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On March 14th, 2025, President Trump invoked the 1798 Alien Enemies Act. This act is a federal law that authorizes the President to detain and remove noncitizens (aged 14+) from countries the United States is at war with, or under threat from invasion.

This means people from those countries could be deported without going through the usual legal process used in immigration cases in the United States.

The Alien Enemies Act has been used three times in the United States' history: during the War of 1812, World War I, and World War II.

The law is still in place today and can be used during times of war or similar situations.

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