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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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Sad for this message to world

I feel sad for those caught in the turmoil, and for what it says to the world. We used to be confident enough to be welcoming. People with entrance documents have already been through lengthy checks and rechecks. To stop, turn back, or detain them is unfair, stupid, and a boon to ISIS. After steadily losing territory and troops, now they and al-Qaida can recruit new fighters using this ban to show that the United States is indeed at war with Islam.

It is always irrational to judge people by group. According to the Cato Institute, our chance of dying in a terrorist attack by refugees is 1 in 3.6 billion! If we're going to say to desperate people escaping war that our door is closed, we'd better put a shroud on the Statue of Liberty. The ban has also effectively distracted us from the dangerous change to the National Security Council, with the director of National Intelligence and the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff losing their automatic seats, and Stephen Bannon gaining one! - **Laurie Muelder**