

## **International Security Issues: Interrogating the 'Trumplization' of United States Immigration Policy, 2017-2020**

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### **Abstract**

Security reduces liabilities. Therefore, States and non-State actors adopt measures to ensure security. Scholars insist that international security is national security in the global arena. As such, international security is a mirage without national security. Measures taken by States contribute to international security since what happens in one State usually have spiral effects in others. Security measures lead to intended and unintended outcomes; commendations and condemnations. President Donald Trump's immigration ban constitutes an instance of a security measure that has attracted both commendations and condemnations. Trump's executive order in 2017 restricting refugees from seven Muslim-dominated countries into U.S. as well as the Trump America-Mexico Wall attracted wide attention. Also, as the COVID-19 pandemic raged, Trump, in April 2020, released another immigration order restricting some immigrants from entering U.S for a period of 60 days. This has been described as "calculated political stunt" by opinion leaders. This study insists that President Trump's immigration policies are products of circumstance and, therefore, necessary. Trump rides on the wings of history which only very few understand. Employing descriptive research design, this study aimed at interrogating 'Trumplization' of U.S immigration policy vis-a-vis international security. It was discovered that Muslim militants are in throes of rebirth and ready to adopt various strategies to enter the US to attack from within because they see America as the only snag standing between them and desire to "recapture their earliest and purest expression." It is recommended that Islamic fundamentalists should be reoriented on lines of religious altruism.

**Keywords:** International Security, 'Trumplization', United States, Immigration, Policy

### **Introduction**

The beauty of history encapsulates in its ability to capture the essence of events of yesterday, today's outcome and tomorrow's implications. President Donald Trump, the 45<sup>th</sup> elected president of the United States of America, understands the imperative of history. He employs the lessons of history as a framework for his administration's security policies. He realises that without history, a people have no form of memory. He felt the pulse of world history and realised that humanity is at war as a result of religious nationalism. He had seen that religious nationalism was at the centre of all blames and hiccups straining relations between states. His fears were confirmed on September 11, 2001, when the horrors of Osama bin Laden-led Al-Qaeda terrorist group's attack stared America in the face. Consequently, on assumption of office on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, President Donald Trump invoked the United States "executive order", which authorises the president to manage operations of the federal government (Executive Order: 13799 of May 11, 2017. <https://en.m.wikipedia.org>), as provided under Article 2 of the United States Constitution. Executive orders have immeasurable influence in situations of "emergencies, waging wars and in general fine-tuning policy choices in the implementation of broad statutes". On that basis, President Donald Trump, reminiscing the horrific and historic memories of "9/11" 2001 attack on U.S, adopted the executive order to protect America from foreign terrorists' entry into the United States, "which temporarily banned entry to U.S from citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries..." However, a Federal Court issued an interlocutory injunction against the order, which was over-ruled by the U.S Supreme Court on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 in a suit known as "Trump v. Hawaii" (<https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinion/17pdf/17-965-h315.pdf>, 2018). Therefore, Trump's executive order (13769) restricted Muslim refugee immigrants from "Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Iran, Somalia, Libya, and Yemen from temporarily entering the U.S. (Avalon, Amanda & Jackson, 2017). President Trump summarised his action as

“needed for national security”. Trump could be said to have ridden on the wings of the “9/11” 2001 history. No doubt, Trump’s immigration ban of refugees from the specified Muslim- dominated countries attracted wide condemnation. Irene (2017) condemned it saying it contravened both “International and National Law”. Others saw it as “un-American and Islamophobic” (bbc.com, 2017), while others argued that “country of citizenship is unlikely to be a reliable indications of potentials terrorist activity” (Vivian & Alicia, 2017).

On the basis of the foregoing, this paper investigated ‘Trumplization’ of U.S immigration policy vis-a-vis America’s national security and by extension international security. The essence is that the studies referred to above made known the immediate reason for Trump’s action but did not make known the remote reasons on one hand, and the remote reasons for influx of Muslim refugees to U.S. It is the recognition of existence of this gap in knowledge that necessitated the writing of this paper.

**The Problem**

President Donald Trump swore to an Oath on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 to protect, defend and preserve the constitution of the United States of America. Americans are the human representation of the Constitution therefore, their safety is paramount.

Prior to Trump’s administration, a number of thwarted Islamic terrorist attacks had been recorded. The Jihadists employ various tactics such as “arson, vehicle rampage attacks, bomb threats, suicide attacks, bombings, spree shooting, stabbings, hijackings, kidnappings and beheadings” (<https://en.m.wikipedia.org-list-of-thwarted-islamic-terrorist-attacks>). Below is the list of Islamist terrorist attacks on U.S soil that were averted:

Date/Year	Group/Culprit	Target/Off Ease	Sentence/Confession/Outcome
– December 22, 2001	Richard Reid aka the “Shoe Bomber”	Attempted to plant explosive in his shoe on board American Airlines Flight 63 from Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport to Miami International Airport.	In court, he pleaded guilty to 8 charges of terrorism.

*Source: “United States V. Richard Colvin Reid (PDF). www.fas.org. Retrieved July 5, 2020.*

Date/Year	Group/Culprit	Target/Off Ease	Sentence/Confession/Outcome
– December, 2006.	Derrick Shareef	Attempted to trade stereo speakers for hand grenades and a handgun, being part of a plan to attack shoppers at Cherryvale Mall in Rockford, Illinois during the holding season.	

*Source: “Man accused of terror plot on Cherryvale Mall appears in court” –Daily Chronicle, December 21, 2006, retrieved July 5, 2020.*

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- September 8, 2009.	"eight men affiliated with Al- Qaeda.	Arrested for a pled to bomb the new York city sub-way system and other international targets. They were caught. Transporting explosive.	Sentenced in November 2015 to more than 40 years in prison after confessing to the offence.

**Source:** "Pakistan man Abid Naseer gets 40 years for NYC subway terror plot". CBS News. November 24, 2015. Retrieved July 5, 2020.

Date/Year	Group/Culprit	Target/Off Ease	Sentence/Confession/Outcome
- December 25, 2009	Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab aka the "under wear Bomber"	An attempt to activate a high powered explosive sewn into his trousers while on board Northwest Airlines flight 253 en route from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol to Detroit Metropolitan Airport on Christmas.	Pleaded guilty and sentenced to four consecutive life sentences plus 50 years.

