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— PRESIDENT TRUMP'S CONTROVERSIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER



Donald Trump has made the headlines every day since his election last November. However, the U.S. president's most controversial move came just one week after his **inauguration**. That's when he tried to change the rules about who can enter the United States.

PULLING THE 'WELCOME' MAT

On January 27, the president signed an **executive order**. It blocked entry to the U.S. for 90 days for travelers from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. The order also barred all refugees for 120 days – with one exception. Refugees fleeing war-torn Syria were banned indefinitely. As well, the number of refugees allowed to enter the U.S. in 2017 would be cut from 110,000 to 50,000. According to Mr. Trump, priority would be given to Christian refugees.

CONFUSION AND PANIC

The order took immediate effect. Yet no procedures had been put in place to carry it out. That caused confusion among U.S. border officials. The governments of the seven targeted nations were confused, too. No one knew how the new rules would affect their citizens.

Hours after Mr. Trump signed the order, over 100 people were detained at airports across the country. Families arriving to pick up relatives didn't know where their loved ones were, or what would happen to them. Lawyers came to U.S. airports offering free help to those affected. Meanwhile, thousands of passengers from the named countries couldn't board U.S.-bound flights.

PROTECTING AMERICA

One day into this chaos, however, President Trump declared his order a success.

"It's working out very nicely. You see it at the airports, you see it all over," he told reporters.

Mr. Trump's order is officially called "Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States." He said he issued it to keep America safe from terrorists. The banned nations had been identified in a 2015 U.S. law as "the most-watched countries harboring terrorism." So travelers from these nations were a big threat to Americans, Mr. Trump said.

To support his argument, the president also referred to 9/11. That's the name given to the terrorist hijacking of four planes in the U.S. on

DEFINITIONS

EXECUTIVE ORDER: a special law issued by a president

INAUGURATION: a formal ceremony to mark the beginning of someone's admission into an office or position



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September 11, 2001. Two jets were flown into New York City’s World Trade Center. A third hit the Pentagon. The fourth crashed in a field. More than 3000 Americans died.

STRONG OPPOSITION

Critics, however, disputed the need for the ban. They pointed out that none of the 19 hijackers involved in 9/11 came from the suspended countries. As well, no one in the U.S. has been killed in an attack by anyone from these seven countries. In fact, recent major shootings have all been committed by U.S. citizens or residents. And no refugees have carried out a successful attack in the U.S. in the last 40 years.

Mr. Trump was also accused of targeting Muslims with his order. In the past he has said he wanted to ban Muslims from coming to the U.S. – and Muslims are in the majority in all seven countries on the list.

Critics also pointed out that the 2015 law listing the ‘most-watched countries’ didn’t brand travelers from these nations as terrorists. Nor did it prevent most of them from visiting the U.S. It was aimed just at those who held second

citizenships in countries for which the U.S. doesn’t require a visa. Those people now have to seek permission to visit America.

WRONG MOVE

Some members of Mr. Trump’s own Republican party warned that the order could backfire. It pushes Muslims away from the U.S. instead of bringing them closer. That could provoke terrorists or be used to recruit new ones.

“Our most important allies in the fight against ISIL [Islamic State] are the vast majority of Muslims who reject its... ideology of hatred,” said prominent Republicans Lindsey Graham and John McCain.

ANGER AND PROTESTS

Huge protests took place at airports across the U.S. Around the world, leaders and citizens voiced their concerns, too.

Then, on February 3, a federal judge in Seattle suspended the order. He ruled that there was good evidence that it negatively affected people’s jobs, families and freedoms.

“The **Constitution** prevailed today,” said Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson,

CHECKS AND BALANCES

The United States government has three branches: the Legislative Branch (Congress), the Executive Branch (President), and the Judicial Branch (Supreme Court). Each has different powers that balance the others. For example, Congress makes laws, sets budgets, and declares war. The president appoints judges, commands the military, grants pardons and issues executive orders. The Supreme Court interprets laws. It can also declare a law, such as Mr. Trump’s executive order, unconstitutional.

the man who challenged the order in court. “No one is above the law – not even the president.”

