



# **American Bridge**

## **Trump Policy Brief: Muslim Country Travel Ban**

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## MUSLIM COUNTRY TRAVEL BAN

Donald Trump signed an executive order on January 27<sup>th</sup> characterized by many as a targeted Muslim travel ban. The order has barred nationals from Muslim majority states (Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen) from entering the United States for at least the next 90 days. Trump also suspended the admission of all refugees for a minimum of four months and indefinitely suspended the acceptance of Syrian refugees. Trump's order discriminated against Muslims further by directing the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program to prioritize Christian and minority religions from a refugee's country of origin in the future.

- ✓ Trump's executive order immediately impacted over 200 million people, including 60,000 – 100,000 visa holders, and 20,000 refugees.
- ✓ Trump's travel ban has sent children, grandparents, and families back to war-torn Syria, Yemen, and Iraq, including those who provided the U.S. government and military assistance.
- ✓ Trump's executive order has overseen the detainment of children as young as 5 and grandparents (with heart problems) as old as 77.
- ✓ Trump's travel ban has turned away university students who now face forced conscription in military conflict against U.S. interests.
- ✓ No refugee or foreign national from the countries implicated in Trump's immigration order has carried out a fatal terrorist attack in the U.S.
- ✓ Security experts including General David Petraeus and Henry Kissinger have condemned restricting our acceptance of refugees and intelligence analysts, diplomats, and Republicans have labeled Trump's exclusionary immigration policy as a powerful terrorist recruitment tool.
- ✓ Sixteen state Attorneys General declared Trump's order "unconstitutional, un-American and unlawful" and the ACLU proclaimed the policy was premised on religious discrimination.
- ✓ Trump signed his executive order on Holocaust Remembrance Day and drew condemnation from the Anne Frank Center for enacting policy like those that kept Frank from safely immigrating to the U.S.
- ✓ Trump's order drew swift criticism from major U.S. allies including Canada, the U.K., Germany, France, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, and Norway and has strained relations with the Arab League.

### **Donald Trump Signed An Executive Order Instating Sweeping Travel And Immigration Restrictions On Seven Muslim-Majority Countries**

#### **TRUMP'S ORDER TEMPORARILY BARRED NATIONALS FROM SEVEN MUSLIM-MAJORITY STATES AND SUSPENDED THE U.S. REFUGEE ADMISSIONS PROGRAM**

**Donald Trump Signed An Executive Order Banning The Nationals Of Seven Muslim-Majority Countries From Entering The United States For At Least The Next 90 Days, Banning Syrian**

**Refugees Indefinitely, And Halting The Admission Of All Refugees For Four Months.** According to CNN, “President Donald Trump on Friday banned nationals of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States for at least the next 90 days by executive order. The order bars all people hailing from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen. Those countries were named in a 2016 law concerning immigration visas as ‘countries of concern.’ The executive order also bans entry of those fleeing from war-torn Syria indefinitely. Trump also has stopped the admission of all refugees to the United States for four months. The order also calls for a review into suspending the Visa Interview Waiver Program, which allows travelers from 38 countries -- including close allies -- to renew travel authorizations without an in-person interview.” [CNN, [1/28/17](#)]

## **TRUMP’S ORDER CALLED FOR BANNING THE NATIONALS OF 6 MUSLIM STATES FOR 90 DAYS, HALTING REFUGEE ADMISSIONS FOR 4 MONTHS, BARRING SYRIAN REFUGEES INDEFINITELY, AND LATER PRIORITIZING NON-MUSLIM REFUGEES**

### **Trump’s Executive Order Banned The Nationals Of Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan And Yemen For 90 Days**

**The Executive Order Stated That Immigrants And Nonimmigrants From A Specified List Would Be Barred Entry Into The United States For 90 Days.** According to CNN, “To temporarily reduce investigative burdens on relevant agencies during the review period described in subsection (a) of this section, to ensure the proper review and maximum utilization of available resources for the screening of foreign nationals, and to ensure that adequate standards are established to prevent infiltration by foreign terrorists or criminals, pursuant to section 212(f) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(f), I hereby proclaim that the immigrant and nonimmigrant entry into the United States of aliens from countries referred to in section 217(a)(12) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1187(a)(12), would be detrimental to the interests of the United States, and I hereby suspend entry into the United States, as immigrants and nonimmigrants, of such persons for 90 days from the date of this order (excluding those foreign nationals traveling on diplomatic visas, North Atlantic Treaty Organization visas, C-2 visas for travel to the United Nations, and G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 visas).” [CNN, [1/28/17](#)]

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### **Trump’s Order Suspended The U.S. Refugee Admissions Program For 120 Days And Called For Prioritizing Members Of “Minority Religion[s]” Upon Its Resumption**

**Trump’s Executive Order Suspend The U.S. Refugee Admissions Program For 120 Days.** According to CNN, “The Secretary of State shall suspend the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) for 120 days. During the 120-day period, the Secretary of State, in conjunction with the Secretary of Homeland Security and in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, shall review the USRAP application and adjudication process to determine what additional procedures should be taken to ensure that those approved for refugee admission do not pose a threat to the security and welfare of the United States, and shall implement such additional procedures. Refugee applicants who are already in the USRAP process may be admitted upon the initiation and completion of these revised procedures. Upon the date that is 120 days after the date of this order, the Secretary of State shall resume USRAP admissions only for nationals of countries

for which the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Director of National Intelligence have jointly determined that such additional procedures are adequate to ensure the security and welfare of the United States.” [CNN, [1/28/17](#)]

- **Trump’s Executive Order Immediately Suspended The Visa Interview Waiver Program.** According to CNN, “The Secretary of State shall immediately suspend the Visa Interview Waiver Program and ensure compliance with section 222 of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1222, which requires that all individuals seeking a nonimmigrant visa undergo an in-person interview, subject to specific statutory exceptions.” [CNN, [1/28/17](#)]

