

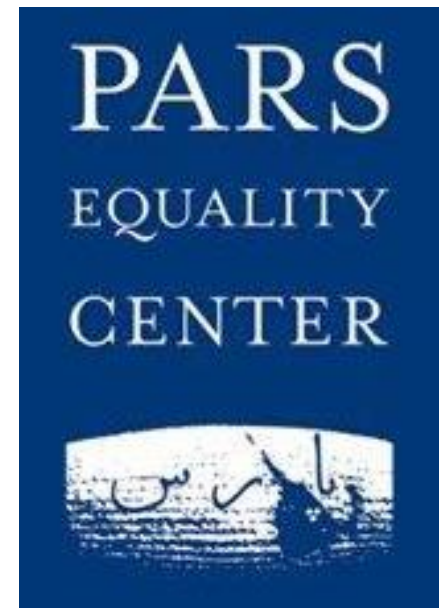
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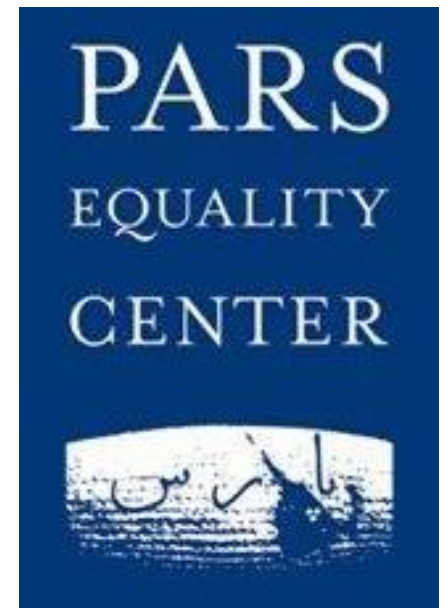
# New Immigration Restrictions

- USCIS issued a policy memo on December 2, 2025, announcing temporary holds and reviews of certain immigration applications due to national security and public safety concerns.



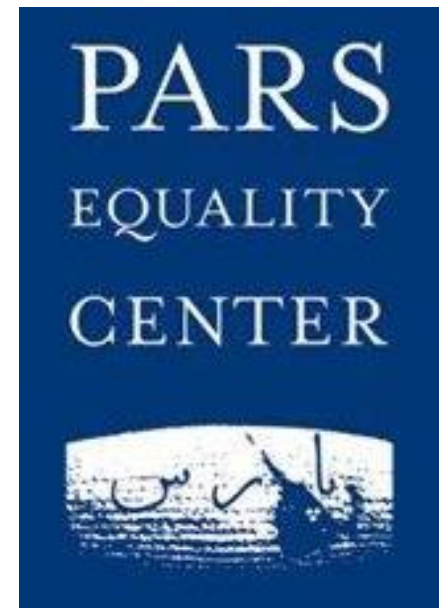
# USCIS Policy Update 1: Hold on Asylum Applications (Form I-589)

- USCIS has placed a hold on all Form I-589 applications for asylum and withholding of removal, regardless of country of nationality, pending a comprehensive review.



# UCSIC Policy Update 2: Hold on Pending Applications From Certain Countries

- USCIS has placed a hold on pending benefit requests filed by individuals from countries listed in Presidential Proclamations 10949 and 10998 (travel ban countries), regardless of when they entered the United States.



# USCIS Policy Update 3: Re-Review of Approved Benefits

- USCIS will re-review immigration benefits approved after January 20, 2021 for individuals from travel ban countries.

