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HOW TO BE A PREPARED IMMIGRANT IN THE UNITED STATES DURING TRUMP'S 2ND TERM.



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Trump says he wants to deport 20 million immigrants (a fantastical number since the last census reported 11 million). Despite that sounding crazy, he's serious, he's got more power than last time and he's got the backup of many states to help him militarize the border and judges to cancel DACA and PIP programs.

Deportations will be sky high, but fear not. We have developed this guide to help you get the knowledge you need and to help think through the key questions so that you prepare yourself so that you are aware of what could happen, and what to do if it does happen. There is no need to live in fear, instead, make the most of your life! These 4 steps are designed to allow you to do just that!



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One of the missions of our firm, aside from winning cases, is to empower our clients so they can be educated and informed about each step of their immigration process as well as the rights they have as they fight their case. It is in this spirit that we have created this guide to help our clients feel prepared for whatever life may bring them.

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KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

Please see the videos that we have done regarding all of the immigration options available to undocumented people – available on YouTube or on our website at www.Landerholmlmmigration.com.

The key options are as follows:

ASYLUM, WITHHOLDING OF REMOVAL AND RELIEF UNDER THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE:

For those who are afraid for their lives to return to their country. If this is your situation, it is especially urgent for you to seek a lawyer's help, because asylum has a one-year filing deadline;

U-VISAS:

For those who have been the victims of crimes in the US and have cooperated with law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of the crimes. There is a specific set of crimes that qualify for the U-visa, so speak to a lawyer to see if you qualify;

CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL:

For those who are already in removal proceedings, you might be eligible for cancellation of removal if you have 10 years of continuous physical presence and good moral character, and if you have a US citizen spouse, parent or child who would suffer a very high level of harm without you. If so, you may have a way to apply for a green card before the immigration judge.

MARRIAGE / FAMILY BASED CASES:

For those who have US citizen or permanent resident spouses or parents (or children who are over 21) – you may be eligible to get a green card through your family relationship –this depends on how you entered the US, and whether or not you have triggered any grounds of inadmissibility – if so, you might need a waiver.

OTHER:

If you are in removal proceedings, there are other options available too. For example, Motions to Suppress, Prosecutorial Discretion, other waivers in court and more. I recommend having a consultation so that you are sure of all the options available to you.

Even if you don't have any options, or the options for you might not be very strong, you still have rights!

FIRST

if ICE knocks on your door, you do not have to open it, and I recommend that you don't! Under the US constitution, all people have the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures. This means that, ICE either needs a warrant, or for example, if you are inside your home you do not need to open the door if ICE knocks.

SECOND

If ICE or the police arrest you, you can remain completely silent! In the US, we have the freedom of speech. The reverse of this is the freedom to not speak. Be aware that even saying your name or where you were born to an ICE officer can end up being used against you. So I recommend staying completely silent.

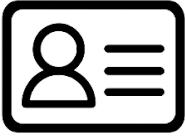
THIRD

you have the right to an attorney. If you are arrested, please call your lawyer and let them fight for you.

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GATHER YOUR DOCUMENTS

To best prepare for immigration enforcement, I strongly recommend that you gather each of the following documents.



Identity Documents including your birth certificate and passport and any other official document you have.



Identity documents of any spouse or children you have.



Proof of your years of physical presence in the US (at least have two years of proof, but ten years is better).



Proof of any medical condition you, your spouse or your kids have.



Letters of good moral character from those who know you.

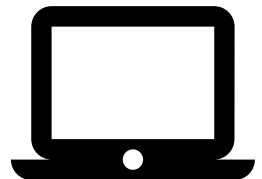


Proof of a pending legal immigration case (if relevant)



Proof of eligibility for a legal option (if relevant).

Obtain your complete immigration and criminal records – through FOIAs.



DEVELOP A PLAN

Ask yourself “If I were detained by Immigration, what would I do? Who do I want to pay my bond? Who do I want to be my lawyer? Who do I want to take care of my kids? What do I want to do? How long would I be willing to fight my case while detained?”



Next ask yourself: “If I lost my immigration case, and if I actually got deported, what would I do? Where would I go? Who could I reach out to? What would I want to do with the rest of my life?”

Finally ask yourself: “If this doesn’t happen, what do I want to do with my life here now? How can I maximize my potential to improve my immigration status? How can I maximize my health, my wealth, my love, and my happiness?” So many people end up living among fear and negativity without realizing that there are options or strategies to help them maximize their chances of success looking forward.

CONSULTATIONS:

I recommend that everyone at least go through the process of contacting a law firm and having an evaluation or a consultation about your situation, just so you are aware of your legal situation.

FOIAs:

One service that I often recommend is requesting all of your immigration record. This is especially important for people who have been caught at the border, who have submitted a previous immigration application, or for people who have ever been in immigration court.

THE BINDER PROJECT:

One of the services that my firm offers (many other firms do not offer this!) is a preparation binder to help think through all of these issues and to be your attorney of record just in case of an immigration related emergency.

COACHING PROGRAMS:

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MY IMMIGRATION PLAN

Name: _____

Date: _____

My Current Immigration Status (e.g. Undocumented or TPS):

Options that I might have with
immigration: _____

If I am Detained by ICE:

- Who I want to pay my bond (must have lawful documentation):

Who I want to take care of my family, my business, my things.

- Who I want to be my Attorney. Do I want him or her to already be retained to prepare?

What if I am Deported:

- Where would I go?

What family members could I reach out to?

What would I do? For income? For housing?

What if Nothing Happens?

- What can I do today to be even more happy / content with my life?

- What steps can I take to feel healthier, be friendlier and to be a better version of myself?



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