**Source:** "Underwear bomber challenges life sentence". USATODAY.com. www.usatoday 30. usatoday.com, February 13, 2012. Retrieved July 5, 2020.

Date/Year	Group/Culprit	Target/Off Ease	Sentence/Confession/Outcome
- March 26, 2010	Raja Lahrasah Khan	Arrested by FBI in Chicago while attempting to board a flight to London with a huge sum to an Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami plot to plant bombs at an unnamed American sports arena.	

**Source:** Jarvis, David (2012). "Briton is duped into carrying terror cash" UK/News/Daily Express. www.express.co.uk. Retrieved July 5, 2020.

Date/Year	Group/Culprit	Target/Off Ease	Sentence/Confession/Outcome
- March 16, 2014	Ased Abdur-Raheem, a member of California National Guardsman.	Caught after an FBI investigation revealed a foiled plot to attack the Los Angeles subway, as well as to help Al-Qaeda.	Confessed to being converted to Islam recently.

**Source:** Cocca, Christina (2014). "National Guard Enlistee who allegedly plotted to Bomb LA Subway charged with Attempting to Aid Al-Qaeda. NBC Southern California" Nbclosangeles.com, March 17, 2014. Retrieved July 5, 2020.

<b>Date/Year</b>	<b>Group/Culprit</b>	<b>Target/Off Ease</b>	<b>Sentence/Confession/Outcome</b>
- May 3, 2015	Unnamed two gunmen with assault rifles.	Curtis culwell centre attack. Two gunmen, armed with assault rifles, who declared allegiance to Islamic State, attempted to storm a “Draw Mohammed” cartoon event sponsored by the American Freedom Defense Initiative in Garland, Texas, featuring the far-right member of the Dutch House of Representatives Geert Wilders.	The culprits were shot dead. Although one guard was wounded, the attack was thwarted.

*Source: Schoichet, Catherine (2015). “Two killed at Mohammed Cartoon event in Garland, Texas”. CNN.com, May 4. Retrieved July 4, 2020.*

<b>Date/Year</b>	<b>Group/Culprit</b>	<b>Target/Off Ease</b>	<b>Sentence/Confession/Outcome</b>
- September 2015	Joshua Ryne Goldberg, a Jewish-American Internet expert.	Planned to bomb a 9/11 memorial event in Kansas city while pretending as an Australian ISIS.	A 17 -year-old Greenvale, Melbourne pleaded guilty to have planned with Goldberg for a terror attack. Goldberg also took credit for the Curtis culwell centre.

*Source: David Wroe and Nick O’Melley (2015). “Online Jihadist hails power of social media after Texas attack”. The Sydney Morning Herald, May 6. Retrieved July 6, 2020.*

<b>Date/Year</b>	<b>Group/Culprit</b>	<b>Target/Off Ease</b>	<b>Sentence/Confession/Outcome</b>
- January 25, 2016	Samy Mohamed Hamzeh	Attempted purchasing automatic weapons from undercover FBI and Joint Terrorism Task Force agents, for an attack on a Masonic temple in Milwaukee in “defending Islam”.	Hamzeh confessed that the operation was to “increase in American, when they hear about it. The people will be scared and the operations will increase, and there will be problems all over ... this will lead to people clashing with each other. This way we will be igniting it. I mean we are marching at the front of the war”.

*Source: Diedrich, John (2016). “FBI thwarts mass shooting at Milwaukee Masonic Centre”. Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. Retrieved July 5, 2020.*

<b>Date/Year</b>	<b>Group/Culprit</b>	<b>Target/Off Ease</b>	<b>Sentence/Confession/Outcome</b>
- July 20, 2016	A Tucson man	Plotting to bomb a State Motor Vehicle office and Jewish Community Centre thwarted by FBI.	Confessed to emailing contacts with the Taliban to show support for Jihad and to get instructions on bomb-making.

*Source: "Arizona man charged with plotting terror attack also eyed Jewish Centre, FBI says". Fox News. 2017-08-02. Retrieved July 4, 2020.*

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- October 11, 2016	A Tucson man	Planning Jihad-style attacks in Maricopa and Pima countries.	Pleaded guilty to three offenses of terror plans.

*Source: "Arizona man pleads guilty to terrorism charges in planned attack". www.azcentral.com. Retrieved July 5, 2020.*

<b>Date/Year</b>	<b>Group/Culprit</b>	<b>Target/Off Ease</b>	<b>Sentence/Confession/Outcome</b>
- November 21, 2016	Mohammed Rafik Naji (a legal U.S. resident originally from Yemen).	Arrested by the New York City Police Department for preparing a "Nice-style terror attack".	

*Source: "New Yorker charged in 'Nice in Times square' terrorism plot-report". RT International. Retrieved July 4, 2020.*

It was for the above reason that the United States refugees immigration policy sets out to welcome immigrants "fleeing persecution or are unable to return to their homeland due to life-threatening or extraordinary conditions". The policy further states that this category of immigrants must convincingly provide evidence of "well-founded fear of persecution" at home based on race, membership of particular social group, political opinion, religion or national origin. It is worth mentioning here that same category of immigrants must be applying from a "transition country" that is, they must have fled their country and are applying from outside their country of origin. Inherent in the above condition is that, before a refugee immigrant is admitted to U.S., consideration must be given to the degree of risk, whether the applicant's social group appeals to U.S president, and whether such refugees have families in U.S. Moreover, the total limit of the number of refugee immigrants to be permitted into U.S. must be reviewed by the President of U.S. in conjunction with the Congress ([www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org](http://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org)>..., 2019). Records show that some of those involved in the "9/11" 2001 attack against U.S. were "foreign-born terrorists" who entered the U.S either with tourist or student visas. Some of them had violated terms of their visas and had become illegal aliens. That violation bordered on the tendency to reconnect with country of persecution which is part of the condition for asylum disqualification ("Presidential Documents", Federal Register 2017, <https://en.m.wikipedia.org>).

Generally, Trump's immigration ban centred on a resolve that:

In order to protect America, the United States must ensure that those admitted to this country do not bear hostile attitudes toward it and its founding principles. The United States cannot, and should not, admit those who do not support the constitution, or those who would place violent ideologies over American law. In addition, the United States should not admit those who engage in acts of bigotry or hatred (including "honor" Killings, other forms of violence against women, or the persecution of those who practice religions different from their own) or those who would oppress Americans of any race, gender, or sexual orientation ("Presidential Documents", Federal Register 2017, <https://en.m.wikipedia.org>).

