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Here's what you need to know about the biggest update to UCMJ in decades [Meghann Myers, *Military Times*, 15 January 2019]

- In 2016, Congress passed a new [Military Justice Act](#), calling for a review and reorganization of the [Uniform Code of Military Justice](#), the set of [rules and regulations](#) that dictate criminal offenses for service members and how they are adjudicated.
- Among the changes are new definitions for adultery and [intimate partner violence](#), and a specific law against sexual relationships between instructors and trainees.
- The revamped system went live on Jan. 1, the first update to the [UCMJ](#) since 1984, and, according to officials, the biggest set of changes since the code was enacted after World War II.

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Judge bars citizenship question from 2020 census [Larry Neumeister, *The Associated Press*, 15 January 2019]

- A federal judge blocked the Trump administration Tuesday from asking about citizenship status on the 2020 census, the first major ruling in cases contending officials ramrodded the question through for Republican political purposes to intentionally undercount immigrants.
- In a 277-page decision that won't be the final word on the issue, Judge Jesse M. Furman ruled that while such a question would be constitutional, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross acted in an "arbitrary and capricious" manner and violated the law.
- The ruling came in cases in which 18 states, the District of Columbia, 15 big cities or counties, and immigrants' rights groups argued that the Commerce Department, which designs the census, failed to properly analyze the effect that the question would have on households with immigrants.

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Pentagon developing plan to scrutinize recruits with green cards and other foreign ties, memos show [Dan Lamothe, *The Washington Post*, 16 January 2019]

- The Pentagon, citing terrorism and espionage fears, is developing a plan to scrutinize prospective recruits with foreign ties, including some U.S. citizens, after a related effort targeting thousands of green-card holders was blocked by a federal judge last year.
- The new policy, still in development, will be distributed to the military services by no later than Feb. 15, according to two Defense Department officials and several department memos obtained by The Washington Post. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the issue's sensitivity.
- The new vetting is likely to screen thousands of recruits per year who have what the Pentagon considers "foreign nexus" risks, including some Americans who marry a foreign spouse or who have family members with dual citizenship, the memos said. Anyone identified for the screening would not be allowed to attend recruit training until they are cleared, a process that could take days for some but drag on much longer for others.

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