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Trump's travel ban faces a US Supreme Court showdown

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Last year, the justices allowed the entire travel ban issued in September to go into effect pending appeal.

The justices on Wednesday will consider President Donald Trump's third iteration of a travel ban that bars most nationals from a small group of mostly Muslim nations.

The liberal New York Times continued its all-out war against the Trump administration Monday; publishing an editorial that urged the US Supreme Court to finally "stand up" to the President and strike-down his so-called "Travel Ban". It is the first time the court has considered the merits of a Trump administration policy.

The direct challenger may be that the condition of Hawaii, which asserts that the ban violates national immigration regulation and also the U.S. Constitution's prohibition about the federal government favoring one faith over another.

Trump has explained that the traveling ban is needed to safeguard the United States from terrorism from Islamic militants. "And upon taking office, the president issued and reissued, and reissued again, a sweeping and unilateral order that purports to bar over 150 million aliens - the vast majority of them Muslim - from entering the United States". The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops writes that the travel ban is fueled by "blatant religious discrimination" and "poses a substantial threat to religious liberty that this court has never tolerated before and should not tolerate now". The libertarian Cato Institute says the ban is based more on discrimination than public safety.

The first version of the ban was issued just a week after Trump took office, and lower courts have found that it and each reformulated version since has exceeded the authority granted by Congress and was motivated by Trump's prejudice toward Muslims. "It's very specific and it gives the president the authority to act exactly as he did". Specifically, the White House has the authority to "by proclamation, and for such period as he shall deem necessary, suspend the entry of all aliens or any class of aliens".

The administration's supporters include roughly the same number of Republican-led states, as well as conservative groups and Jay Sekulow, one of Trump's personal lawyers.

The Supreme Court on December 4 indicated it may possibly narrow toward financing Trump when it granted the administration's petition to allow the ban move into full result while legal struggles performed.

Francisco cited Trump statements complimentary toward Muslims and Islam, including in a might 20 17 speech in Saudi Arabia. Also the Obama administration and Trump's administration experienced defended the supply.