Notwithstanding above the resolve, previous administration did not make any bold attempt to checkmate the influx of immigrants ( notwithstanding their status) into the United States of America hence those recorded thwarted terrorist attempt on American soil. Although several efforts had been made to contain the excesses of Islamic terrorist groups yet terrorist incidents are still being recorded. The American NATO-led War on terror in Afghanistan and Pakistan (Imrana, 2019) is illustrative here. In this war, the Taliban (the regime that supported Al-Qaeda) was ousted, and Osama bin Laden (the leader of Al-Qaeda network) was killed. (Dodds & Baldor, 2011). The belief was that, with the death of Osama bin Laden and the down-grading of Al-Qaeda network, terrorism would have subsided. Till the time Trump was inaugurated as the 45<sup>th</sup> elected President of the United States of America, and even as at time this study was concluded, “Al-Qaeda is still a global enterprise pursuing violent jihad and remains dedicated to attacking its “far enemy”, the United States” (Brain, 2016).

The big questions are: Why would Muslim refugees be fleeing their countries when there is no on-going war? Why would they not seek asylum in other countries? Why must it be America? These are fundamental questions this study seeks to unravel.

### **Aim and Objectives**

The aim of this paper is to interrogate ‘Trumplization’ of U.S. immigration policy vis-a-vis international security. In specific terms, the study is designed to:

- i. Investigate President Trump’s remote reasons for restricting Muslim immigrants from the seven Muslim-dominated countries;
- ii. Examine the remote reasons why some of the Muslim refugees are rushing to settle in America.
- iii. Examine whether Trump’s immigration ban is yielding expected result

### **Research Questions**

- i. Based on the objectives of this paper, the following research questions have been raised to guide this study:
- ii. What are President Trump’s remote reasons for restricting Muslim immigrants from the seven Muslim-majority countries from entering America?
- iii. What are the remote reasons why some of the Muslim refugees rush to settle in America?
- iv. Is Trump’s immigration ban yielding expected result?

### **Significance**

The findings of this study are expected to enable the world understand Trump’s remote reasons for restricting Muslim immigrants from entering the U.S., and at the same time reveal the remote reasons why some Muslims rush to U.S. to settle. Besides, it is expected to help other countries adjust their immigration laws in the face of pervasive acts of terrorism. More than that, the findings shall widen the academic horizon of scholars and students of Political Science, International Relations, History, etc., about strategies terrorists employ in their campaign of terror in contemporary world politics.

### **Literature Review**

In this section, a clarification of certain concepts as used in the study, empirical study and identification of the theory has been made.

### **Conceptual Clarification**

#### ***‘Trumplization’ of U.S Immigration Policy:***

As used in this study, ‘Trumplization’ of U.S immigration policy describes negative responses of people towards President Donald Trump’s immigration ban as though he was not adopting already laid down U.S. immigration laws. The reactions against the executive order were presented as though he invoked a personally-

made order. For instance, Trump's executive order banning refugee immigrants to U.S. was described as "un-American and Islamophobic" (bbc.com, 2017).

### ***International Security***

In this study, international security expresses measures adopted by both States and non-State actors to ensure world peace and security. The world is like a man's palm, whatever happens to the fingers affects it. In other words, instability in America is instability in the world. Hence scholars have argued that international security is directly connected with national security (Buzan & Hanseu, 2009). The scope of international security covers a wide range of similar issues which touch on human survival some of which are ideological conflicts, food supplies, infectious diseases, causes and consequences of war, etc (Buzen & Waever, 1998).

### ***U.S. Immigration Policy***

The United States immigration law is anchored on three pillars or principles: re-unification of families; admitting immigrants whose skills are relevant to the U.S economy; and protecting refugees/promoting diversity (American Immigration Council, 2019). This study is interested in "protection of refugees". The basic rule guiding this is "inability to return to their home countries" because of "well-founded fear of persecution" as a result of "race, membership of a particular social group, political opinion, religion or national origin". Another essential aspect of the condition is that the refugee must have fled his original country and is applying from a "transition country". Again is that the president puts head together with the American Congress to decide the number of refugees to be admitted into America yearly.

### ***Theoretical Framework***

This study is underpinned by the Theory of Nationalism. One known proponent of Theory of Nationalism is Gellner Ernest (1960s) ("Gellner's theory of nationalism" <https://en.m.wikipedia.org>); (Christopher, 2013). According to Gellner's model, the theory of Nationalism anchors nationalism on socio-cultural reform. The theory seeks or undertakes to explain efforts by patriotic leaders to resist the threats posed by some emerging dominant order, because such leaders are not willing to initiate or allow such threatening cultures into their "prestigious features" of the West. Gellner's model sees nationalism as being similar to the theory of ethnicity which focuses of the making of group boundaries. As such, Gellner analyse nationalism using historical perspective. He saw the history of mankind as "culminating in the discovery of modernity" ("Gellner's theory of nationalism" <https://en.m.wikipedia.org>), which ensures survival of a group of people.

In relation to this study, the Theory of Nationalism captures the essence of Trump's immigration ban which seeks to protect Americans from "hostile attitudes" against America's "founding principles" and "those who practice religions different from their own" ("Presidential Documents," Federal Register, 2017. In: <https://en.m.wikipedia.org>). It also captures the essence of Trump's Executive Order 13767 which directed the "U.S. government to begin attempting wall construction along the U.S.-Mexico border" (Davis, 2017). The Theory of Nationalism also explains or gives credence to Trump's February 2019 "declaration of Nationalism Emergency", insisting that "the situation at the border is a crisis requiring money allocated for other purposes to be used to build the wall". Although the order was overturned by Congress's joint resolution, but Trump vetoed the resolution while the Supreme Court approved the "reallocation of \$2.5 billion in Department of Defense anti-drug funding to construct the wall". In September 2019, "an additional \$3.6 billion was diverted, this time from U.S. military construction projects around the world, including schools for children of American Soldiers". On that basis, Trump vowed to "build 450-500 miles of new wall by the end of 2020 (Galvan, 2019).

