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# OIA Election Debrief for International Students

November 12, 2020

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- Welcome!
- Slides will be available & sent out via our newsletter
- Zoom notes:
  - Please mute yourself until Q&A
  - Feel free to use the chat for questions as well
- How is everyone doing post-election? Answer in poll.

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- Agenda:
  - Overview of election results
  - President-Elect Biden's stance on immigration
  - Current immigration considerations & resources
  - Q&A, break-out room discussion with OIA staff
  - Wrap up & additional election events

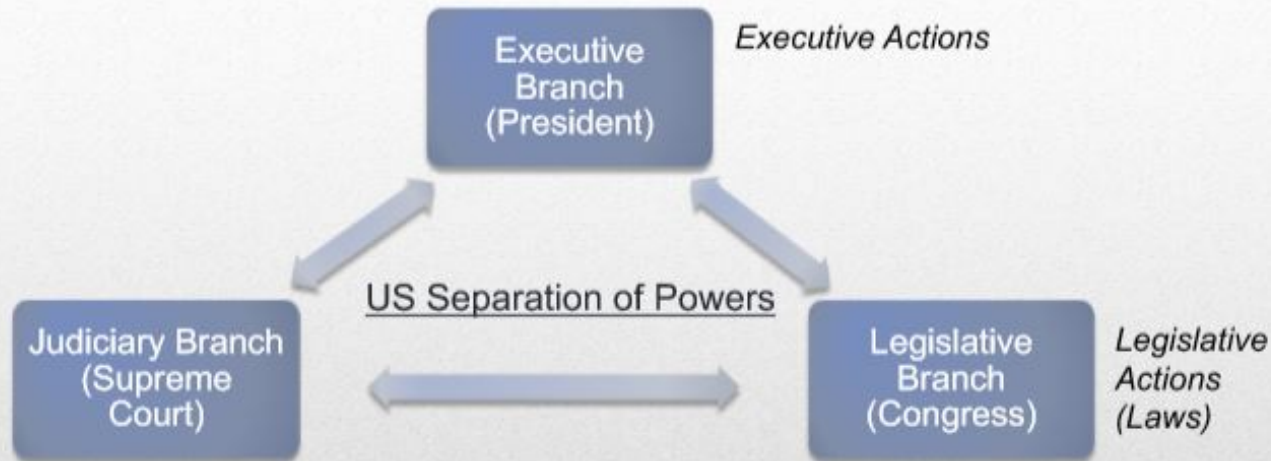
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- Election Results
  - Joseph R. Biden Jr. projected to be 46<sup>th</sup> President of the U.S.; Kamala Harris as Vice President
  - President Trump is waging legal battles and will likely pursue recounts in numerous battleground states.
    - ✓ Experts do not anticipate that these challenges will result in President Trump winning the election.
  - U.S. Senate majority not yet decided:
    - ✓ 2 Georgia runoff elections in January 2021

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## Implementation of US Immigration Policy



- Regardless of which candidate wins, major immigration policies must go through our legislative branch (i.e., Congress)
- After a law is passed, agencies must publish regulations to implement the changes
- This takes a long time

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- President-Elect Biden's Plans for Immigration – as outlined on <https://joebiden.com/immigration/>:
  - Take urgent action to undo Trump's damage and reclaim America's values
  - Modernize America's immigration system
  - Welcome immigrants in our communities
  - Reassert America's commitment to asylum-seekers and refugees
  - Tackle the root causes of irregular migration
  - Implement effective border screening

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- Current Immigration Considerations
  - COVID-19 Travel/Entry Restrictions:
    - ✓ Orders remain in effect since their implementation and to the best of our knowledge have not been revisited.
      - Proclamations for China, Iran, and Brazil remain in effect
      - Proclamations for European Schengen Area and Ireland/UK offer National Interest Exemption (NIE) Waiver for students/scholars
  - D/S rule has not yet been officially released, no changes
  - At least one in-person/blended course required for students entering U.S. for first time in Winter quarter

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- **Resources**

- [Health & Wellness](#)

- ✓ International Student Support Group
  - Email [yliu@uchicago.edu](mailto:yliu@uchicago.edu) to inquire/sign up

- ✓ [Student Counseling](#)

- ✓ [COVID Testing for International Travel](#)

- [UChicago Go Forward](#)

- [COVID-19 Planning for International Students](#)

- [OIA Virtual Office](#)

- [Regularly Updated Information about Travel Restrictions](#)



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## Q & A

Please feel free to unmute yourself and turn your camera on to ask a question, or type a question in the chat.

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## Break-out Rooms

All participants will be sent into break-out rooms for approximately 10 minutes with an OIA staff member for a chance to ask questions and participate in an informal discussion.

We will return back as a full group to wrap up.

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- **Additional Election-Related Programming: Today, Nov 12**
  - The Pastora Cafferty Lecture on Race and Ethnicity in American Life, Featuring Ta-Nehisi Coates
    - ✓ 6-7pm
  - Harris Policy Forum: Election 2020: Where Do We Go From Here?
    - ✓ Featured speakers: Dean Katherine Baicker, David Axelrod, William Howell
    - ✓ 6:30-7:30pm
  - One Spirit: A Discussion Group on Spiritual Community Amidst the 2020 Election: Contemplation for Self-Care
    - ✓ 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Full list with additional events & registration links found here:  
<https://csl.uchicago.edu/node/133533>