

The Bigger Picture of Trump's Muslim Ban. "The Dangerous Countries are Not on The List"

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Whether you love or hate Trump's "Muslim ban" (it's actually a temporary 3-month ban, except for Syrians), there's a bigger picture ...

CNN [notes](#):

The seven Muslim-majority countries targeted in President Trump's executive order on immigration were initially identified as "countries of concern" under the Obama administration.

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer on Sunday pointed to the Obama administration's actions as the basis for their selection of the seven countries. Trump's [order](#) bars citizens from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen from entering the U.S. for the next 90 days.

"There were further travel restrictions already in place from those seven countries," Spicer [said](#) on ABC's "This Week."

6 out of the 7 countries on the list - Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Syria - were targeted for regime change by the U.S. [25 years ago](#). Specifically, (Indeed, the U.S. previously carried out coups to implement regime change in these countries [numerous times in the past](#).)

The 7th country - Lebanon - dodged a bullet, and Yemen replaced it.

But the world's leading sponsors of terror are *not* on the list ...

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In the hours after its release, many questioned why the list omitted other countries with direct links to those terror attacks. The 9/11 hijackers were from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Lebanon.

In fact, British intelligence officer, British ambassador to Uzbekistan, and chancellor of the University of Dundee Craig Murray [points out](#) that the dangerous countries are *not* on the list ... while those who haven't attacked Americans in the United States are on the list:

Country	Number of Americans killed by their citizens (1975-2015)	Included in Trump's Muslim Ban?
Iran	0	YES
Iraq	0	YES
Libya	0	YES
Somalia	0	YES
Sudan	0	YES
Syria	0	YES
Yemen	0	YES
Saudi Arabia	2,369	NO
United Arab Emirates	314	NO
Egypt	162	NO
Lebanon	159	NO

Saudi Arabia - which is [not on the list](#) - is the [world's largest sponsor](#) of radical Islamic terrorists. The Saudis have [backed ISIS](#) and many other brutal terrorist groups. And the most pro-ISIS tweets allegedly [come from Saudi Arabia](#).

Saudi Arabia is the hotbed of the most radical Muslim terrorists in the world: the [Salafis](#) (both [ISIS and Al Qaeda are Salafis](#)). And top American terrorism experts say that U.S. support for brutal and tyrannical countries in the Middle east - like Saudi Arabia - is [one of the top motivators for Arab terrorists](#).

So whether you love or hate the idea of banning radical Islamic jihadis from the U.S. , the fact is that Trump - using a list compiled by Obama (in turn largely compiled by Neoconservatives pushing regime change 25 years ago) - is banning people from the *wrong* countries.

Postscript: Admittedly, there are ISIS jihadis in Syria, Libya and Iraq. But they are only there because the U.S. and our allies [created the conditions that allowed them to form and then metastasize](#). Neither ISIS nor Al Qaeda were *in* those countries before the Iraq and Libyan wars and the [U.S. and its allies](#) started supporting Syrian "[rebels](#)".

In all 3 countries, the governments *hate* the jihadis because the jihadis are fighting - and trying to bring down - the governments. This is the opposite of governments like Saudi Arabia which actively *back* terrorists.

As for Iran, the CIA [admits](#) that the U.S. overthrew the moderate, suit-and-tie-wearing, Democratically-elected prime minister of Iran in 1953. He was overthrown because he had [nationalized Iran's oil](#), which had previously been controlled by BP and other Western oil companies. As part of that action, the CIA [admits](#) that it hired Iranians to pose as Communists and stage bombings in Iran in order to turn the country against its prime minister. If the U.S. *hadn't* overthrown the moderate Iranian government, the fundamentalist Mullahs would have *never taken over*.

And we're busy creating [a lot of new terrorists](#) in [Yemen](#).

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