

CONSTITUTIONAL EROSION ANALYSIS SYSTEM



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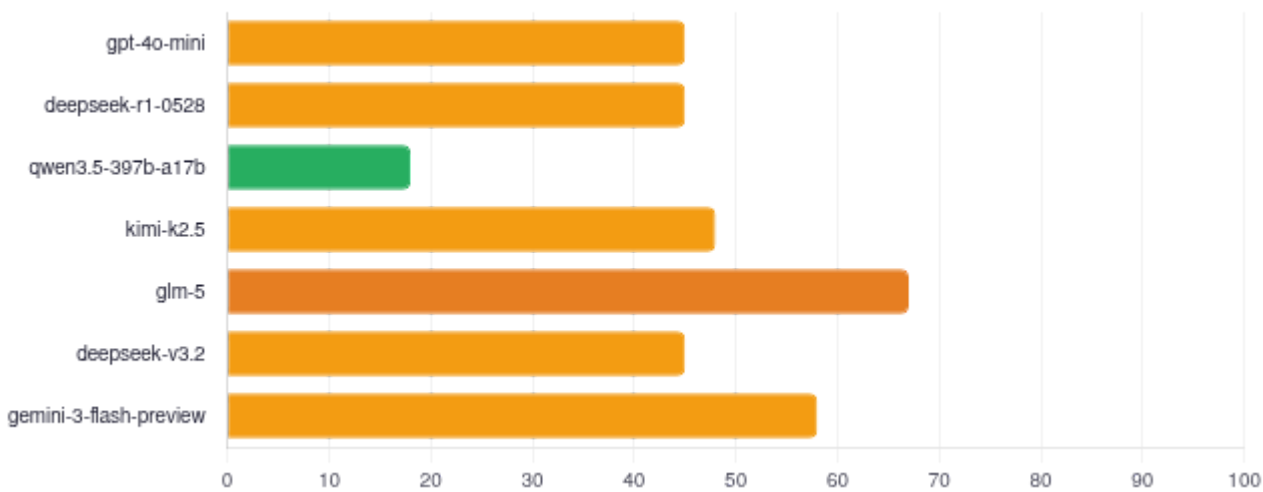
EO 14346 — Multi-Model Comparison Report

AVG THREAT LEVEL: MODERATE [47/100]

