Trump Reportedly Sought Counsel for Making His Muslim Ban "Legal"

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On Friday, January 27, President <u>Donald Trump</u> signed an executive order barring citizens from seven countries from entering the United States. The <u>countries affected by the ban</u> are Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia and Yemen – all of which have large Muslim populations.

This executive order has carried a sinister tone from the start, mostly due to Trump's divisive campaign promises where he called for a <u>"total and complete shutdown"</u> of Muslims entering the country. Trump's controversial Muslim ban dates back to December 7, 2015, when the Trump campaign website issued a statement, <u>falsely claiming</u> that "there is great hatred towards Americans by large segments of the Muslim population." Incidentally, Vice President Mike Pence <u>originally called Trump's Muslim ban</u> "offensive" and "unconstitutional."

Considering that the <u>seven countries</u> under Trump's current ban contain populations that are<u>93 to 99 percent Muslim</u>, it is easy to see why many would think that this executive order is a roundabout way for the president to enact his original plan.

According to former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, that's exactly what happened. In an interview yesterday (Saturday, January 28), <u>Giuliani told *Fox News*</u> that he advised President Trump on how to carry out the Muslim ban in a "legal" way.

"When he first announced it, he said 'Muslim ban," Giuliani explained. "He called me up and said, 'Put a commission together, show me the right way to do it legally."

Giuliani went on to add that he advised Trump to shift the focus away from religion. "What we did was we focused on – instead of religion – danger," the former mayor <u>said</u>. "The areas of the world that create danger for us, which is a factual basis, not a religious basis – perfectly legal, perfectly sensible, and that's what the ban is based on. It's not based on religion. It's based on places where there are substantial evidence that people are sending terrorists into our country."

It is important to note that contrary to Giuliani's claims, there is a <u>large amount of evidence</u>that proves that terror threats do *not* come from those countries under Trump's bans. As the recent report from the <u>Cato Institute</u> demonstrates, since 1975, there have been no fatal attacks on American soil that were orchestrated from immigrants from any of those seven banned countries.