In sum, Trump's immigration ban is supported by the Theory of Nationalism which holds that "each nation should govern itself..." to guarantee survival ("Nationalism" <https://en.m.wikipedia.org>). Herein lay the relevance of Theory of Nationalism to this study.

### ***Empirical Review***

Several incidents of terrorist attacks have taken place on American soil. The tables below show evidence of such terrorist events during successive administrations:

**Bush Administration (First Term)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location of Arrest or Attempt</b>	<b>Suspect(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>
December 22, 2001	American Airlines Flight 63	A man was put into custody after attempting to detonate a shoe bomb.	Paris to Miami	Richard Reid	Serving a life sentence without parole.
May 8, 2002		A man was arrested after returning from Pakistan for allegedly attempting to build a dirty bomb	Chicago, Illinois	José Padilla	Sentenced to 17 years in prison
March 13, 2003	Brooklyn Bridge	A man was arrested and accused of giving aid to al-Qaeda and attempting to destroy the Brooklyn Bridge	Columbus, Ohio	Iyman Faris	Sentenced to 20 years in prison.
June 2003		Eleven members of the Virginia Jihad Network were arrested and accused of training for holy war around the globe.	Northern Virginia	Ali al-Timimi, Ali Asad Chandia, <i>et al.</i>	All sentenced to 20 or less years in prison.
August 2004	New York Stock Exchange, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and the Citigroup Center	Security in the United States was put on high alert after a plot to destroy the New York Stock Exchange and other financial institutions in New Jersey and Washington surfaces.	United Kingdom and New York City, New York	Dhiren Barot	Sentenced to life in prison.
August 28, 2004	34th Street-Herald Square subway station.	Two men were arrested after attempting to bomb the New York City Subway on the day before the 2004 Republican National Convention.	New York City, New York	Shahawar Matin Siraj and James Elshafay	Sentenced to 30 years in prison.
August 2004	Pakistani diplomat	Two men were arrested at an Albany mosque after attempting to gain possession of a shoulder-fired grenade launcher to assassinate a Pakistani diplomat	Albany, New York	Yassin Aref and Mohammed Hossain	Both sentenced to 15 years in prison.



**Bush Administration (Second Term)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location of Arrest or Attempt</b>	<b>Suspect(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>
August 2005	Los Angeles-area military bases, synagogues and other places	Four men running an Islamic prison gang were arrested after allegedly attempting to destroy Los Angeles-area places.	Los Angeles, California	Kevin James, <i>et al.</i>	James sentenced to 16 years in prison.
December 2005	Williams Natural Gas (Wyoming), Transcontinental Pipeline, Standard Oil refinery.	A man was arrested on suspicion that he had plans to destroy several sites	Pennsylvania	Michael Curtis Reynolds	Sentenced to 30 years in prison.
February 2006	Troops in Iraq, Toledo, Ohio citizens	Three men were arrested for allegedly planning to build bombs for use by terrorists in Iraq.	Toledo, Ohio	Mohammad Zaki Amawi, <i>et al.</i>	Amawi was sentenced to 20 years in prison, the others 13 and 8 years, respectively.
April 2006	Washington D.C.-area buildings	Two men from the U.S. state of Georgia, were arrested after videotaping Washington-area buildings and sending the tapes to a London-based jihadist website.	Toronto, Ontario	Syed Haris Ahmed and Ehsanul Islam Sadequee	Ahmed sentenced to 13 years in prison, Sadequee sentenced to 17.
June 2006	Sears Tower and FBI offices	Seven men were arrested after allegedly plotting to bomb Sears Tower and FBI offices.	Miami, Florida, Atlanta, Georgia	Narseal Batiste, <i>et al.</i>	Five of the men were convicted. Batiste was sentenced to 13 years in prison.
July 2006	PATH tunnels	A man was arrested after allegedly attempting to bomb New York and New Jersey subway tunnels and flood the financial district.	New York, New York	Assem Hammoud	
December 2006	Cherryvale Mall	Derrick Shareef was charged after trying to trade stereo speakers for hand grenades and	Rockford, Illinois	Derrick Shareef	

		a handgun as part of a plan to terrorize shoppers at Cherryvale Mall in Rockford, Illinois during the holiday season.			
May 7, 2007	Fort Dix	Six men were arrested after attempting an attack on the Fort Dix military base.	Fort Dix, New Jersey	Dritan Duka, <i>et al.</i>	Four of the men received life sentences, one man received five years in prison and the other received 33.
June 3, 2007	John F. Kennedy International Airport	Four men were arrested in New York after a plot is revealed to bomb the fuel line of JFK airport.	New York City, New York	Abdul Kadir, <i>et al.</i>	Kadir sentenced to life imprisonment.

**Obama Administration (First Term)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location of arrest or attempt</b>	<b>Suspect(s)</b>
May 20, 2009	New York City Synagogues/ U.S. Military Aircraft	Four men were arrested in New York after a plot is revealed to blow up two synagogues and shoot down a U.S. Military Aircraft.	New York City, New York	James Cromitie, <i>et al.</i>
September 19, 2009	New York City Subway	Zazi, a native of Afghanistan who lived in Colorado, was arrested and convicted of plotting to bomb the New York City Subway system. He was trained by al-Qaeda in Pakistan. 5 others were also indicted on related charges."	New York City, New York	Najibullah Zazi, <i>et al.</i>
September 24, 2009	Federal Building, Springfield, IL	A 29 year old was arrested on charges that he intended to bomb the Paul Findley Federal Building in Springfield, IL	Springfield, Illinois	Michael Finton
September 24, 2009	Dallas skyscraper	A 19-year-old was arrested on charges that he intended to bomb a downtown Dallas skyscraper.	Dallas, Texas	Hosam Maher Husein Smadi
October 16, 2009	Various overseas targets	Colleen LaRose, also known as JihadJane and Fatima LaRose, is an American citizen charged with terrorism-related crimes, including conspiracy to commit murder and providing material support to	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Colleen LaRose, <i>et al.</i>

