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Letter: Duped into another war?

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Donald Trump says his ban on immigrants and refugees from seven predominantly Muslim countries “is to keep radical Islamic terrorists out of the United States.” Nonsense.

Alex Nowrasteh, immigration policy analyst at the Cato Institute, reports zero Americans were killed on U.S. soil between 1975 and 2015 by immigrants from any of the banned countries and concludes it will have “virtually no effect” on national security.

Perhaps Trump is looking for a fight. Iran responded to the ban with another missile test; the Trump administration then called for a vigorous counter-response. Is the ban aimed to precipitate the specter of war and thereby rally the nation to the most unpopular person to ever become president; a man who lost the popular vote by almost three million?

Nazi Germany’s Reichsmarshal Hermann Goring said it best: “the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger.” Prophetic?