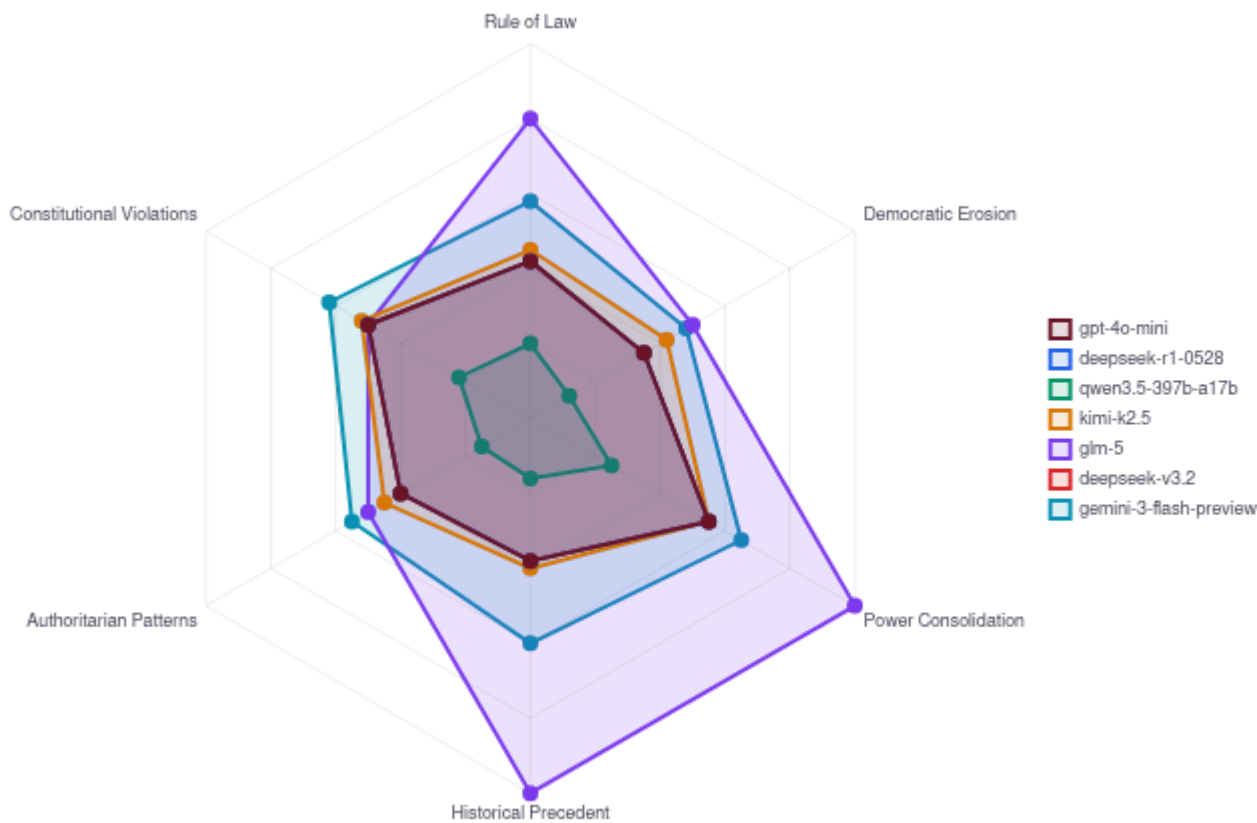
Models Compared: gpt-4o-mini • deepseek-r1-0528 • qwen3.5-397b-a17b • kimi-k2.5 • glm-5
• deepseek-v3.2 • gemini-3-flash-preview

Models Analyzed	Score Range	Model Agreement	Generated
7	18 – 67	86%	February 23, 2026

Overall Score Comparison



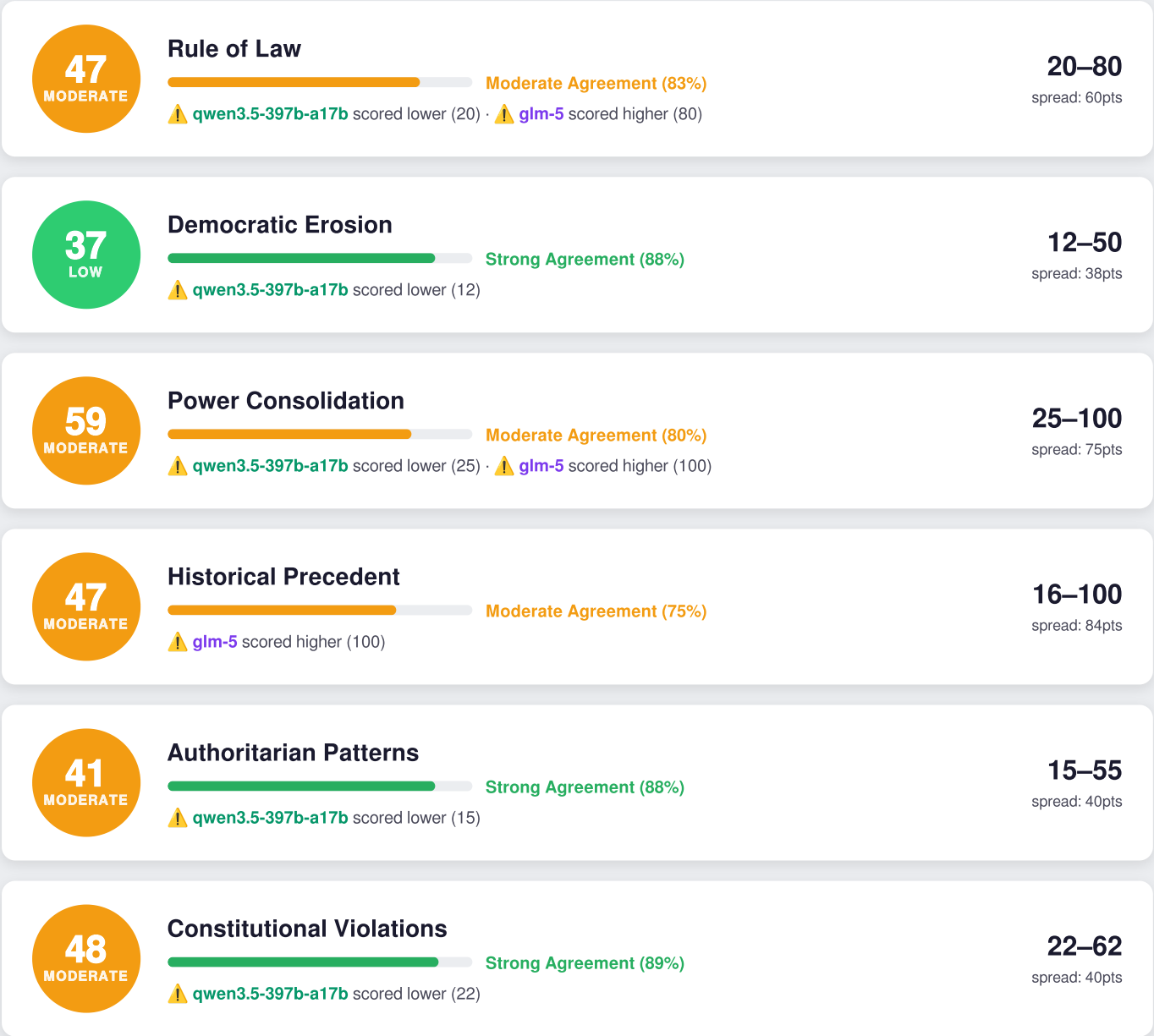
Framework Score Comparison (Radar)