**The Executive Order Called For Prioritizing Refugees Of Minority Religions In Their Countries Of Nationality Upon The Resumption Of The Refugee Admissions Program.** According to CNN, “Upon the resumption of USRAP admissions, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, is further directed to make changes, to the extent permitted by law, to prioritize refugee claims made by individuals on the basis of religious-based persecution, provided that the religion of the individual is a minority religion in the individual’s country of nationality. Where necessary and appropriate, the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security shall recommend legislation to the President that would assist with such prioritization.” [CNN, [1/28/17](#)]

### **The Executive Order Suspended The Admission Of Syrian Refugees Indefinitely**

**The Executive Order Established Syrian Refugees As “Detrimental To The Interests Of The United States” And Suspended Their Admission Indefinitely.** According to CNN, “Pursuant to section 212(f) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(f), I hereby proclaim that the entry of nationals of Syria as refugees is detrimental to the interests of the United States and thus suspend any such entry until such time as I have determined that sufficient changes have been made to the USRAP to ensure that admission of Syrian refugees is consistent with the national interest.” [CNN, [1/28/17](#)]

### **Trump’s Order Capped Refugee Admissions At 50,000**

**The Executive Order Proclaimed That The Entry Of More Than 50,000 Refugees In Fiscal Year 2017 Would Be Detrimental To The Interests Of The United States.** According to CNN, “Pursuant to section 212(f) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(f), I hereby proclaim that the entry of more than 50,000 refugees in fiscal year 2017 would be detrimental to the interests of the United States, and thus suspend any such entry until such time as I determine that additional admissions would be in the national interest.” [CNN, [1/28/17](#)]

## **TRUMP’S ORDER LACKS BOTH FACTUAL AND EXPERT SUPPORT, PRESENTS BOTH LEGAL AND SECURITY LIABILITIES, AND APPEARS TO BE SELF-SERVING BY DESIGN**

### **The Department Of Homeland Security Concluded There Was “Insufficient Evidence” To Support Banning The Travel Of The Citizens Of The 7 Countries In Trump’s Order**

**Homeland Security Intelligence Analysts Found “Insufficient Evidence That Citizens Of Seven Muslim-Majority Countries Included In Trump’s Travel Ban Pose[d] A Terror Threat To The U.S.,” Concluding That Citizenship Was An “Unlikely Indicator” Of Terrorist Threats.** According to Politico, “Analysts at the Homeland Security Department’s intelligence arm found insufficient evidence that citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries included in President Donald Trump’s travel ban pose a terror threat to the United States. A draft document obtained by The Associated Press concludes that citizenship is an ‘unlikely indicator’ of terrorism threats to the United States and that few people from the countries Trump

listed in his travel ban have carried out attacks or been involved in terrorism-related activities in the U.S. since Syria's civil war started in 2011.” [Politico, [2/24/17](#)]

### **Neither Refugees Nor Any Foreign Nationals From The Countries Implicated In Trump’s Executive Order Has Carried Out A Fatal Terrorist Attack In More Than Two Decades**

#### **No Refugee Has Been Implicated In A Major Fatal Terrorist Attack Since The Refugee Act Of 1980.**

According to CNN, “No person accepted to the United States as a refugee, Syrian or otherwise, has been implicated in a major fatal terrorist attack since the Refugee Act of 1980 set up systematic procedures for accepting refugees into the United States, according to an analysis of terrorism immigration risks by the Cato Institute.” [CNN, [1/29/17](#)]

**No Muslim Extremist From Any Of These Places Cited In Trump’s Executive Order Has Carried Out A Fatal Attack In The U.S. In More Than Two Decades.** According to NPR, “President Trump’s freeze on immigration from seven mostly Muslim countries cites the potential threat of terrorism. But here’s the twist — it doesn’t include any countries from which radicalized Muslims have actually killed Americans in the U.S. since Sept. 11, 2001. The president’s executive action, which he signed Friday at the Pentagon, applies to these countries: Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Yemen, Iraq and Sudan. Yet no Muslim extremist from any of these places has carried out a fatal attack in the U.S. in more than two decades.” [NPR, [1/27/17](#)]

**Foreign Affairs: “Trump’s Order Will Do Almost Nothing To Improve National Security But Will Impose A Great Cost On Americans.”** According to Foreign Affairs, “But although the legality of the order is important, so too is the question of whether it will achieve its goal to ‘protect the American people from terrorist attacks by foreign nationals admitted to the United States.’ The answer is a resounding ‘No.’ A thorough look at terrorist attacks by foreigners on U.S. soil demonstrates that Trump’s order will do almost nothing to improve national security but will impose a great cost on Americans.” [Foreign Affairs, [2/10/17](#)]

### **Refugees Are Already More Vetted Than Any Other Category Of Traveler To The U.S., And It Is Unclear That It Is Possible To Achieve Stronger Vetting Procedures**

**The Atlantic: Refugees Have Been More Rigorously Vetted Than Any Category Of Travelers Who Enter The United States And Thus It Is Unclear What Trump’s 120-Day Suspension Would Achieve Beyond The Existing Vetting Procedures.** According to the Atlantic, “Indeed, refugees are more rigorously vetted than any category of travelers who enter the United States. The U.S. can reject asylum-seekers on grounds such as health, criminal activity, and links to terrorism. As I’ve previously reported, the process involves three agencies: the State Department, which leads the program, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) at the Department of Homeland Security, and the Office of Refugee Resettlement at the Department of Health and Human Services. It takes anywhere from 18 to 24 months or even longer to process a case from referral or application to arrival in the U.S. It’s unclear what the 120-day suspension is meant to achieve beyond the existing vetting procedures.” [Atlantic, [1/26/17](#)]

### **Accepting Refugees Has Been Crucial In Our Efforts To Combat Terrorism And Promote Stability Around The World**

#### **National Security Experts Including General David Petraeus, The Former CIA Director, And Henry Kissinger Pointed Out That Accepting Refugees Supports The Stability Of Our Allies And Partners.**

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- **Trump’s Order Would Exclude Syria, Iraq, Somalia And Iran Were, All Among The Top Seven “Country Of Origin” For Refugees Admitted In The US In 2016.** According to BuzzFeed, “The action is also expected to suspend visas to countries the administration deems ‘of particular concern.’ Those nations reportedly include Syria, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen. Syria, Iraq, Somalia and Iran were all in the top seven ‘country of origin’ for refugees admitted in the US in 2016.” [BuzzFeed, [1/27/17](#)]

