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How Executive Orders Affect Labor Nationally and Internationally

Each president elected strives to promote the policy changes they deem most important by means of enforcing new laws -- the easiest route being through executive orders. Although not explicitly stated in the constitution but rather implied, executive orders have the power and force of a law -- without actually being a law -- making them extremely influential to society. While submerging deeper into the content of executive orders, ones that are made specific to labor could greatly affect labor both nationally and internationally.

Presidents can foremost notably influence and affect labor within the perimeter of our nation. America's capitalistic and consumer society thrives off of our large force of labor. If a president were to enact an executive order concerning immigrants, whether it be pushing illegal immigrants out or making it extremely hard for immigrants to enter, our labor force would greatly decrease. Lower waged occupations are dominated by illegal immigrants, as they have limited job options and our large corporations relish in profit off of their cheap labor. Our overall economy would suffer in many areas with this gaping hole in our labor force. Blue collared job would feel this deficit, as well as white collar jobs in technology. Many of the intelligent minds in this field have traveled from foreign countries to help advance our nation. If immigrants could not longer enter America with ease, our advancements in technology will undoubtedly decrease with the fear of our advancements even becoming stagnant. If this type of executive order was passed, labor in America would decrease and in return hurt our economy while also slowing down our technological advancements.

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This effect on labor via a presidential executive order forcing immigrants out and making it harder to enter, would also have a large impact on labor internationally. If this dominating force of labor was suddenly deported, companies would suffer and be forced to move overseas and exploit other countries for their cheap labor, instead of staying in the United States. Not only would businesses be driven out of our country, but the immigrants intending on working in our country would instead work for and improve upon their own country. The technologically driven immigrants would either resort to advancing their own nations technology or seeking other powerful countries and allying with them. It would be a devastation to lose these hardworking men and women to other competing nations, as restricting immigrants from entering while also pushing current ones out will only hurt our force of labor in return.

Executive orders enable the president to act solely on large policy changes making them extremely controversial. While the president is able to effect great change at ease through executive orders, their ideas may not always coincide with the cumulative thoughts of the nation as a whole. The president has the power to pass executive orders that would drastically change our labor force as we know it and it would be a large adjustment for everyone.