HOLDING FIRM

Mr. Trump asked an appeals court to reinstate the order. But on February 9, the three judges all ruled against his request. That made the president angry.

“This is not a Muslim ban,” Mr. Trump protested. “This is not about religion. It is about terror and keeping our country safe. There are over 40 [majority Muslim] countries not affected by this order.” ★

DEFINITIONS

CONSTITUTION: a set of rules that guides how a country, state, or other political organization works

IDEOLOGY: a system of ideas and principles on which a political theory is based

ISLAMIC STATE: a terrorist group formed in 1999 that follows a fundamentalist version of Islam and aims to take over large parts of Syria and Iraq so it can rule them as a religious state



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ON THE LINES

Answer the following in complete sentences:

1. Explain what an **executive order** is.

2. Which countries were singled out by the executive order signed by President Trump on January 27?

3. What new rules applied to travelers from these seven countries?

4. How were refugees affected by the executive order?

5. What reasons did President Trump give for signing this order?

6. List at least three reasons why some people opposed this controversial executive order.

7. Which state launched a legal challenge against the executive order?

8. What was the result of this challenge?

9. Describe President Trump's response to the court's ruling.



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BETWEEN THE LINES

An *inference* is a conclusion drawn from evidence. A *plausible inference* is supported by evidence in the article and is consistent with known facts outside of the article.

What inference(s) can you draw from the fact that all three appeals court judges turned down President Trump’s request to reinstate his executive order?

BEYOND THE LINES

America is a land of immigrants. The first U.S. census of 1790 revealed that most non-Indigenous citizens were of English, Irish, or German descent. But that, of course, did not count African slaves. That group of “immigrants” was the largest in the 18th century until the importing of slaves was banned in 1808. In the more than two centuries since then, the United States has become more and more diverse. Create a timeline that tracks immigration to the U.S.

JUST TALK ABOUT IT

President Trump’s executive order is a Muslim ban. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons to support your response.

ONLINE

1. Find out more about the Statue of Liberty and what it represents at

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statue_of_Liberty

2. Read the poem "The New Colossus," mounted in the base of the Statue of Liberty:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_New_Colossus

Then, consider: What is your understanding of this poem? As you see it, how does this poem relate to President Trump's executive order? Explain. ★





EDITORIAL CARTOON

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YOUR TASK:

Conduct research online or in your school library to answer the following questions about the Statue of Liberty: *Where is the Statue of Liberty located? What does this statue look like? What does it represent?*

Then, examine the editorial cartoon and answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper:

1. What do you already know about President Trump's January 27 executive order? Explain.
2. Describe what you see and read in the cartoon. Who is featured in the cartoon? What is he wearing? What is he doing?
3. As you see it, what might the cartoonist be saying about President Trump's January 27 executive order? Explain.
4. For what reasons do you agree with the cartoonist's perspective? For what reasons do you disagree? ★

