

Trump Isn't Backing Down: New Muslim Travel Ban Order Coming

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His access to America travel suspension targeting seven Muslim-majority countries was rejected at the district and appeals court levels.

Instead of cutting his losses and moving on, <u>Reuters</u> reported he's "considering a new executive order," possibly "exclud(ing) green card holders, or permanent residents (to) alleviate some concerns expressed by the courts," according to an unnamed source.

His alternatives are to try getting the judicial rulings against him overturned by the full Ninth Circuit US Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court in an emergency hearing. Either choice may result in further defeat.

Specifics of a new order aren't known, if it's coming. One thing is clear. **Trump isn't backing down** on wanting citizens and residents of targeted countries prevented from entering America – beginning with a temporary suspension, likely then making it permanent for the duration of his tenure.

According to White House chief of staff Reince Priebus, "(e)very single court option is on the table, including an appeal of the Ninth Circuit decision on the TRO (temporary restraining order) to the Supreme Court, including fighting out this case on the merits."

And, in addition to that, we're pursuing executive orders right now that we expect to be enacted soon that will further protect Americans from terrorism.

The best way to do it is by ending support for these groups, abandoning America's imperial project, its endless wars on humanity at home and abroad.

The most obvious ways to defeat terrorism aren't being considered – the pretext Washington needs to continue its quest for unchallenged global dominance, no matter the cost in human lives and misery.

Aboard Air Force One heading for his Florida second home, Trump said a "brand new order" could be issued early next week. It was being prepared before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected his travel ban.

"We will win that battle," he said. "The unfortunate part is that it takes time statutorily, but we will win that battle. We also have a lot of other options, including just filing a brand new order." During a Friday White House press conference with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Trump said "(w)e will continue to go through the court process and ultimately I have no doubt we'll win that particular case."

He also promised to "rapidly" introduce what he called "additional security" steps next week, without further elaboration.

Whatever revised restrictions he intends imposing on citizens and residents of designated Muslim-majority countries will again likely be challenged in court – continuing what looks like a protracted fight ahead.

A <u>Public Policy Polling</u> (PPP) survey released Friday(conducted on February 7 and 8) showed 53% of respondents disapproved of his performance so far, 43% approving (compared to 35% two weeks ago) – 46% favoring impeachment.

PPP concluded saying "we continue to find that unhappiness with Trump – and with Congressional Republicans -could help Democrats to make big gains in 2018."

America is a one-party state with two right wings, in lockstep on virtually all issues mattering most.

Disagreements when occuring are largely political, aiming to give one side an edge over the other. Privately, they're united, serving privileged interests over most others.

America is a sham democracy, not the real thing. Elections are farcical. Voting changes nothing. Dirty business as usual always wins.

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