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Community Roundtable: What about Trump's immigration order

What do you think of President Trump's executive order to temporarily suspend the U.S. refugee program and bar immigration from seven majority-Muslim countries?

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More of Trump's 'fear agenda'

Americans have been conditioned to believe the word "Muslim" means anti-American violence. In a report from the Cato Institute, "Nationals of the seven countries singled out by Trump have killed zero people in terrorist attacks on U.S. soil between 1975 and 2015." The problem with Trump's executive order is it uses more of this all inclusive blaming of a certain group for a larger problem as he did framing Mexicans as rapists, drug dealers and illegals.

The best way to rationally discuss this topic is with facts. Americans might be surprised to learn in just 2017, as Feb. 1, there have been 5,123 violent gun incidents, 1,341 deaths, 28 mass shootings including 20 officers shot or killed. That's the eminent threat Americans still don't want to address. To combat this so-called eminent Muslim threat, Trump has pushed that we need to spend more on an over bloated military budget to keep Americans safe. Think about who actually benefits from his agenda. Sen. Bernie Sanders rightly chided Trump's "cabinet of billionaires" at his inauguration. Folks, we are being played by a con-artist. Trump's "fear agenda" will only line his pockets and his billionaire crony friends. - **John Hunigan**