### **Attorneys General Referred To The Order As “Unconstitutional, Un-American And Unlawful”**

**CNN: Sixteen State Attorneys General Issued A Joint Statement Calling Trump’s Move “Unconstitutional, Un-American And Unlawful” And Vowed To Fight It In Court.** According to CNN, “Sixteen Democratic state attorneys general issued a joint statement calling Trump’s move ‘unconstitutional, un-American and unlawful’ and vowing to fight it in court.” [CNN, [1/29/17](#)]

### **Trump’s Order Appeared To Be Guided By Business Interests**

**Trump’s Order Glaringly Left Off Countries Where He Has Business Interests Including Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Turkey And The United Arab Emirates.** According to CNN, Some also questioned whether Trump deliberately left off countries where he has business interests. The list does not include Muslim-majority countries where the Trump Organization does business, including Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. In financial disclosure forms during the presidential campaign, he listed two companies with dealings in Egypt and eight with business in Saudi Arabia. And in the UAE, the Trump Organization is partnering with a local billionaire to develop two golf courses in Dubai.” [CNN, [1/30/17](#)]

## **The Cruelty Of Trump’s Order Hurts Americans And American Interests**

### **TRUMP’S EXECUTIVE ORDER HAS HURT THE INNOCENT AND VULNERABLE**

**Samaritas Vice President Sean De Four: “For Those Refugees Already Here, It Sends A Subtle Message That They Are Not Welcome,” And “Creates A Large Amount Of Uncertainty For Them Their Friends And Countrymen Who Are In Crisis.”** According to the Detroit Free Press, “Sean de Four of Samaritas, formerly Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, said the agency has helped resettle more than 100 Syrian refugees since the civil war began and had expected to resettle 300-500 more in 2017. Now the fate of the refugees — two thirds of whom are women and children — is up in the air. ‘For those refugees already here, it sends a subtle message that they are not welcome,’ de Four said. ‘And I think it creates a large amount of uncertainty for them about their friends and countrymen who are in crisis and whether they’ll be able to make their way to safety or not.’” [Detroit Free Press, [1/25/17](#)]

## **Trump's Executive Order Immediately Impacted Over 200 Million People, Including 20,000 Refugees And 25,000 Students And Employees**

**Trump's Executive Order Barred At Least 218 Million People From Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan And Yemen From Entering The U.S.** According to CNN, "Trump banned citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the US for at least the next 90 days. The executive order bars all people hailing from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen -- or at least 218 million people, based on 2015 data published by the World Bank -- from entering the United States. Those countries were named in a 2016 law concerning immigration visas as 'countries of concern.'" [CNN, [1/27/17](#)]

**The UN Estimated That 20,000 Refugees From All Over The World Would Be Impacted Immediately By Trump's Executive Order And Many More Syrians Would Be Affected By Trump's Indefinite Suspension Of Syrian Refugee Resettlement.** According to the New York Times, "The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said an estimated 20,000 refugees from all over the world would be impacted immediately by the executive order that freezes refugee resettlement for 120 days. Many more Syrian refugees are affected by the indefinite suspension of resettlement of Syrians." [New York Times, [1/30/17](#)]

### **If Applied Literally, Trump's Executive Order Would Apply To 25,000 Citizens From The Seven Countries Specified In Trump's Ban Who Have Been Issued Student Or Employment Visas.**

According to ProPublica, "Not included in the exemption, however, are those who hold long-term temporary visas — such as students or employees — who have the right to live in the United States for years at a time, as well as to travel abroad and back as they please. 'If applied literally, this provision would bar even those visitors who had made temporary trips abroad, for example a student who went home on winter break and is now returning,' Legomsky said on Friday evening executive order. [...] About 25,000 citizens from the seven countries specified in Trump's ban have been issued student or employment visas in the past three years, according to Department of Homeland Security reports." [ProPublica, [1/28/17](#)]

## **Trump's Ban Turned Back Families, Children, And Grandparents**

### **Among The First Victims Of Trump's Travel Ban Was Fuad Sharef And His Family Who Were Forced Back To Iraq While Seeking Refuge In America After Working With U.S. Organizations.**

According to Reuters, "Fuad Sharef, his wife and three children were among the first victims. They had waited two years for a visa to settle in the United States, selling their home and quitting jobs and schools in Iraq before setting off for a new life they saw as a reward for working with U.S. organizations. They were prevented from boarding their connecting flight to New York from Cairo airport on Saturday, detained overnight and forced to board a flight back to northern Iraq. 'We were treated like drug dealers, escorted by deportation officers,' Sharef told Reuters, likening Trump's decision to the dictatorship of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. 'I am broken, I am totally broken.'" [Reuters, [1/30/17](#)]

**A Syrian Family Of Six Was Placed On A Return Flight To Doha, Qatar.** According to CNN, "In Philadelphia, a Syrian family of six who had a visa through a family connection in the US was placed on a return flight to Doha, Qatar, and Department of Homeland Security officials said others who were in the air would be detained upon arrival and put back on a plane to their home country." [CNN, [1/28/17](#)]

**Trump's Travel Ban Has Left A 12 Year Old Yemeni Girl Stranded In Djibouti And In Danger Of Being Sent Back To Yemen, Where She Has Lived Under Intense Bombardment From Saudi Forces.** According to ProPublica, "Ahmed Ali spent Sunday at a hotel near Djibouti's International Airport, anxiously checking CNN on his phone to see if the Trump administration would allow him to fly to the United States with Eman, his 12-year-old daughter. Ali, 39, is a U.S. citizen. But his daughter had been living with grandparents in Yemen while American authorities processed her visa application. After years of waiting,

the U.S. embassy issued the precious piece of paper last Wednesday, and father and daughter were excitedly preparing Friday for the flight that would unite Eman with her mother and two sisters. They got through security at the airport before an official informed them that people with a Yemeni passport, like Eman, were prohibited from traveling to the U.S. by the executive order President Donald Trump says is needed to keep the country safe from terrorism. [...] And so on Sunday, her father, who works in a central California strip mall, was trying to decide how long he could continue to wait with her in a hotel he can scarcely afford. He said his only real choice — to send her back to the war-torn Yemeni city where she has lived under intense bombardment from Saudi forces backed by the U.S. — was unacceptable.” [ProPublica, [1/29/17](#)]

