

Letters: "We are so thankful for tourism marketing efforts such as these."

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Business of security

Are the president's business interests putting American lives at risk?

According to the Cato Institute, a conservative think tank, not a single American was killed on U.S. soil between 1975 and 2015 by the seven countries from which immigration was banned by the president's executive order. Meanwhile Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates (three countries whose citizens have killed Americans, per the Cato Institute) Indonesia, Turkey, and Azerbaijan were not included in the order.

What is the difference between these countries that are areas with radicalized potential terrorists, and the countries singled out in the executive order? One possible reason: The president has business interests in the countries that were not singled out.

There may be other reasons for the decision to exclude these countries from the order, but until the president liquidates his holdings and puts them in a true blind trust, there will always be questions about what factors influence policy. If the administration thinks that this ban will make Americans safer, it should apply to all countries with potential threats. If it is just to check off a campaign promise, then why risk providing propaganda that the U.S. is anti-Muslim to those trying to radicalize potential terrorists? Either way, by leaving risky countries off the list, and providing fodder for radicalization, this order is either inadequate, or pointless and dangerous.

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