep. Claudia Tenney introduced the Promoting Free and Fair Elections Act**.¹⁶⁻¹⁷ The bill would prohibit federal agencies from using taxpayer funds to implement or enter into agreements with partisan organizations that conduct voter mobilization activities. Co-sponsors of the Senate bill included Sens. Mike Lee, Bill Hagerty (R-TN), Deb Fischer (R-NE), Mike Braun (R-IN), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), and Roger Marshall (R-KS), while co-sponsors of the House bill included Reps. Bill Posey (R-FL), Randy Weber (R-TX), and Andrew Clyde (R-GA).



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- On April 20, 2022, **FGA sued the DOJ in federal court** after DOJ failed to respond to our Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests seeking documents and communications related to Executive Order 14019.¹⁸
- On July 12, 2022, **the Federal District Court sided with FGA, and ordered DOJ to provide all documents required to be disclosed under FOIA law**. In September 2022, DOJ finally disclosed 135 pages of documents, a far cry from the more than 5,500 potentially responsive records which DOJ had initially claimed it had. As expected, most of the documents were heavily redacted.
- To date, **DOJ has steadfastly refused to turn over its 15-page strategic plan to carry out Executive Order 14019**, claiming the plan is exempted from disclosure under FOIA and that releasing it would only “confuse the public.” Both claims are false.
- On January 12, 2023, **the final hearing required before the judge can make a ruling on our motion to compel DOJ to hand over the strategic plan and other documents was held**. The Court is expected to issue a ruling soon, though the timing is completely up to the judge.

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