		terrorists. Lars Vilks was a named target in response to drawings of Muhammad.		
December 25, 2009	Northwest Airlines Flight 253	A 23-year-old man was arrested after Northwest Airlines passengers jumped him to avoid his detonating an explosive device above the city of Detroit. He was convicted of eight federal criminal counts, including attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and attempted mass murder. On February 16, 2012, he was sentenced to 4 life terms plus 50 years without parole.	Detroit, Michigan	Abdul Farouk Abdulmutallab
May 1, 2010	Times Square	A Pakistani American who attempted the May 1, 2010 Times Square car bombing. He was arrested after he had boarded Emirates Flight 202 to Dubai. On June 21, 2010, in Federal District Court in Manhattan he confessed to 10 counts arising from the bombing attempt. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.	New York City, New York	Faisal Shahzad
October 27, 2010	Arlington Cemetery station	A Pakistani-born Virginia man was arrested and accused of casing Washington-area subway stations in what he thought was an al-Qaeda plot to bomb and kill commuters.	Arlington, Virginia	Farooque Ahmed
September 28, 2011	The Pentagon and United States Capitol	Rezwan Ferdaus, a U.S. citizen of Bangladeshi descent born and raised in Massachusetts, was arrested on September 28, 2011, for allegedly plotting to attack The Pentagon and United States Capitol with remote-controlled model aircraft carrying explosives. He was also charged for assembling IED detonators to be used in al-Qaeda plots to attack U.S. soldiers abroad.	Arlington, Virginia; Washington, D.C.	Rezwan Ferdaus
January 7, 2012	Tampa and various other targets	Sami Osmakac is a man who allegedly plotted an attack, to avenge what he felt were wrongs done to Muslims, in the area around Tampa, Florida. Osmakac, an Albanian from Kosovo and a naturalized US citizen, was arrested January 7, 2012, for the alleged attack plan, which involved bombing nightclubs, detonating a car bomb, using an assault rifle, wearing	Tampa, Florida	Sami Osmakac

		an explosive belt in a crowded area, and taking hostages.		
February 17, 2012	United States Capitol	A Moroccan man who was arrested by the FBI for allegedly plotting to carry out a suicide bombing on the United States Capitol. El Khalifi thought he was working with al-Qaeda operatives, but was in contact with undercover FBI agents. He was sentenced to prison for 30 years in September 2012.	Washington, D.C.	Amine El Khalifi
October 17, 2012	New York Federal Reserve	A Bangladeshi man was charged with trying to blow up the Federal Reserve building in New York. While Nafis believed he had the blessing of al-Qaeda and was acting on behalf of the terrorist group, he has no known ties, according to federal officials.	New York City, New York	Quazi Mohammad Rezwanul Ahsan Nafis

**Obama Administration (Second Term)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location of arrest or attempt</b>	<b>Suspect(s)</b>
April 2013	Times Square	After the Tsarnaev brothers successfully carried out the Boston Marathon Bombing, they planned to use leftover explosives to terrorize Times Square in New York City, but after carjacking Dun Meng, a Chinese graduate student, the plot was foiled after he escaped and called the police leading them to the Tsarnaev's location. A shootout ensued resulting in the death of Tamerlan. Dzhokhar was captured days later after a citywide manhunt was declared to pin down his exact location.	Watertown, Massachusetts	Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev
January 2014	Mosques, an Islamic school, the White House	A remote control radiation emitting device was to be used to attack a number of targets.		Eric Feight, Glendon Scott Crawford
February 14, 2015	Courthouse, bank, forest festival, first responders	A West Virginia man had stockpiled C-4, dynamite and other weapons (including a sniper rifle to target first responders) to allegedly attack a federal courthouse, a bank, and the Mountain State Forest Festival in	West Virginia	Jonathan Leo Schrader

		Elkins.		
		A plot to build a pressure cooker bomb in New York City was arranged by Asia Siddiqui, a Pakistani American, and Noelle Velentzas. Siddiqui was in contact with Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, while Velentzas seemed to support the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIS). The two had researched bomb-making and purchased bomb making materials but were arrested before they selected a target.		
April 2015	New York City	The women were arrested on April 2, 2015. According to the complaint, officers found "three propane gas tanks, soldering tools, pipes, a pressure cooker, fertilizer, flux, detailed handwritten notes on the recipes for bomb making, and extensive jihadist literature" at Siddiqui's apartment. Velentzas had information on creating bombs from propane tanks and a picture of Osama bin Laden. Velentzas also questioned why people would travel to Syria when there were ways of "pleasing Allah" in the United States. The two had been roommates until shortly before their arrest. Their plot was exposed by an undercover agent posing as a third conspirator.	New York City	Asia Siddiqui, Noelle Velentzas
June 2015	New York City	The men had sought to detonate a pressure cooker bomb in support of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.	Queens, New York	Munther Omar Saleh, et al.
September 11, 2015	9/11 Memorial event in Kansas City, Missouri	A Jewish American man, Joshua Ryne Goldberg, posing as an Australian ISIS supporter, attempted to get an FBI confidential informant to detonate a bomb at a Kansas City, Missouri September 11 attacks memorial event. Goldberg attempted to persuade the confidential informant to coat the shrapnel of the bomb in rat poison in order to maximize casualties. On December 20, 2017, Goldberg pleaded guilty to attempted malicious damage and	Orange Park, Florida	Joshua Ryne Goldberg

		destruction by an explosive of a building.		
September 17–19, 2016	2016 New York and New Jersey bombings	On the morning of September 17, a pipe bomb exploded in Seaside Park, New Jersey. Later that day, a homemade pressure cooker bomb went off in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan, New York City. A second pressure cooker bomb was discovered four blocks away. Suspect Ahmad Khan Rahimi was not part of a terrorist group, but his actions were believed to have been influenced by the extremist Islamic ideology.	New York, New Jersey	Ahmad Khan Rahimi
December 27, 2016	Jefferson, Iowa Law Enforcement Center   Carroll, Iowa	A Jefferson, Iowa man was tracked by an undercover operative while planning a joint "suicide by cop" attack with his wife, Joey Goodwin against the Greene County Law Enforcement Center in Jefferson, Iowa. This facility housed both the County Sheriff's Department and the local Police. The two had faced various felony burglary-related charges and, according to the informant, were "not going to prison under any circumstances." Tyson Ruth of Jefferson, Iowa, had compiled a vast array of weapons including an illegal-in-Iowa automatic rifle, tens of thousands of rounds of ammunition, explosives and had been propagating the growth of both botulism and anthrax viruses. The couple had planned a biological attack on various civilian installations including public schools and the local hospital. At the time of initial arrest, some but not all of the weapons, ammunition, viruses, explosives and two full Kevlar® body suits were confiscated as evidence. The informant was unsatisfied with the extremely light-handed charges for which the Carroll County Attorney, John Werden sought conviction, so he contacted Greene County Law Enforcement directly asking that Federal Agents	Carroll, Iowa	Tyson Ruth, Joey Goodwin

		be brought in to investigate. A secondary search warrant was executed by divisions of the Iowa Department of Criminal Investigation and the FBI/JTTF and the entirety of evidence was secured. Ruth was charged and then convicted on federal weapons charges.		
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*Source: List of unsuccessful Terrorist Plots in United States post-“9/11”. “<https://en.m.wikipedia.org>*

