

Supreme Court Strikes Down President Trump's Tariffs; Brennan Center Reacts

Court held in *Learning Resources v. Trump* that the president exceeded his authority under the International Economic Emergency Powers Act.

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The Supreme Court today [ruled](#) [\[link-1\]](#) in *Learning Resources v. Trump* that the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) does not authorize President Trump's unilateral imposition of worldwide tariffs. In a 6–3 decision, the Court concluded that IEEPA does not provide congressional authorization for the president to exercise such extraordinary power.

[Elizabeth Goitein](#) [\[link-2\]](#), Senior Director of the Liberty and National Security Program, had the following reaction:

"This ruling is a victory for the rule of law. Emergency powers like IEEPA give presidents vast powers that are

highly vulnerable to abuse. The courts play a vital role in ensuring that presidents don't stretch these powers beyond what Congress intended. The Supreme Court played that role today."

Resources

- "[What's at Stake in the Supreme Court Tariffs Case](#)," [\[link-3\]](#) by Elizabeth Goitein, November 1, 2025
- Friend-of-the-Court Brief: "[IEEPA Authorization of Tariffs Litigation](#)," [\[link-4\]](#) October 24, 2025
- "[How the President Is Misusing Emergency Powers to Impose Worldwide Tariffs](#)," [\[link-5\]](#)," by Elizabeth Goitein, April 9, 2025

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link-2: Elizabeth Goitein <https://www.brennancenter.org/about/leadership/elizabeth-goitein>

link-3: "What's at Stake in the Supreme Court Tariffs Case," <https://shared.outlook.inky.com/link?domain=www.brennancenter.org&t=h.eJxVjsFuwyAQRH8I4toAwU5snFN->

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