**A 69 Year Old Iraqi Grandfather, Qassim Al Rawi, Was Stopped In Doha As He Attempted To Travel To The U.S. From Iraq.** According to the Wall Street Journal, “Mohammed Al Rawi was struggling to break the news to his children that their grandfather was no longer arriving in the U.S. from Iraq. Qassim Al Rawi, 69, was stopped in Doha, and told his visa to the U.S. was no longer valid.” [Wall Street Journal, [1/29/17](#)]

### **Trump’s Ban Turned Away Students Seeking Opportunity And A Better Life**

**Trump’s Executive Order “Ruined” The Dreams Of Mahmoud Hassan, An 18-Year-Old Syrian Who Had Just Accepted An Offer To Attend MIT.** According to CNN, “Mahmoud Hassan, an 18-year-old Syrian in Damascus, accepted an offer to attend MIT earlier this year. ‘My dreams are basically ruined,’ he told CNN. Hassan doesn’t know what he’ll do next.” [CNN, [1/29/17](#)]

**Trump’s Travel Ban Will Prevent Iranian Students Like Jafar From Pursuing Degrees In The U.S. And Will Put Many In The Position Of Having To Serve Compulsory Military Service Against U.S. Interests.** According to BuzzFeed, “His dream was coming true. He had a master’s degree in chemistry from the prestigious University of Tehran. He’d spent more than a year sending off applications to PhD programs in the US. And they were biting. Jafar, a 28-year-old man from the northwestern Iranian city of Orumieh, was sure he’d be accepted into a prestigious program. Last year, he got an offer of admission from Georgia State University but couldn’t attend because he didn’t have an Iranian passport yet. This year he was hopeful he’d be accepted into an even better program. But all his dreams came crashing to an end this week as the administration of President Donald Trump enacted a new executive order temporarily barring visas to almost all Iranians as part of an effort to prevent terrorism in the US. [...] Some worry that the visa ban will backfire by emboldening Iranian hardliners who have long argued that the US is the country’s permanent enemy, and occasionally have seemed willing to confront the US militarily. Jafar said he worried that if he couldn’t study in the US he might one day end up on the front lines against American forces. ‘My whole future is being jeopardized,’ said Jafar. ‘If I don’t gain an admission offer from a university for fall 2017. I will have to attend military services for 21 months. Instead of studying in a world class university, I will be serving in the military.’” [BuzzFeed, [1/28/17](#)]

### **Trump’s Order Resulted In The Detainment Of Children And Grandparents**

**A 5-Year-Old U.S. Citizen With An Iranian Mother Was Detained For Several Hours By Himself At Dulles International Airport.** According to the Huffington Post, “A 5-year-old boy who was swept up in President Donald Trump’s executive order was reunited with his mother Saturday after enduring a several-hour detention, emotional video shows. The little boy, who U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) identified as a U.S. citizen and Maryland resident, was seen being showered with kisses as his mother embraced him at Washington D.C.’s Dulles International Airport, WJZ-TV reported. The child’s mother, who is reportedly from Iran, declined an interview as she rushed out of the airport. Family surrounding the mother and son meanwhile clutched balloons and sang ‘Happy Birthday’ to the boy, who had been flying with another family member.” [Huffington Post, [1/29/17](#)]



**A 77-Year Old Iraqi Grandmother With Heart Problems Was Detained Overnight At Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport And Was Nearly Sent Back To Baghdad.** According to the Wall Street Journal, “All Sunday, Khalied Abdaan waited at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport for word of his 77-year old mother, who had been detained by customs officers after arriving here Saturday morning on an Emirates Airline flight from Baghdad. Siham Abaas was one of hundreds of travelers caught up in the swift implementation of President Donald Trump’s executive order issued on Friday barring entry to travelers from seven Muslim-majority countries, and the confusion and legal challenges that ensued. [...] Eventually, Mr. Abdaan’s mother, who he said suffered from heart problems, called him from a holding area mid-day on Saturday. He said she was confused, and asked him why he wasn’t there to pick her up. Mr. Abdaan tried to explain the situation, but wasn’t sure she understood. Later Saturday, Mr. Abdaan said he was informed by Emirates Airline that his mother would be placed on a Sunday morning flight back to Iraq.” [Wall Street Journal, [1/29/17](#)]

### **Trump’s Ban Kept An 18 Month Old Iraqi Refugee And Burn Victim From His Family**

**Trump’s Executive Order Separated A Badly Burned, 18 Month Old Iraqi Refugee Being Treated In Boston From His Family.** According to CBS Boston, “On Tuesday, Massachusetts joined the ACLU lawsuit challenging President Donald Trump’s executive order on immigration. Attorney General Maura Healey calls it ‘harmful, discriminatory and unconstitutional.’ Many families have been torn apart including the family of a boy who was badly burned at a refugee camp. ‘Dilbreen, at the age of about a year and a half, was severely burned,’ said Carrie Schuchardt from House of Peace in Ipswich. After a heater exploded in the Iraqi refugee camp where he was sleeping, an aid group got two travel visas and rushed the boy to Shriners’ Hospital in Boston along with his father. After preliminary surgery, his dad returned to their war-ravaged country to be with his wife as she gave birth to Dilbreen’s little brother. It was November 8th an hour before Donald Trump won the election. They named the baby ‘Trump.’ Dilbreen was set for a second surgery this month. His family was set to stay at the Peace House in Ipswich. Then they got the news their visas were suddenly revoked. ‘So they are stranded in Iraq,’ Schuchardt said. ‘The child is here. The need for surgery is pressing.’” [CBS Boston, [1/31/17](#)]

