

**Design Brief**

**Project Title:** Immigration Ban by Donald Trump is Unconstitutional

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**Question:**

Donald Trump has recently decided to ban seven countries with a great percentage of Muslims occupying them. Does this act go against the freedom of religion clause displayed in the First Amendment, or is it a justified mean of protecting the United States?

**Problem Statement:**

Donald Trump is banning seven countries with large Muslim populations, and the constitutionality of this ban has come into question. Terrorist attacks have become a growing security issue for the United States, and these attacks are often associated with those with a Muslim religion. Donald Trump exclaims on Twitter that "Everybody is arguing whether or not it is a BAN. Call it what you want, it is about keeping bad people (with bad intentions) out of country!" Donald Trump claims that it is not a ban on *Muslims*, but a vast amount of people do not agree with such sentiments, claiming the ban goes against religious freedom presented in the first amendment. The research group is looking to find if there is a large enough correlation between the banned countries and their Muslim populations to assume that the immigration ban is the result of religious discrimination. The results will allow the group to identify whether Trump’s decision was rational and justified or just out of discrimination to the religion. The group will research data on the population of each religion reported in each of the seven banned countries (Iran, Iraq, Libya, Serbia, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen.) This may affect the number of public riots occurring since the claim, and display to the public that Donald Trump’s decision was in best interest of America as a nation.

**Constraints:**

* Data used must be in .txt or .csv formatting, consist of at least 30 lines/points, be linked inside the file OR in the “Design Statement”
* The code used must create at least one visualization.
* The code used to create the visualizations must be written in Python coding language.The code and data must be made available to the client and other viewers by February 9th, 2017.
* Statistics sources used must be “reliable sources” (as recent as possible, by non-blog, non-commercial, sources).

**Design / Concept Statement:**

We want to be able to prove that President Trump’s executive orders are in fact directed at the Muslim majority in the Middle East. We’d like to harness the data found online to create seven charts that exhibit the Muslim majority in each of the countries that Mr. Trump has placed his travel ban on. We are going to use an objective style to portray the data in an easy way for the politically charged population to understand. We are inspired to do this project by how current the issue is and how much effect it is having and will have on our immediate communities. The issue of the seven-country ban is increasingly getting attention, and both political parties are involving their biased opinions into the matter, skewing data sets and influencing the population to have an opinion without the proper information. With a better informed populous it is possible that the world can gather support for the oppression that is being seen in not only the Middle East but in the U.S.

**Conclusion Statement:**

The question of whether Donald Trump’s ban goes against the freedom of religion clause displayed in the First Amendment or if it was a justified mean of protecting the United States was posed. Because the question asked was about the future of America, data and trends from the past were used to predict an answer. From this, the implications of Mr. Trump’s executive order could be inferred. Using Python code, a visualization was made that displayed the percentage of Muslim populations in each of the seven banned countries compared to the entire religious populace of each country. From the visualization, it is shown that the percentage of Muslims in the banned countries is extremely sizeable. This noticeable amount indicates that arguments regarding Donald Trump’s as being unconstitutional and going against the freedom of religion clause seen in the first amendment are valid.

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