

## This Muslim Supports Trump's Travel Restrictions

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The mainstream media and many others have been crucifying President Trump since he signed the first of two Executive Orders temporarily halting citizens from seven predominantly Muslim states from entering the USA. As a result, he has been called everything from "racist" to "Islamophobic".

As a Jordanian, Palestinian and a Muslim, the President's actions do not offend me, nor am I convinced that the Executive Orders were designed to target Muslims for the following reasons:

First, the Executive Order identified seven specific Muslim countries out of 56. Those 56 countries contain about 7/10<sup>ths</sup> of the Muslim world's population. Combined, the seven specific countries contain about 1/9<sup>th</sup> of the Islamic world's population. In fact, if the President really wanted to "Ban Muslims", he would have included the 415 Million people from Indonesia or Pakistan. As a result, the Executive Orders are not even close to a "Muslim ban" as some claim.

Second, the President did not pick these seven countries randomly. The US Congress and President Obama identified them as problem areas because they have several major 'concerns' in common:

- They are failed states, and their governments are in a shambles. As a result, they do not have the latest internationally unified and recognized systems for processing nationalities, passports, and state-issued documents. In other words, those countries citizens can (and do) issue as many passports they like, complete with fake or multiple names. That means a terrorist can simply make up a name, pay a fee, obtain a passport and visa, and head to the US. In fact, it was reported that ISIS captured a Passport Printing Press and that they were printing up fake passports and then exporting their soldiers to various countries around the world (<http://abcnews.go.com/International/us-intel-isis-passport-printing-machine-blank-passports/story?id=35700681>).
- These same countries have extremely poor International Aviation Authorities, and thus they have problems making their own airports safe for travelers.
- These same airports do not have the latest and greatest 'screening equipment' making it safe for terrorist, and unsafe for the general public to board planes.

What's really ironic here is this: the only states listed in the President's Executive Orders that's has a functioning government – is Iran - the West's growing enemy and the world's largest supporter of terrorism.

In my opinion, the evidence clearly shows that Iran is a terrorist state that supports other terrorist, and for the life of me, I can't figure out how any sane American would protest a temporary travel restriction on people who regularly march in the streets chanting death to America, Israel and Jews.

Third, because of the problems outlined above, there are numerous examples of terrorists using nefarious means to reach America's shores – and quite often, they do it in one of two ways - by simply walking across America's unprotected borders or being smuggled in, quite often by the same people who traffic human beings. Take the case of terrorist Anwar al-Awlaki. Al-Awlaki is a dual national of both, US and Yemen. It's documented that he was issued a Yemeni passport using a different name, thus helping him establish a whole new, secret identity. He then used that identity to enter the US on a

Fulbright scholarship for foreign students. After obtaining a college degree at taxpayers' money as a "foreign student", he went back to Yemen and became a senior Al-Qaida commander where he actively supported, promoted and financed terrorist acts against America until he was killed by a US drone strike in September 2011. The most important thing here is this: Awlaki was issued his dual identity from Yemen when it was a much more secure state than it was today. Imagine what anyone from there could do now that the country is in disarray.

On the President's behalf, those who know about the creation of public policy, know that he is briefed on these facts daily, and in reality, his Executive Orders are a sign that he is listening to his advisors and is absorbing intelligence information accurately and quickly. And now that the Supreme Court has allowed implementation of the Orders (upon review later in the year), two of America's three branches are in synch on what to do immigration wise.

Fourth, from this Jordanian's eyes, it's quite clear that the president did what his patriotic morale and position require him to do: protect Americans from harm. In fact, I wished that the same level of patriotism and care for his people was/is shown by the Hashemite Monarch who runs Jordan with an Iron Fist – King Abdullah II.

Fifth, the king's patriotism is clearly in question: he supports terrorism because he does business with terrorist groups, specifically the Muslim Brotherhood (MB). The MB is the Middle East's largest trainer of terrorist groups and their leaders (al-Qaida, Hamas, Hezbollah, Bin Laden, Al Bagdaddy and -----)

With those facts in place, for those still accusing the President of banning certain religious or ethnic groups, let's roll up our sleeves and examples of Muslim states who ban people based on religious or ethnic beliefs.

Muslim countries that ban people based on religious or ethnic grounds are:

- Palestinians (especially in Gaza) and their Jordanian brethren. Combined, both fail to recognize documentation, and ban their entry into their countries for frivolous reasons
- Most Arab/Islamic countries ban Israelis (Jews) from entering their countries, while allowing Israeli Arabs to come and go. Jordan is a great example of were the government recently banned the entry of Israeli Jews, but its not to be outdone by Pakistan where it states across the top of their visa documents that Israeli's and Jews are not allowed.

That is the real face of racism and religious discrimination. And in all honesty, comparing the President's Executive Orders to what those Arab countries do is not only hard for me to swallow, but an insult to others who live under repressive dictators.

President Trump did the right thing. Not only is he protecting the American way of life, but he also appears to be the first politician in generations to keep his campaign promises.

This is what I, as a Muslim, call a great President who's is making America great again.