### **Trump’s Order Pressured Hospitals To Reject Qualified International Medical Students**

**Boston Globe: Hospitals Have Been Under “Intense Pressure To Reject Qualified International Medical Students Applying For Residencies In The United States” Because Of Fears That President Trump’s Immigration Policies Might Bar Them From Participating.** According to the Boston Globe, “Hospitals are under intense pressure to reject qualified international medical students applying for residencies in the United States because of fears that President Trump’s immigration policies may bar the students from entering the country, educators and hospital administrators say. As many as 1,000 medical school graduates may be unfairly penalized because of their country of origin, medical school officials say. Massachusetts could be hit particularly hard because the state is home to some of the world’s leading teaching hospitals as well as smaller community hospitals that typically depend on a large pool of foreign medical talent.” [Boston Globe, [2/21/17](#)]

## **TRUMP’S ORDER IS PREMISED ON RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION**

**ACLU: Donald Trump’s Executive Order Violated The Establishment Clause And Gave Preferential Treatment To “Minority Religions” And Christians Over Muslims.** According to the ACLU, “According to the Supreme Court, ‘the clearest command of the Establishment Clause is that one religious denomination cannot be officially preferred over another.’ But that command is apparently not clear enough for President Donald Trump. On Friday he signed an executive order on refugees that imposes a selective ban on immigration from seven Muslim-majority countries as well as establishes preferential treatment for refugees seeking asylum who are identified with ‘minority religions’ in their country of origin. In case there

was any doubt about the latter provision's intent, Trump told Christian Broadcast News that it was intended to give priority to 'Christians' seeking asylum over 'Muslims.'" [ACLU, [1/28/17](#)]

- **ACLU Executive Director Anthony D. Romero: "‘Extreme Vetting’ Is Just A Euphemism For Discrimination Against Muslims” And “Flies In The Face Of The Constitutional Principle That Bans The Government From Either Favoring Or Discriminating Against Particular Religions.”** According to the ACLU, "American Civil Liberties Union Executive Director Anthony D. Romero issued the following statement on President Trump's executive order that would target Muslims for 'extreme vetting:' "‘Extreme vetting’ is just a euphemism for discrimination against Muslims. Identifying specific countries with Muslim majorities and carving out exceptions for minority religions flies in the face of the constitutional principle that bans the government from either favoring or discriminating against particular religions. Any effort to discriminate against Muslims and favor other religions runs afoul of the First Amendment.” [ACLU, [1/27/17](#)]

**Former U.S. Ambassador To Afghanistan And Iraq Ryan Crocker: Trump’s Order Is Going To Be Read In The Muslim World “For What It Is,” Discriminatory Against Muslims.** According to the Atlantic, "Ryan Crocker, a former U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan and Iraq, said in an interview that the draft order is going to be read in the Muslim world 'for what it is.' 'We've already seen it in ISIS commentary [that] the Americans are out to do in the Muslims everywhere,' he said. 'So it sets the stage for the next generation of terrorists. Imagine some kid out there, a 12-year-old now in a refugee camp; that gets played and replayed, and replayed. He knows he doesn't have a viable economic future. And ISIS or its successor is there with money and a gun.'" [Atlantic, [1/26/17](#)]

## TRUMP'S PLAN HAS FACED LEGAL CHALLENGES

**Banning Muslim-Majority Nations Leaves Trump's Plan Open To Legal Challenges Of Discrimination Against A Particular Religion.** According to Reuters, "Detractors could launch legal challenges if all the countries subject to the ban are Muslim-majority nations, said immigration expert Hiroshi Motomura at UCLA School of Law. Legal arguments could claim the executive orders discriminate against a particular religion, which would be unconstitutional, he said." [Reuters, [1/25/17](#)]

- **More Than 50 Lawsuits Have Been Filed Against Trump's Executive Order.** According to the Hill, "More than 50 lawsuits have been filed against the order so far, with federal judges issuing temporary injunctions in several states to stop the deportations of people impacted by it." [The Hill, [2/3/17](#)]
- **A Federal Judge In Seattle Halted Trump's Executive Order.** According to the Hill, "A federal judge in Seattle issued a temporary nationwide restraining order Friday stopping President Trump's executive order banning citizens of seven countries from entering the United States. Judge James Robart, who was appointed by former President George Bush in 2003, ruled the executive order would be stopped nationwide, effective immediately." [The Hill, [2/3/17](#)]
- **The United States Court Of Appeals For The Ninth Circuit Unanimously Rejected President Trump's Bid To Reinstate His Executive Order.** According to the New York Times, "A federal appeals panel on Thursday unanimously rejected President Trump's bid to reinstate his ban on travel into the United States from seven largely Muslim nations, a sweeping rebuke of the administration's claim that the courts have no role as a check on the president. The three-judge panel, suggesting that the ban did not advance national security, said the administration had shown 'no evidence' that anyone from the seven nations — Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen — had

committed terrorist acts in the United States. [...] The decision was handed down by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in San Francisco.” [New York Times, [2/9/17](#)]

## **TRUMP’S EXECUTIVE ORDER VIOLATES HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW**

**United Nations Human Rights Experts Condemned Trump’s Executive Order For Breaching The United States’ International Human Rights Obligations, “Which Protect The Principles Of Non-Refoulement And Non-Discrimination Based On Race, Nationality Or Religion.”** According to the UN Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, “A group of United Nations human rights experts today said that the Executive Order signed by US President Donald Trump on 27 January 2017 breaches the country’s international human rights obligations, which protect the principles of non-refoulement and non-discrimination based on race, nationality or religion. [...] ‘Such an order is clearly discriminatory based on one’s nationality and leads to increased stigmatization of Muslim communities,’ said the UN Special Rapporteurs on migrants, François Crépeau; on racism, Mutuma Ruteere; on human rights and counter-terrorism, Ben Emmerson; on torture, Nils Melzer; and on freedom of religion, Ahmed Shaheed.” [UN Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, [2/1/17](#)]

