Exposing lies

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I'm responding to the Feb. 13 letter titled "Trump analysis." The author, a medical doctor, listed a litany of reasons why he thinks Trump is a sociopath. He states that Trump has barred "immigrants from Muslim countries from which no immigrants to the U.S. have committed acts of terrorism. But he has excluded from the ban Muslim immigrants from nations that have been the main source of terrorists — nations where he does business."

The Trump administration selected the countries that the Obama administration and Congress had already designated as places people could not visit if they planned to participate in the U.S. visa-waiver program.

Why? ISIS controls territory in Syria, Iraq and Libya, while al-Qaida has a major presence in Yemen and al-Shabab is based in Somalia. The State Department states that the governments of Iran, Sudan and Syria support international terrorism.

Further, people from the countries in Trump's ban have committed acts of terrorism in the United States. Just last fall a Somali refugee injured several people in an attack at Ohio State University.

In June 2016 the Senate subcommittee on immigration and the national interest, chaired by Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., released a report on terrorism. The data revealed that 72 immigrants from the seven countries in the ban have been convicted of terrorism in the U.S. since the 9/11 attacks. Seventeen were refugees. In a separate study, the Cato Institute concluded that five of the seven countries were similarly guilty.

Facts aside, the letter repeats the leftist mantra that Trump "sends the message that we are anti-Muslim, not anti-terrorist." But 88 percent of the Muslim population, citizens of functional governments, are excluded from the ban.