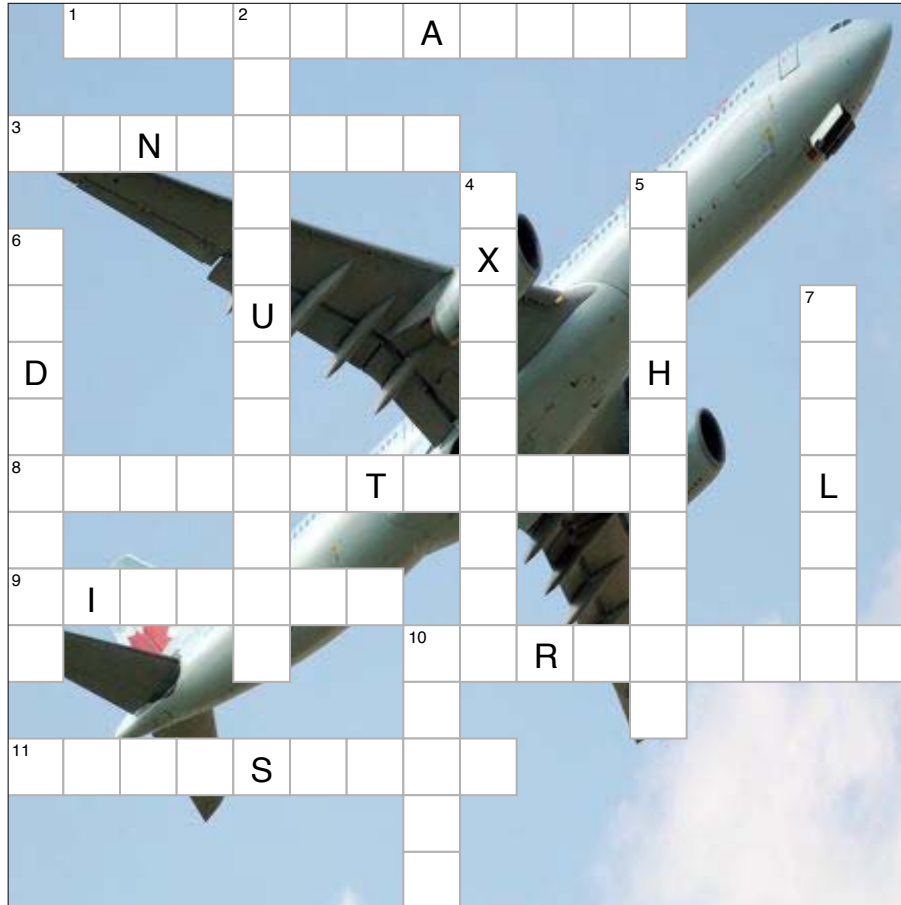
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ACROSS

1. branch of the U.S. government
3. name of U.S. Department of Defense headquarters that hijacked jet crashed into
8. the basic principles and laws that guide how a country works
9. planes take off and land here
10. someone who uses violence or threats of violence for political purposes
11. the president wants _____ refugees to have priority

DOWN

2. a formal ceremony to mark the start of someone’s admission into office
4. branch of the U.S. government
5. Bob Ferguson is the Attorney General for this state
6. branch of the U.S. government
7. President Trump has said he wants to ban _____ from entering the U.S.
10. in September 2001, two hijacked jets crashed into the World _____ Center



WORDSEARCH

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Locate the following words in the puzzle above.

Briefly explain the importance of each word on a separate sheet of paper.

AIRPORT	FERGUSON	MUSLIM	REFUGEE
CONSTITUTION	JUDICIAL	ORDER	TERRORIST
EXECUTIVE	LEGISLATIVE	PENTAGON	TRUMP





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Write the letter that corresponds to the best answer on the line beside each question:

- _____ 1. **Which of the following is NOT a branch of the American government?**
 - a) Legislative Branch
 - b) Parliamentary Branch
 - c) Executive Branch
 - d) Judicial Branch

- _____ 2. **President Trump’s executive order totally banned refugees from which country?**
 - a) Iran
 - b) Iraq
 - c) Syria
 - d) Mexico

- _____ 3. **Which U.S. state challenged the President Trump’s executive order in court?**
 - a) California
 - b) Alaska
 - c) Florida
 - d) Washington

- _____ 4. **True or False?** All Republicans supported President Trump’s executive order.

- _____ 5. **True or False?** President Trump wants to give Christian refugees priority.

- 6. ***President Trump’s executive order will keep Americans safe from terrorists.*** Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons to support your response.



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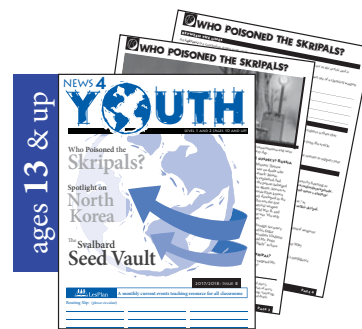
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