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## **Travel ban, border wall send hateful message to the world**

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A travel ban on Muslim immigrants and a wall on the border with our friendly neighbor to the south send a chilling message to the world: That America fears everyone who is not white-skinned, Christian and born in the U.S. This hateful paranoia on the part of the new administration in Washington, D.C. is both unnecessary and counter-productive.

This Muslim ban is creating new terrorists from the refugees who are fleeing the ISIS terrorism that we are trying to combat. The refugees (including folks who have served as interpreters for our military and intelligence units) have undergone the most extensive vetting process known to man. We should welcome these refugees to seek shelter here.

Our new administration is planning a very expensive wall. They claim that criminals are swarming into our country from the south. This claim is patently false. A comprehensive 2015 study by the Cato Institute showed that immigrants commit fewer crimes than natives.

Resist the hate.