- **United Nations Human Rights Experts Claimed That Trump’s Order Risked People Being Returned, To Places Where They Risk Being “Subjected To Torture And Other Cruel, Inhuman Or Degrading Treatment In Direct Contravention Of International Humanitarian And Human Rights Laws.”** According to the UN Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, “‘The US recent policy on immigration also risks people being returned, without proper individual assessments and asylum procedures, to places in which they risk being subjected to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, in direct contravention of international humanitarian and human rights laws which uphold the principle of non-refoulement,’ they warned.” [UN Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, [2/1/17](#)]

**German Chancellor Angela Merkel Informed Trump That His Policy Broke The United States’ Commitment To The Geneva Convention.** According to BBC, “During a phone call with Mr Trump, German Chancellor Angela Merkel told the president his immigration order may also run afoul of international commitments. ‘The Geneva refugee convention requires the international community to take in war refugees on humanitarian grounds,’ Merkel spokesman Steffen Seibert wrote in a statement. ‘All signatory states are obligated to do. The German government explained this policy in their call yesterday.’” [BBC, [1/31/17](#)]

## **TRUMP’S ORDER PLAYS INTO THE HANDS OF ISIS**

### **Vox: Treating Refugees “With Suspicion And Fear [...] Bolsters ISIS’s Efforts To Recruit From Migrant Communities In Europe”**

**Vox: “The More The West Treats” Refugees “With Suspicion And Fear, The More It Supports ISIS’s Narrative Of A West That Is Hostile To Muslims And Bolster’s ISIS’s Efforts To Recruit From Migrant Communities In Europe.”** According to Vox, “ISIS despises Syrian refugees: It sees them as traitors to the caliphate. By leaving, they turn their back on the caliphate. ISIS depicts its territory as a paradise, and fleeing refugees expose that as a lie. But if refugees do make it out, ISIS wants them to be treated badly — the more the West treats them with suspicion and fear, the more it supports ISIS’s narrative of a West that is hostile to Muslims and bolsters ISIS’s efforts to recruit from migrant communities in Europe.” [Vox, [11/17/15](#)]

- **Vox: The Fewer Refugees The West Lets In, The Better For ISIS.** According to Vox, “But if refugees do make it out, ISIS wants them to be treated badly — the more the West treats them with suspicion and fear, the more it supports ISIS's narrative of a West that is hostile to Muslims and bolsters ISIS's efforts to recruit from migrant communities in Europe. The fewer refugees the West lets in, and the chillier their welcome on arrival, the better for ISIS.” [Vox, [11/17/15](#)]

### **Intelligence Analysts And Diplomats Criticized Such Discriminatory Policy As A Powerful Terrorist Recruitment Tool**

**Huffington Post: “Former Intelligence Analysts Have Pointed Out That A Policy That Specifically Discriminates Against Muslims Perpetuates The Narrative That The U.S. Is At War With Islam, Which Serves As A Powerful Recruiting Tool For Jihadist Groups Like The So-Called Islamic State And Al Qaeda.”** According to the Huffington Post, “Former intelligence analysts have pointed out that a policy that specifically discriminates against Muslims perpetuates the narrative that the U.S. is at war with Islam, which serves as a powerful recruiting tool for jihadist groups like the so-called Islamic State and al Qaeda.” [Huffington Post, [1/24/17](#)]

- **Former U.S. Ambassador To Afghanistan And Iraq Ryan Crocker: Trump’s Order “Sets The Stage For The Next Generation Of Terrorists.”** According to the Atlantic, “Ryan Crocker, a former U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan and Iraq, said in an interview that the draft order is going to be read in the Muslim world ‘for what it is.’ ‘We’ve already seen it in ISIS commentary [that] the Americans are out to do in the Muslims everywhere,’ he said. ‘So it sets the stage for the next generation of terrorists. Imagine some kid out there, a 12-year-old now in a refugee camp; that gets played and replayed, and replayed. He knows he doesn’t have a viable economic future. And ISIS or its successor is there with money and a gun.’” [Atlantic, [1/26/17](#)]

### **McCain And Graham Warned That Trump’s Order Could Be A “Self-Inflicted Wound In The Fight Against Terrorism”**

**Sens. John McCain And Lindsey Graham: Donald Trump’s Executive Order On Immigration May “Become A Self-Inflicted Wound In The Fight Against Terrorism” As It Sends “A Signal, Intended Or Not, That America Does Not Want Muslims Coming Into Our Country.”** According to the Hill, “Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) on Sunday said they fear President Donald Trump’s executive order on immigration ‘will become a self-inflicted wound in the fight against terrorism.’ ‘Our most important allies in the fight against ISIL are the vast majority of Muslims who reject its apocalyptic ideology of hatred,’ the senators said in a joint statement, using an alternate acronym for the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. ‘This executive order sends a signal, intended or not, that America does not want Muslims coming into our country. That is why we fear this executive order may do more to help terrorist recruitment than improve our security.’” [The Hill, [1/29/17](#)]

- **John McCain Said The Executive Order May Fuel ISIS Propaganda.** According to the Hill, “He also said the executive order may fuel propaganda disseminated by ISIS. ‘I think the effect will probably in some areas give ISIS some more propaganda,’ he said.” [The Hill, [1/29/17](#)]

## **TRUMP’S EXECUTIVE ORDER HAS DRAWN CONDEMNATION FOR MIMICKING THE CALLOUS TREATMENT OF REFUGEES DURING THE HOLOCAUST**

### **Trump Signed His Executive Order On Holocaust Remembrance Day**

**Huffington Post: “Trump Approved The Refugee Ban Amid The Biggest Refugee Crisis In History And On Holocaust Remembrance Day.”** According to the Huffington Post, “President Donald Trump signed an executive order Friday that bans Syrians from taking refuge in the United States, halts the U.S. refugee resettlement program for four months and temporarily blocks people from a handful of unnamed countries from entering the U.S. at all. ‘I am establishing new vetting measures to keep radical Islamic terrorists out of the United States of America. We don’t want them here,’ he said at a swearing-in ceremony at the Pentagon for Secretary of Defense James Mattis. ‘We don’t want to admit into our country the very threats we are fighting overseas.’ Trump approved the refugee ban amid the biggest refugee crisis in history and on Holocaust Remembrance Day, which honors the millions of people killed during World War II, many of whom tried to flee to the U.S. but were turned away.” [Huffington Post, [1/27/17](#)]