Models Compared	Average Score	Score Range	Model Agreement	Highest Score	Lowest Score
7	47	18–67	86%	67 glm-5	18 qwen3.5-397b-a17b

Consensus Scorecard

Average scores across 7 models per framework, with agreement levels and outlier detection.



Model Comparison Matrix

Score heatmap across all 7 models and 6 analysis frameworks. Color intensity indicates threat level.

Framework	gpt-4o-mini	o1-0528 deepseek-r1	a17b qwen3.5-397b	kimi-k2.5	glm-5	deepseek-v3.2	flash-preview gemini-3	AVG
Rule of Law	42 MODERATE	42 MODERATE	20 MINIMAL	45 MODERATE	80 HIGH	42 MODERATE	58 MODERATE	47 AVG
Democratic Erosion	35 LOW	35 LOW	12 MINIMAL	42 MODERATE	50 MODERATE	35 LOW	48 MODERATE	37 AVG
Power Consolidation	55 MODERATE	55 MODERATE	25 LOW	55 MODERATE	100 CRITICAL	55 MODERATE	65 HIGH	59 AVG
Historical Precedent	38 LOW	38 LOW	16 MINIMAL	40 LOW	100 CRITICAL	38 LOW	60 MODERATE	47 AVG
Authoritarian Patterns	40 LOW	40 LOW	15 MINIMAL	45 MODERATE	50 MODERATE	40 LOW	55 MODERATE	41 AVG
Constitutional Violations	50 MODERATE	50 MODERATE	22 LOW	52 MODERATE	50 MODERATE	50 MODERATE	62 HIGH	48 AVG
OVERALL THREAT	45 MODERATE	45 MODERATE	18 MINIMAL	48 MODERATE	67 HIGH	45 MODERATE	58 MODERATE	47 AVG

Threat Level:

Minimal

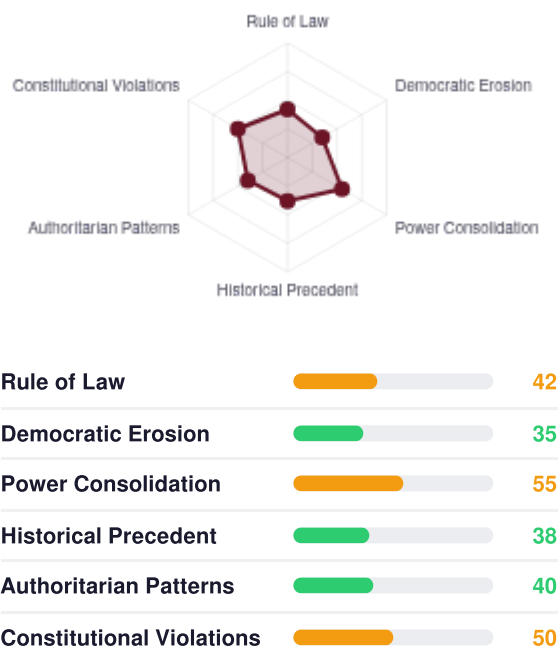
Low

Moderate

High

Critical

Framework Scores



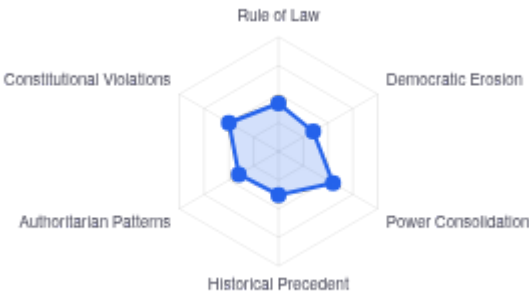
Executive Summary

[Section 1] The executive order represents a moderate threat to democratic governance by exhibiting authoritarian patterns, potential constitutional violations, and a concerning consolidation of power within the executive branch. While it addresses trade deficits, the methods employed raise significant issues regarding the erosion of democratic norms and the rule of law. Historical precedents indicate that such patterns could lead to a long-term shift in power dynamics. [Section 2] The document presents notable patterns of authoritarian governance, particularly in its approach to tariff exemptions which may limit economic diversity and undermine judicial oversight. The consolidation of power within the executive branch, coupled with a lack of transparency and public engagement, raises significant concerns about democratic erosion and constitutional integrity. [Section 3] The document reflects notable authoritarian patterns through increased executive control and reduced transparency. Constitutional violations are apparent in the circumvention of legislative authority, contributing to a moderate threat to democratic norms. The consolidation of power and degradation of the rule of law further compound these issues, highlighting the potential for significant democratic erosion. [Section 4] The government document demonstrates notable authoritarian patterns and potential constitutional violations, particularly in its approach to energy regulation. While it does not constitute an outright attack on democratic norms, it indicates a trend towards greater executive control and reduced public participation, which could lead to future democratic erosion if left unchecked. [Section 5] The document reflects a moderate threat to democratic norms through increased control over imports, potential for arbitrary enforcement, and a lack of public oversight. While not overtly authoritarian, it has elements that could undermine constitutional protections and democratic participation.

Top Key Findings

- ✓ **[Rule of Law]** The executive order raises concerns about adherence to established legal frameworks governing trade and tariffs.
- ✓ **[Rule of Law]** The potential for arbitrary decision-making in tariff adjustments undermines the predictability essential to the rule of law

Framework Scores



Rule of Law		42
Democratic Erosion		35
Power Consolidation		55
Historical Precedent		38
Authoritarian Patterns		40
Constitutional Violations		50

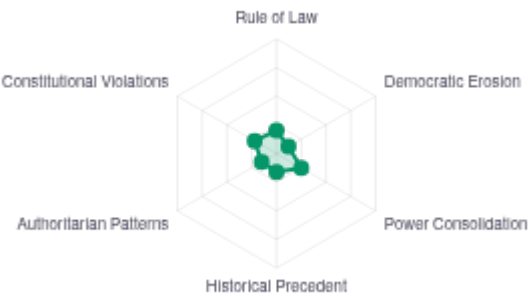
Executive Summary

The order demonstrates moderate constitutional and power consolidation risks through its expansive emergency powers claims and delegation mechanisms, though procedural safeguards prevent critical threats. While continuing problematic precedents of unilateral trade actions, it establishes conditional frameworks for relief rather than indefinite restrictions. The most significant erosion occurs in trade policy democratization, bypassing congressional authority while maintaining rule-of-law formalities.

