

# Trump issues order restricting travelers from seven countries

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President Donald Trump speaks to reporters upon his return to the White House in Washington, D.C., September 24, 2017. Citizens of eight countries will face new restrictions on entry to the U.S. under a proclamation signed by Trump that day. Photo by: AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta

**WASHINGTON, D.C. —** President Donald Trump has signed an order that will create strict new restrictions on travelers from a handful of countries. This includes five countries covered by his previous travel ban that was ending.

Government officials say the new measures are required to keep the nation safe.

The proposed restrictions apply to citizens of Chad, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria, Yemen and North Korea. The U.S. will also bar the entry of certain Venezuelan government officials and their immediate families.

The presidential order was signed Sunday. The changes will take effect October 18.

The announcement came the same day Trump's temporary ban on visitors from six Muslim-majority countries was ending. It had been in effect 90 days. That ban had created travel restrictions on citizens of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. Sometimes the United States will only let immigrants come to the country if they know someone or have a job here.

Anyone from the six countries who lacked a believable relationship with a person, business or institution in the United States could not enter the country. Sudan is the only country no longer under travel restrictions.

## **New Rules Have Been Drafted More Carefully**

"Making America Safe is my number one priority," Trump tweeted late Sunday about his most important goal. "We will not admit those into our country we cannot safely vet."

The first version of Trump's travel ban created chaos at airports across the country as immigrants were already on flights to come to the United States. A flurry of legal challenges also followed the quickly drafted ban, which received little input from experts outside of the White House. Officials stressed they had been working for months on the new rules. They have worked together with various agencies and foreign governments.

To limit confusion, valid visas would not be revoked as a result of this order. These visas allow people to stay in the country for a predetermined period of time. The order also allows, but does not guarantee, case-by-case exemptions for citizens of the affected countries.

The restrictions are targeted at countries that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) says fail to share sufficient information with the U.S. Or these countries have not taken necessary security precautions.

DHS has spent recent months working to develop a new security baseline. This includes several factors. It will consider if a country issues electronic passports with biometric information or reports lost or stolen passports to INTERPOL, an international law enforcement group. DHS will also consider if the country shares information about travelers' terror-related and criminal histories.

## **Critics Claim Constitution Is Being Violated**

Citizens of countries that don't meet the standard will face restrictions until they make changes to bring them into compliance.

The new rules include the suspension of all immigrant visas for nationals of Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Syria, Yemen and Somalia. It also includes the suspension of non-immigrant visas, such as for business and tourism for five of these countries. These countries are Chad, Libya, North Korea, Syria and Yemen.

Citizens of Iran will not be allowed to apply for tourism and business visas. However, they can apply for student and cultural exchange visas. That is, if they undergo additional scrutiny. Such additional scrutiny will also be required for Somali citizens applying for non-immigrant visas.

Critics have accused Trump of overstepping his legal authority. They also believe he has violated the U.S. Constitution's protections against religious prejudice with each of the new travel restrictions.

## **Venezuela And North Korea Added To List**

The inclusion of Venezuela and North Korea appeared to be an attempt to block challenges from watchdog groups that monitor the government. These groups and others have called the restrictions a ban on Muslims. Trump during his campaign called for a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States."

The U.S. had already created some travel bans on some Venezuelan government officials. These restrictions protested the government's attempts to maximize its power.

Anthony D. Romero is a leader in the American Civil Liberties Union, or ACLU. The ACLU has been challenging the ban in court. Romero said the new order is still a Muslim ban. He said very few people from North Korea or Venezuela visit the U.S.

"President Trump's original sin of targeting Muslims cannot be cured by throwing other countries onto his enemies list," Romero said.

However, government officials argue the measure is necessary to keep Americans safe.

## Quiz

- 1 Which section of the article highlights the differences between Trump's first travel ban and the most recent order?
- (A) Introduction [paragraphs 1-6]
  - (B) "New Rules Have Been Drafted More Carefully"
  - (C) "Critics Claim Constitution Is Being Violated"
  - (D) "Venezuela And North Korea Added To List"

- 2 Read the list of details from the article.

1. *The proposed restrictions apply to citizens of Chad, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria, Yemen and North Korea.*
2. *Anyone from the six countries who lacked a believable relationship with a person, business or institution in the United States could not enter the country.*
3. *The order also allows, but does not guarantee, case-by-case exemptions for citizens of the affected countries.*
4. *However, they can apply for student and cultural exchange visas. That is, if they undergo additional scrutiny.*

Which two details, taken together, provide the BEST evidence to support the idea that the new order allows exceptions for some travelers?

- (A) 1 and 2
  - (B) 1 and 4
  - (C) 2 and 3
  - (D) 3 and 4
- 3 According to government officials, which of the following MOST influenced Trump's order restricting travel?
- (A) his concern that being unable to screen travelers from certain countries would place the U.S. at risk
  - (B) his relationship with the government officials of the countries associated with the order
  - (C) his collaborations with leaders around the world to develop new immigration regulations
  - (D) his belief that the U.S. is too populated and cannot accept more travelers at the present time

- 4 Which of the following groups discussed in the article would MOST LIKELY agree that Trump included North Korea and Venezuela in his order to help get it approved?
- (A) U.S. government officials
  - (B) Venezuelan government officials
  - (C) the American Civil Liberties Union
  - (D) the Department of Homeland Security