

# 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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