### **Trump’s Action Has Been Denounced By The Anne Frank Center For Mutual Respect**

**Donald Trump’s Refugee Order Has Drawn Intense Criticism From The Anne Frank Center For Mutual Respect, Whose Executive Director Remarked That Such Action Would Drive The Nation “Off A Moral Cliff.”** According to TIME, “President Donald Trump’s executive orders concerning U.S. immigration policy and refugees have prompted intense criticism from the Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect, the U.S.-based partner of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. The center’s executive director, Steven Goldstein, wrote a long post on Facebook on Wednesday, saying Trump ‘is beyond the wrong side of history’ and warned that he is ‘driving our nation off a moral cliff.’” [TIME, [1/26/17](#)]

**Anne Frank Center For Mutual Respect: “Which New Anne Frank Will Your Refugee Ban Turn Away, POTUS?”** The center’s executive director, Steven Goldstein, wrote a long post on Facebook on Wednesday, saying Trump ‘is beyond the wrong side of history’ and warned that he is ‘driving our nation off a moral cliff.’ ‘Donald Trump is retracting the promise of American freedom to an extent we have not seen from a President since Franklin Roosevelt forced Japanese Americans into internment camps during World War II,’ Goldstein wrote. ‘Today the Statue of Liberty weeps over President Trump’s discrimination.’ The organization has also posted heated messages from its Twitter account. AnneFrankCenter(US)[:] Which new Anne Frank will your refugee ban turn away, @POTUS ? Which new Anne will your Wall turn away, @realDonaldTrump ? #NoBanNoWall.” [TIME, [1/26/17](#)]

**Retired American University History Professor Richard Breitman: The Anti-Semitism That Prevented Anne Frank From Receiving Refuge In The U.S. Has Been Echoed Today In The Islamophobic Treatment Of Syrian Refugees.** According to ABC, “Anne Frank and her family’s story of their failed attempt to flee to the U.S. as Jewish refugees echoes the challenges faced by Syrian refugees today, according to an American historian. After the Nazis conquered France, fears were stirred that they would send Jewish refugees as spies to the U.S. ‘The State Department determined that anyone who had close relatives in Germany, the Soviet Union or fascist Italy were a security threat, and even though Otto and Anne were in the Netherlands, Otto was originally a German citizen, which presented a lot of problems,’ historian Richard Breitman, a retired history professor at American University, told ABC News today. ‘[Frank’s father] tried and tried but he eventually figured out he wasn’t going to qualify for refugee status.’ Syrians face a similar situation -- with legislation being considered that would make the bar for entry extremely high out of fears terrorists might enter the country under the guise of being an asylum seeker, said Breitman, who wrote a paper in 2007 on the Franks’ situation. ‘The level of Anti-Semitism in 1940 and 1941 was quite substantial, and the level of fear of Muslims and Syrian refugees today is quite substantial,’ he said. ‘These fears were not totally imaginary as there was a kernel of truth when the government did find a few spies imposing as refugees, but these were literally a few...any time you judge an entire group with a label of security threats, you’re not judging them as individuals, which is the way our immigration system is supposed to work.’” [ABC, [11/25/15](#)]

- **Nicholas Kristof: Anne Frank’s “Fate Was Sealed By A Callous Fear Of Refugees.”** According to an op-ed by Nicholas Kristof in the New York Times, “We all know that the Frank children were

murdered by the Nazis, but what is less known is the way Anne's fate was sealed by a callous fear of refugees, among the world's most desperate people." [Nicholas Kristof - New York Times, [8/25/16](#)]

## **TRUMP'S ORDER HAS CREATED A MILITARY LIABILITY**

**Trump's Executive Order Affects Thousands Of Iraqis Who Served Alongside U.S. Troops And Have Applied For Visas To Come To The United States.** According to Fortune, "Iraqis who say their lives are in danger because they worked with the U.S. government in Iraq fear their chances of finding refuge in the United States may vanish under a new order signed on Friday by President Donald Trump. The order temporarily suspends the United States' main refugee program and halts visas being issued to citizens of several predominantly Muslim countries, including Iraq. It is expected to affect two programs U.S. lawmakers created a few years after the 2003 invasion of Iraq to help the tens of thousands of Iraqis who risked their lives helping Americans." [Fortune, [1/28/17](#)]

- **International Refugee Assistance Project National Security Policy Associate Mac McEachin: "We Might Need Interpreters In The Future And The Last Thing You Want To Do Is Make People Think We'll Use Them When It's Politically Expedient And Then Get Rid Of Them As Soon As The Next Administration Comes In At."** According to the Washington Post, "We might need interpreters in the future and the last thing you want to do is make people think we'll use them when it's politically expedient and then get rid of them as soon as the next administration comes in," he said. ." [Washington Post, [1/27/17](#)]

## **TRUMP'S ORDER HAS BEEN BAD FOR GLOBAL RELATIONS**

### **Trump's Order Drew Swift Criticism From Major U.S. Allies Including Canada, The U.K., Germany, France, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, And Norway**

**Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau And German Chancellor Angela Merkel Denounced Donald Trump's Executive Order.** According to Bloomberg, "Global opposition to U.S. President Donald Trump intensified on Sunday, as world leaders including Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and German Chancellor Angela Merkel denounced his decision to limit entry from seven predominantly Muslim countries in the name of fighting terrorism. Trudeau, in a tweet, said Canada would welcome those fleeing 'persecution, terror and war. Canadians will welcome you, regardless of your faith.' Merkel expressed her concerns about the temporary ban during a call with Trump on Saturday, her chief spokesman Steffen Seibert said in a statement. The chancellor 'is convinced that the necessary, decisive fight against terrorism doesn't justify placing people of a particular origin or faith under general suspicion,' Seibert said on Twitter, adding that Merkel had told Trump that international law requires states to 'take in war refugees on humanitarian grounds.'" [Bloomberg, [1/29/17](#)]

