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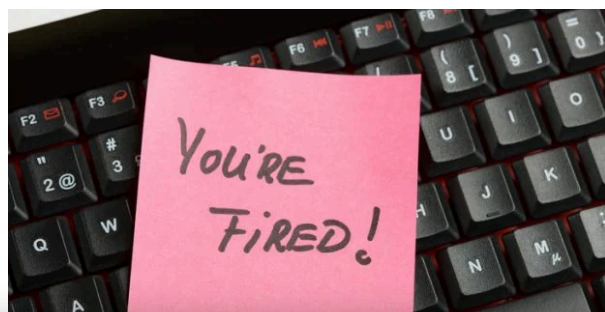
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## The Trump Administration Has Fired Over 100 Immigration Judges Without Explanation

Probably has something to do with them doing their jobs.

By Chris Williams on April 15, 2026 4:44 pm

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also [chiseling away at the due process enshrined in the 14th](#). Remember: [everyone the United States wants to deport can't be afforded a trial according to him](#). And if you dare to, you know, uphold the Constitution by making sure that people facing deportation are afforded due process, your job could be on the line. [Daily Free Press](#) has coverage:

*The Department of Justice fired six immigration judges Friday, including the Boston judge who blocked the deportation of Tufts University student Rümeyssa Öztürk earlier this year.*

*Roopal Patel, a Biden-appointed judge in the Boston Immigration Court, is the 113th immigration judge laid off by the Trump administration since his second term, according to reporting from the New York Times. Unlike federal judges who have lifetime appointments, immigration judges are appointed by the Attorney General and can be fired. Along with Patel, the Trump administration fired Judge Nina Froes, who blocked the deportation of Mohsen Mahdawi, an international student at Columbia University who was detained after participating in pro-Palestinian protests.*

The unceremoniously fired judges weren't even given the kindness of a vague "transitioning to a much needed and important new job in the private sector" post on Truth Social a la Pam Bondi.

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[DOJ fires judge who halted deportation of Tufts graduate student Rümeyssa Öztürk](#) [Daily Free Press]

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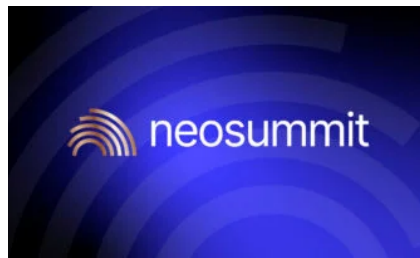


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