Top Key Findings

- ✓ **[Rule of Law]** Subjective standards for tariff adjustments
- ✓ **[Rule of Law]** Procedural safeguards maintained for modifications
- ✓ **[Democratic Erosion]** Circumvention of Senate treaty ratification via executive agreements

Framework Scores

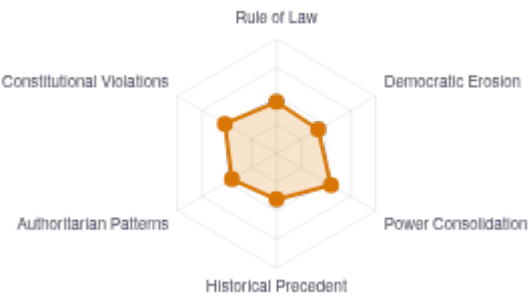


Rule of Law		20
Democratic Erosion		12
Power Consolidation		25
Historical Precedent		16
Authoritarian Patterns		15
Constitutional Violations		22

Executive Summary

[Section 1] This Executive Order represents routine trade policy action using established legal authorities. While the use of national emergency declarations for trade deficits is debatable from a policy perspective, it operates within existing statutory frameworks (IEEPA, Section 232, Trade Act of 1974). The document follows standard administrative procedures, includes proper delegation chains, and does not restrict civil liberties or undermine democratic institutions. The primary concern is the normalization of emergency powers for economic policy, which scholars have debated but which remains within legal bounds. This is fundamentally a tariff modification order, not an authoritarian power grab. [Section 2] This document is a routine tariff classification annex accompanying an executive order on trade policy. It contains product codes and descriptions for customs purposes, listing thousands of commodity classifications from chemicals to wood products to metals. The document operates within established legal frameworks (HTSUS), delegates authority to standard agencies (Commerce, USTR, CBP), and contains no language restricting rights, consolidating power, or undermining democratic institutions. This is standard administrative procedure for implementing trade policy, comparable to documents issued by previous administrations of both parties. [Section 3] This document is a routine Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) classification list published in the Federal Register. It contains technical product codes and descriptions for customs/import purposes covering chemicals, pharmaceuticals, materials, and machinery parts. There are no policy directives, enforcement mechanisms, rights restrictions, or governmental power assertions contained in this document. It represents standard administrative paperwork for trade classification that has been published in this format for decades. All threat scores reflect the benign nature of this technical documentation. [Section 4] The provided document chunk is a technical appendix listing Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) codes and descriptions, primarily focused on aircraft components, electrical systems, and instruments. It exhibits standard administrative formatting consistent with routine Federal Register publications. There is no normative language, policy directive, or legal mechanism present in this text that suggests authoritarian governance, constitutional violation, or democratic erosion. The document represents routine regulatory maintenance

Framework Scores



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Power Consolidation		55
Historical Precedent		40
Authoritarian Patterns		45
Constitutional Violations		52

