



## **Trump to conduct ‘extreme vetting of immigrants,’ join forces with Russia, NATO, others against ISIS**

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OHIO, U.S. – Republican Presidential nominee Donald Trump outlined his plan to defeat “radical Islamic terrorism” and called for “extreme vetting” of new immigrants, sparking comparisons to the dangers of the Cold War era.

According to reports, Trump also issued a call for new alliances to be forged, saying that “any country which shares this view will be our ally,” and pledged to form new partnerships with Israel, Egypt, and Jordan to overthrow groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah.

He said that the U.S. must “screen out anybody with hostile views towards our country or its principles,” and a list would be made outlining countries that the U.S. would not admit people from.

He added that the nation may have to suspend immigration from “most dangerous and volatile regions of the world” that are known for “exporting terrorism” in the past.

He clarified that “the era of nation building will be brought to a quick and very swift end” upon his presidency, and added that the U.S. would do good to join forces with other countries, specifically mentioning Russia, in fighting Islamic terrorism.

In a stance quite different from the one he is known for, Trump pledged that his administration would be a “friend to all moderate Muslim reformers in the Middle East and will amplify their voices” and “will speak out against the oppression of women, gays and people of different beliefs.”

Further, despite an earlier threat that the U.S. might not meet its obligations to the NATO, Trump said he would work closely with the military alliance against the Islamic State.

Trump also targeted rival Hillary Clinton, saying that she does not have the judgement required to lead the country.

He added, “She also lacks the mental and physical stamina to take on ISIS and all of the many adversaries we face.”

Ahead of his address in the swing state of Ohio, Clinton and Vice President Joe Biden challenged Trump, with Biden calling him “dangerous” and “un-American.”

These sentiments were shared by many critics even after the speech, which was riddled with many half-truths and contradictions, and Robert McCaw, the director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations said, “American values include the right to hold unpopular or non-majority opinions.”

Tommy Vietor, a former national security spokesman for President Barack Obama, asked mockingly, “Does Trump think he's going to trick terrorists trying to enter the country into disclosing their views?”

David Bier, an immigration analyst at the libertarian Cato Institute said that the proposals are “no more specific than saying you’re going to screen out Muslims - it’s less specific than that. In a way, he’s made his proposal less narrow and even vaguer than it was before. Vague proposals rarely get implemented in any sort of specific, targeted way.”