The tables above show instances of terrorist attacks as basis which informed Trump’s immigration ban of immigrants from seven Muslim countries. They constitute part of the immediate reason for Trump’s decision, therefore related to the present study. However, the point of departure is that those records did not disclose the remote reasons for those attacks like the present study. The present study sees Trump’s immigration ban in particular as not just being a fulfilment of his oath to protect American citizens in his position as the President and Commander-in-Chief of the U.S armed forces from vulnerabilities but also based on past experiences of administrations before his.

The above studies indicating unsuccessful terrorist plots in the U.S. share common interest with the present study because both seek to establish immediate reason for Trump’s immigration ban. However, both differ in that while those instances of unsuccessful terrorist plots concentrated on highlighting those instances which represent the immediate reasons for Trump’s immigration ban, the present study concentrates on both the instances (immediate reasons) and the remote reasons for those instances.

**Methodology**

The study is a historical research, consequently adopted a qualitative technique. The adoption of this approach arose because the study contains necessary and sufficient variables which if not addressed, are capable of affecting global relations among nations. The approach provided link between the experiences of past American administrations and the reasons for Trump’s immigration ban. Therefore, the study relied heavily on secondary sources of data such as books, journals, internet materials, unpublished projects, magazines, etc. Therefore, content analysis was conducted.

**Analysis of Research Questions**

**RQ1: What are President Trump’s reasons for restricting Muslim immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the U.S.?**

*Reasons for President Trump’s immigration ban of immigrants from seven Muslim-dominated countries:*

The reasons are classified into two-immediate and remote reasons.

**Immediate Reasons**

The “Statutory authorization and related prohibitions” cited in paragraph (f) of Title 8 of the United States code 1182, throws sufficient light on “inadmissible aliens”. Specifically, the paragraph (f) insists that:

Whenever the President finds that the entry of any aliens or of any class of aliens into the United States would be detrimental to the interests of the United States, he may by proclamation, and for such period as he shall deem necessary, suspend the entry of all aliens or any class of aliens as immigrants or non-immigrants, or impose on the entry of aliens any restrictions he may deem appropriate (Bier, 2017).

Thus, the “9/11” 2001 events in which the U.S was attacked, leaving 2,974 persons dead exposed some lapses in U.S immigration system in the areas of “visa processing, internal enforcement, and information sharing” (Charles, 2013, p.336). Unfortunately, an immigration proposal which would have taken care of those lapses

which centred on “Border Protection, Anti-terrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005” sponsored by Rep. James Sensenbrenner was not passed (“Border Protection, Anti-terrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005” <https://en.m.wikipedia.org>). The lapses remained until Trump assumed office in 2017. To avoid a repeat of the unholy act of “9/11”, Trump placed the ban so that the lapses could be corrected. The involved countries, especially those in the list of the “revised order”, namely “Chad, North Korea and Venezuela”, were considered “deficient” in “identity management and information-sharing capabilities, protocols, and practices” compounded by “significant terrorist presence within their territory” (“Trump travel ban: what does this ruling mean?” [www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com), 2018).

### **Remote Reasons**

Militant Islam is in the throes of rebirth. Recall the rule and fall of Ottoman Empire. The Ottoman Empire controlled “most of southeast Europe, parts of central Europe, western Asia, parts of eastern Europe and the Caucasus, north Africa and the Horn of Africa” (Oxford Islamic Studies, 2008). Its six decade reign ended in 1922 when Turkey became a republic founded by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk (“Ottoman Empire-WWI, Decline & Definition-History”. [https:// www.history.com>topics,November 3, 2017](https://www.history.com/topics/November-3-2017)). Under the Ottoman Empire the sultan had “absolute religious and political authority over his people” yet his relationship with other religions was quite cordial. He gave minority religious groups opportunity to control their own affairs while still under Ottoman rule”. This is unlike modern jihadists’ campaign of allegiance to Allah on threat of death. Unlike contemporary militant Muslims, Ottoman leadership exhibited religious tolerance (“Ottoman Empire-WWI, Decline & Definition-History”. [https:// www.history.com>topics,November 3, 2017](https://www.history.com/topics/November-3-2017)).

Militant Muslims’ campaign of death has led them to devise many strategies, including move to America in singles in pretence as refugees since moving in group will expose them. In his “Lone Wolf Terrorism, Understanding the Growing Threat”, Jeffrey D. Simon (2013) exposes the new strategy by terrorists. He calls it “Lone Wolf Terrorism”. Remember Mario Buda (the Wall Street bomber)? John Gilbert Graham (the first midair plane bomber)? Timothy Mc Veigh (the Oklahoma City bomber) (Simon, 2013)? They were “Lone Wolf” terrorists. Apart from suicide bombing, they engaged in other attacks such as anthrax attack which is capable of creating repercussions “beyond the original event” (Simon, 2013:89). Recall the anthrax letter attacks of September 18, 2001 to Tom Brokaw at NBC News, “Editor” New York Post, and October 9, 2001 to Senators Tom Dasclle and Patrick Leahy, all coming on the heels of the “9/11” 2001? (Simon, 2013: 100-101).

The godfather of lone wolf terrorists Anwar al-Awlaki, an American-born Jihadist was also the spiritual leader of al-Qaeda in Arabian Peninsula. Simon (2013) maintains that he must have influenced them in prison or through the internet. Simeon (2013:231) observes that resorting to lone wolf terrorism is the resultant effect of “the loss of their central training grounds in Afghanistan, improved security in many countries and a series of setbacks over the years”. Trump’s immigration ban was a means of avoiding working behind enemy’s timetable.