**The United Kingdom Voiced Their Disagreement With Trump's Executive Order With Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson Calling It "Divisive And Wrong To Stigmatize Because Of Nationality."** According to Bloomberg, "We do not agree with this kind of approach and it is not one we will be taking," U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May said Sunday in a statement, two days after meeting Trump to begin work on a trade accord. Her earlier refusal to condemn the order unleashed a flood of criticism in the U.K., including from some of her own Conservative Party colleagues. May held a conference call on Sunday with Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and Home Secretary Amber Rudd, instructing them to raise concerns about the ban with their U.S. counterparts in the State Department and Department of Homeland Security, according to her office. Johnson said on Twitter it was 'divisive and wrong to stigmatize because of nationality.'" [Bloomberg, [1/29/17](#)]

**Trump's Executive Order Was Condemned By Italy, Denmark, Sweden, And Norway.** According to Reuters, "Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni said 'open society, plural identity, no discrimination' were the 'pillars of Europe', while the Danish, Swedish and Norwegian governments also registered their opposition. Danish foreign minister Anders Samuelsen tweeted: 'The U.S. decision not to allow entry of people from certain countries is NOT fair.'" [Reuters, [1/30/17](#)]

**French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault Said Trump's Discriminatory Policy "Is No Response" To Terrorism.** According to Reuters, "Merkel's sentiments were echoed in Paris and London; 'Terrorism knows no nationality. Discrimination is no response,' said French Foreign minister Jean-Marc Ayrault, while his British counterpart Boris Johnson tweeted: 'Divisive and wrong to stigmatize because of nationality.'" [Reuters, [1/30/17](#)]

### **Trump's Order Has Created Instability In U.S.-Middle Eastern Relations**

**The Arab League Expressed Deep Concern About Trump's "Unjustified" Restrictions.** According to Reuters, "The Arab League - whose members include many of the countries included in the ban as well as allies of Washington such as Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan - expressed deep concern and said the restrictions were unjustified." [Reuters, [1/30/17](#)]

**Trump's Temporary Travel Ban On Iranians Is Expected To Destabilize The Country's Relationship With The U.S. Which Had Only Just Begun To Recover.** According to CNN, "But Trump's temporary travel ban on Iranians is likely to rock the country's relationship, which has only just begun to recover after decades in the doldrums." [CNN, [1/29/17](#)]

- **Iran Vowed To Respond In Kind To The U.S. Ban On Visitors From Iran.** According to Reuters, "The Tehran government vowed to respond in kind to the U.S. ban on visitors from Iran, but on Sunday Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said on Twitter that Americans who already hold Iranian visas can enter the country." [Reuters, [1/30/17](#)]

**Iraq Retaliated Against President Trump's Executive Order By Approving A "Reciprocity Measure" That Will Apply To Americans Seeking Admission To Iraq.** According to USA Today, "Iraq retaliated Monday against President Trump's executive order banning its nationals from entering the United States for 90 days by approving a 'reciprocity measure' that will apply to Americans seeking admission to Iraq. Deputy Parliament Speaker Sheik Humam Hamoudi called the decision a 'recommendation' and encouraged the U.S. Congress to 'pressure the American administration to reconsider' Trump's order when it comes to Iraqis. The counter-move was adopted by Iraq's parliament, although it was not clear to what extent it would apply to aid workers, oil company executives and other key workers who routinely do business in Iraq." [USA Today, [1/30/17](#)]

## **TRUMP'S ORDER IS BAD FOR BUSINESS**

### **Businesses Bashed Trump's Executive Order**

**97 Companies, Including Apple Inc. And Zynga Inc., Filed An Amicus Brief Condemning Trump's Executive Order.** According to Bloomberg, "Ninety-seven companies, from Apple Inc. to Zynga Inc., filed an impassioned legal brief condemning President Donald Trump's executive order on immigration, stepping up the industry's growing opposition to the policy. The amicus brief was filed late Sunday in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and emphasizes the importance of immigrants in the economy and society. The companies originally planned to file the brief later this coming week, but accelerated efforts over the weekend after other legal challenges to the order, according to people familiar with the matter. The participating technology companies include Airbnb Inc., Facebook Inc., Google, Intel Corp., Netflix Inc., Snap Inc. and Uber

Technologies Inc. Companies beyond technology signed on as well, including Levi Strauss & Co. and yogurt maker Chobani LLC.” [Bloomberg, [2/5/17](#)]

**The Amicus Brief Called The President’s Executive Order Discriminatory And Criticized It For Significantly Departing From The “Principles Of Fairness And Predictability That Have Governed The Immigration System Of The United States.”** According to the Hill, “The amicus brief comes after the federal appeals court early Sunday rejected a Department of Justice request to restore the president’s travel ban. The court of appeals denied the DOJ’s request for an emergency stay, pending full consideration of the motion. Other companies involved in the new filing include Lyft, Pinterest, Yelp, Square, Reddit, Dropbox and Medium, according to the Post. The filing calls the president’s executive order discriminatory. ‘The Order represents a significant departure from the principles of fairness and predictability that have governed the immigration system of the United States for more than fifty years,’ the brief said.” [The Hill, [2/6/17](#)]

**The Amicus Brief Argued That The Executive Order Was Harmful To Business Since Immigrants Or Their Children Founded More Than 200 Of The Companies On The Fortune 500 List.** According to the Hill, “The brief also says immigrants or their children founded ‘more than 200 of the companies on the Fortune 500 list,’ noting that immigration and economic growth are ‘intimately tied.’ ‘The problems that render the Executive Order harmful to businesses and their employees also make it unlawful,’ the companies said.” [The Hill, [2/6/17](#)]

- **Tech Companies Criticized Trump’s Executive Order For Making It Difficult And Expensive To Recruit, Hire, And Retain The Best Talent And For Threatening Their Ability To Attract Investment To The U.S.** According to the Hill, “‘The Order makes it more difficult and expensive for U.S. companies to recruit, hire, and retain some of the world’s best employees. It disrupts ongoing business operations. And it threatens companies’ ability to attract talent, business, and investment to the United States.’” [The Hill, [2/6/17](#)]