Executive Summary

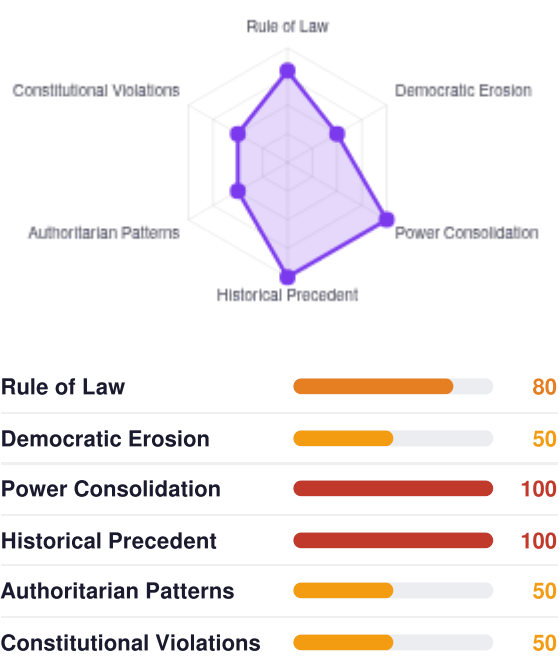
[Section 1] This document shows moderate constitutional concerns with an overall threat score of 48/100. Key concerns include: The transformation of chronic trade deficits—a persistent feature of the modern global economy—into an 'unusual and extraordinary threat' requiring emergency presidential powers, thereby permanently expanding executive authority over economic policy.; The use of IEEPA (International Emergency Economic Powers Act)—designed for foreign asset freezes and sanctions during acute international crises—to impose broad tariff regimes based on trade deficits, which are structural economic features rather than emergencies..

[Section 2] This document shows moderate constitutional concerns with an overall threat score of 38/100. Key concerns include: The 'Potential Tariff Adjustments for Aligned Partners' framework establishes a mechanism for politically-motivated economic favoritism, conditioning market access on alignment with executive foreign policy objectives rather than legislative trade standards; The document implements what appears to be a comprehensive tariff regime through executive order rather than congressional legislation, potentially violating the constitutional allocation of trade authority to the legislative branch.

[Section 3] This document fragment (chunk 3/5) contains exclusively technical content: Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTSUS) classifications for chemical compounds, pharmaceutical ingredients, aircraft parts, and industrial materials. As a standalone fragment or as part of a larger trade regulation document, it represents routine administrative activity within standard executive authority. There is no evidence of authoritarian patterns, constitutional violations, or democratic erosion. The document appears to be a tariff schedule annex specifying scope limitations (e.g., 'Pharma', 'Aircraft') for various HTSUS subheadings. Without additional context suggesting emergency declarations, bypassing of congressional authority, or targeted political sanctions, this content poses minimal threat to constitutional governance.

[Section 4] This document excerpt represents a routine technical tariff schedule classification published in the Federal Register. It lists HTSUS codes, commodity descriptions, and scope limitations for aircraft parts and electrical components. There is no evidence of authoritarian governance, constitutional violations, or democratic erosion within this text. The document appears to be a standard administrative implementation of trade policy, likely related to customs duties or tariff exemptions

Framework Scores



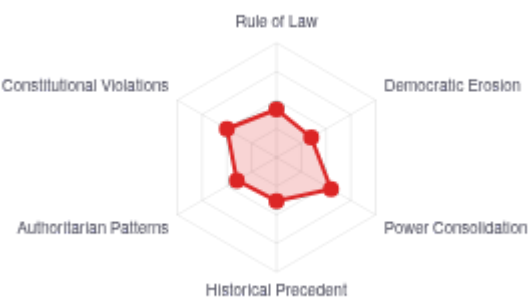
Executive Summary

[Section 1] s of foreign governments' 'alignment' with U.S. positions", "Section 6's broad delegation authorizes executive officials to 'employ all powers granted to the President' including emergency powers, creating a feedback loop that expands executive authority with each use", "The monitoring provisions in Section 5 require officials to 'recommend to me additional action'— institutionalizing continuous expansion of emergency measures"], "most_concerning": "The creation of a subjective reward-and-punishment system for trading partners based on 'alignment' with U.S. positions concentrates enormous foreign policy leverage in presidential hands without congressional check", "evidence": ["the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the United States Trade Representative are directed and authorized to take all necessary actions to implement and effectuate this order...and to employ all powers granted to the President, including those granted by IEEPA and section 232", "The Secretary of Commerce and the United States Trade Representative...shall continue to recommend to me additional action that, in their opinion, will more effectively deal with the emergency", "My willingness to reduce the reciprocal tariff...will depend on numerous factors, including the scope and economic value of a trading partner's commitments to the United States in its agreement on reciprocal trade, the national interests of the United States"] }, "rule_of_law": { "key_findings": ["The order's criteria for tariff relief are deliberately vague and subjective ('alignment sufficiently with the United States,' 'national interests,' 'necessary and appropriate'), preventing predictable application and enabling arbitrary enforcement", "The repeated invocation of presidential 'judgment' as the basis for decisions undermines the principle that law should provide clear standards applicable to all similarly situated parties", "The order provides no mechanism for judicial review or congressional oversight of tariff decisions, creating an accountability vacuum", "

Top Key Findings

- No findings data available.