### **RQ2: What are the remote reasons why some Muslim immigrants rush to U.S.?**

#### ***Remote reasons why some Muslim immigrants rush to settle in America:***

Reminiscing the fall of Ottoman Empire in 1917 (Hal, 2011). Muslim Jihadists concluded that:

The Muslim community has long ago vanished from existence. It was crushed under the weight of those false laws and teachings which are not even remotely related to the Islamic teachings. Humanity cannot be saved unless Muslims recapture the glory of their earliest and purest expressions (Wright, 2006, p.218).

Muslim militants consider America as the only snag standing between them and the achievement of recapturing the “glory of their earliest and purest expressions”. For the Jihadists;

The white man crushes us underfoot while we teach our children about his civilizations, his universal principles and noble objectives...we are endowing our children with amazement and



respect for the master who tramples our honour and enslaves us. Let us instead plant the seeds of hatred, disgust, and revenge in the souls of these children from the time their nails are soft that the white man is the enemy of humanity, and that they should destroy him at the first opportunity (Wright, 2006, pp.27-28).

It was as a result of that determination that Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini of Iran boasted that: "The government of the world should know that Islam cannot be defeated. Islam will be victorious in all the countries of the world, and Islam and the teaching of Koran will prevail all over the world" (Hal, 2011, p.1).

On the basis of the above, scholars have continued to predict that religious nationalism would be the major factor to shape world affairs for the rest of the decades to come. For instance, Joseph De Courcy in Hal (2011, p.1) has insisted that: "over the rest of the decade, the divide between radical Islam and the industrial democracies will become the most destabilizing factor in world affairs" (Hal, 2011, p.1).

Thus, on the basis of the conviction of many people in the Arab world that: "... the U.S. apparently believes in imposing its ideology through the violence of war, how would the United States... criticise the fundamentalists who also seek to impose their ideology through violence" (Clark, 2004, p.283).

Muslim fundamentalists now see the U.S. as the cancer, and Israel the virus that spreads the cancer which led to the lost of their territories such as the Gaza Strip, West Bank, Golan Height, and loss in the famous Six-Day war. To question these successes by the Jews, the Arab League was formed in 1945 in the interest of its 22 member countries (Will, 2020). As the leader of the Judeo-Christian-based world order, Muslim militants see America as the head, Israel and other Christians as parts of the body. When the head (America) is removed, then they can deal with the members (Israel and other Christian countries) (Hal, 2011). For Muslim fundamentalists, there would be no Israel without the West generally and America in particular. Gabriel (2002) argues that "after Israel was established as a nation in 1948, radical fundamentalist groups flourished even more" hence the "establishment of Israel marked the beginning of many wars between the Jews and Arabs" (Gabriel, 2002, p.114). Hagee (2007) has argued that:

Muslim children in elementary schools are taught that Jews come from monkeys and pigs. Dressed in military paraphernalia, these children learn to shout, "Death to the Jews!" and "Death to America" in unison. Teachers applaud these young children, who are taught from an early age to love death, hate Jews, and long for the glory of being a martyr (Hagee, 2007, p.208).

In a speech by President W. Bush at the National Endowment for Democracy in Washington DC on Thursday, October 6, 2005, he: 'Likened the ideology of Islamic militants to Communism, insisting that Muslims were bent to... overthrow all moderate governments in the region and establish a radical Islamic empire that spans from Spain to Indonesia...' (Hagee, 2006, p.21).

On the basis of the above assertions, some young Muslim militants rush to America in pretence as immigrant refugees to be part of the vanguard "about to materialise". When they enter America, they acquire Green Card that can give them freedom to travel back to al-Qaeda training camps, and then come back to the U.S. to carry out "lone wolf terrorism" (Simon, 2013).

### **Q3: Is Trump's Immigration ban working?**

To understand the extent Trump's immigration ban of 2017 of Muslim immigrants is yielding the expected results, calls for an assessment of "list of unsuccessful terrorist plots in the United States post- 9/11" under Trump's administration: The table below shows terrorist attempts on U.S. soil even in the face of immigration ban:

#### **Trump Administration**

Date	Target	Description	Location of arrest or attempt	Suspect(s)
December 20, 2017	San Francisco, California Pier 39	Former U.S. Marine from Modesto, CA arrested for plotting a Christmas terrorist attack at San Francisco's very popular, Pier 39 on behalf of ISIS. He planned to strategically bomb the pier to funnel people into a crowd, then begin with a mass shooting. The FBI stopped his plan after attention was brought to his pro-ISIS Facebook posts. Fall 2017, he was caught communicating with undercover FBI agents posing as ISIS recruiters, saying he was "wholehearted committed to the cause" and could provide "U.S. military resource" along with money to ISIS.	Modesto, California	Everitt Aaron Jameson
December 10, 2018	Jewish synagogue in Ohio	An ISIS supporter named Damon M. Joseph is arrested for attempting an attack on a synagogue. Joseph was inspired by the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting perpetrator Robert Bowers and told the police that he admired him and wished to carry out an attack similar to Bowers.	Toledo, Ohio	Damon M. Joseph
December 10, 2018	Toledo bar	Elizabeth Lecron and Vincent Armstrong were arrested for plotting an "upscale mass murder" at a bar in Toledo using explosives. Elizabeth Lecron had been a fan of Charleston church shooting assailant Dylann Roof having been in active correspondence with him and sending him a book about Belgian Waffen-SS Nazi leader Léon Degrelle. Lecron had already created a Tumblr page celebrating the church shooting in Charleston titled "charlestonchurchmiracle" as well as various other murderers. The two would be indicted on January 3, 2019.	Toledo, Ohio	Elizabeth Lecron and Vincent Armstrong
February 20, 2019	Democratic, left-wing and socialist politicians, media	A U.S. Coast Guard lieutenant from Silver Spring, Maryland named, arrested for unlawful firearm possession and drug charges. Prosecutors say Hasson followed the	Silver Spring, Maryland	Christopher Paul Hasson