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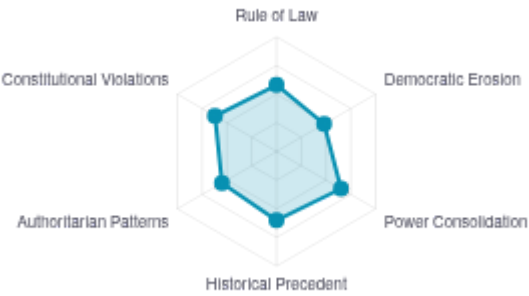
Executive Summary

This executive order represents a significant expansion of executive authority in trade policy under the guise of national emergency powers, scoring in the MODERATE THREAT range (45). While not an immediate constitutional crisis, it establishes dangerous patterns: (1) using national security justifications for routine economic policy, (2) creating a discretionary system of trade benefits based on political alignment rather than objective criteria, and (3) centralizing detailed tariff-setting authority in the executive branch. The order continues concerning precedents from previous administrations while adding new layers of executive discretion. Most alarming is the explicit linkage between tariff relief and security alignment, which could undermine rule-based international trade systems and create a patronage-style approach to foreign relations.

Top Key Findings

- ✓ **[Rule of Law]** Rule by executive order rather than legislation for detailed tariff schedules
- ✓ **[Rule of Law]** Lack of clear standards for what constitutes 'aligned partner' status
- ✓ **[Democratic Erosion]** Erosion of institutional constraints through emergency powers

Framework Scores



Rule of Law		58
Democratic Erosion		48
Power Consolidation		65
Historical Precedent		60
Authoritarian Patterns		55
Constitutional Violations		62

Executive Summary

No summary available for this analysis.

Top Key Findings

No findings data available.

Consensus Analysis

Where models agree and disagree across the 7 analyses.

✓ Areas of Agreement (<10pt spread)

No frameworks had close agreement (<10pt spread).

⚠ Areas of Disagreement (≥10pt spread)

⚠ Historical Precedent	Range: 16–100 — Spread: 84pts High variance between models
⚠ Power Consolidation	Range: 25–100 — Spread: 75pts High variance between models
⚠ Rule of Law	Range: 20–80 — Spread: 60pts High variance between models
⚠ Authoritarian Patterns	Range: 15–55 — Spread: 40pts High variance between models
⚠ Constitutional Violations	Range: 22–62 — Spread: 40pts High variance between models
⚠ Democratic Erosion	Range: 12–50 — Spread: 38pts High variance between models

📋 Consolidated Recommendations

Merged and deduplicated across all 7 models — prioritized by how many models suggested each.

- Congress should clarify limits of IEEPA for economic policy matters**
Suggested by 1 model: **deepseek-v3.2**
- Congress should clarify the scope of emergency powers for trade matters**
Suggested by 1 model: **qwen3.5-397b-a17b**
- Congressional review mechanism for national emergency declarations involving economic policy**
Suggested by 1 model: **deepseek-r1-0528**
- Encourage greater legislative involvement in trade negotiations to ensure accountability.**
Suggested by 1 model: **gpt-4o-mini**
- Establish clear legislative criteria for 'national security' trade actions**
Suggested by 1 model: **deepseek-v3.2**
- Implement stricter oversight mechanisms for executive orders that declare national emergencies.**
Suggested by 1 model: **gpt-4o-mini**
- Judicial review mechanisms should be available for emergency-based tariff actions**
Suggested by 1 model: **qwen3.5-397b-a17b**