	personalities, and organizations	manifesto of Norwegian terrorist Anders Behring Breivik. Federal agents recovered 15 firearms and more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition from Hasson's Silver Spring apartment, and they said he had been stockpiling weapons and ammunition since 2017. Hasson was a self-proclaimed white nationalist and neo-Nazi skinhead who was inspired by terrorist Anders Behring Breivik the 2011 Norway attacks perpetrator and supported turning the Pacific Northwest into an all-white homeland and sent a letter to Harold Covington of the Northwest Front, and had compiled an extensive 'hit list' targeting various Democratic and left-leaning politicians, lawmakers, media personalities, as well as journalists working for CNN and MSNBC and the organizations Democratic Socialists of America and Social Democrats, USA. According to email documents, Hasson planned "biological attacks followed by attack [sic] on food supply", and a "bombing/sniper campaign".		
April 29, 2019	White nationalist rally, Jews, Churches, Police officers and the Santa Monica Pier	A U.S. Army veteran with ties to ISIS was planning to bomb a white nationalist rally held by the United Patriot National Front (UPNF) in retribution for the Christchurch mosque shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand. He was also planning attacks on Jews, churches, police officers and the Santa Monica Pier.	Long Beach, California and Los Angeles, California	Mark Domingo
June 7, 2019	Times Square, New York City	Authorities arrested Ashiquil Alam, who planned to attack Times Square in New York City, New York with grenades, guns and a suicide vest.	New York City, New York	Ashiquil Alam

**Source:** "List of unsuccessful terrorist plots in the united states post- 9/11" <https://en.m.wikipedia.org>

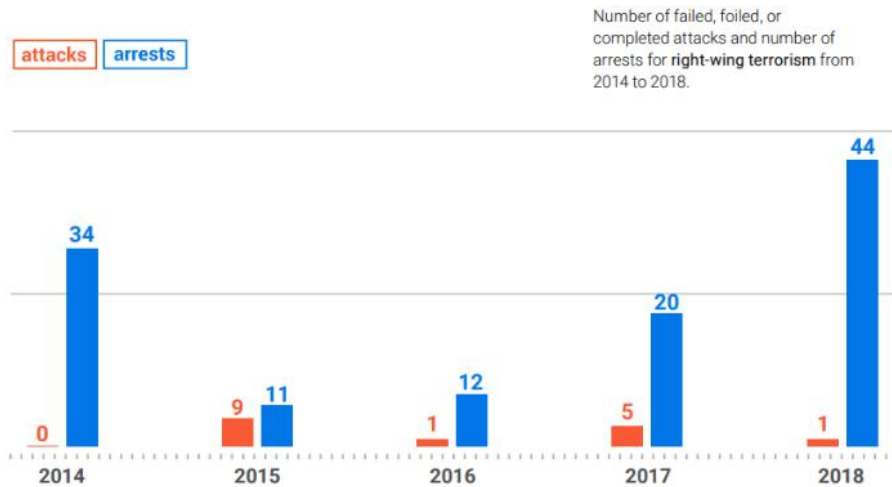
From the table above, it is deducible that terrorist attacks on U.S. soil have not abetted. First, Trump himself has said: "If a very restrictive ban is put into place it will upset many Republican supporting business people. It will most likely also cause serious problems for Trump businesses" (Daniel & Sanwar, 2020).

Perhaps, that was why when asked “if the restrictions would include any exemptions, Trump said: “You need them for big businesses where they have certain people that have been coming in for a long time, but very little exclusion and they’re pretty tight. We may even go very tight for a period of time” (Daniel & Sanwar, 2020).

Trump stated that farm workers would not be affected by the ban. President Trump had said: “We have some people coming in, for instance, helping the farmers... they’ve been coming for years and years, and they’re helping our farmers” (Daniel & Sanwar, 2020).

The question is who are these people “helping the farmers”? Is there no likelihood potential terrorists might be among them? Besides, there is an increase in terrorism problem in U.S. from white supremacists aptly called “right-wing extremists, whose terrorist attacks now account for two-thirds “ attacks and plots in the united states in 2019 and over 90 percent between January 1 and may 8, 2020” (“ the Escalating Terrorism Problem in the United States”, CSIS Briefs, June 17, 2020, <https://www.csis.org>. In compassion, religious terrorism “has killed the largest-3, 086 people” is a result of the “9/11” attacks, while right-wing terrorist attacks “caused 335 deaths” in U.S. (CSIS Briefs, “The Escalating Terrorism Problem in the United States”, June 17, 2020. <https://www.csis.org>). The United States Government referred to it as “Racially and Ethnically Motivated Terrorism” (REMT) (Koehler, 2019).

The graph below supports the report of an increase in number and severity of right-wing terrorism in United States between 2010 and 2017.



**Source:** *EU Terrorism Situation and Trend Report 2019. (European Union Terrorism Situation and Trend Report, 2019 (TE-SAT) (2009) European Union.*

The number surpassed the number of attacks carryout by terrorist groups such as Al-Qaeda or Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) (Koehler, 2019).

### Conclusion

America and the world generally should acknowledge the fact that micro-power politics as represented by acts of terrorism threatens more than super-power politics. This is because, although all Muslims may not be Jihadists, but the hatred against Jews, over the inheritance of Abraham especially Jerusalem may be the cause that will rally all Muslims together (Hal, 2011). Trump’s immigration ban may turn-out to be an important aspect of his legacy. So far, it has been the major proactive measure to checkmate “lone wolf terrorism”. According to the “Quraysh Model” of Meccan Conquest”, war is deception. Muslim militants regard “every other tribe as legitimate victim and object of plunder and murder” (Hall, 2011). For this reason, Muslim militants hide unnoticed “in the shadows and mingles with citizens” of America, and “effectively protected by America’s doctrine of “political correctness”. A case of when “Hate is Blind”, Hal (2011) concludes. Aja (1998) has argued that during international emergencies which requires immediate action, the American president, who

is both the President and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, has the right and power to act “without express statutory or constitutional authorization”. Quoting former U.S Secretary of State, William Seward, Aja (1998:) said, “we elect a King for four years, and give him absolute power within certain limits, which after-all he can interpret for himself” (Aja, 1998, p.3). With the target to kill and decompose America, terrorists act like “stray dogs” by travelling to “training camps run by al-Qaeda or its allies,... sent back to the United States to prepare and carry out terrorist attacks” (Simon, 2013:). Thus, being at home with the myth of Gazelle and Lion, Trump adopted the immigration ban to forestall terrorism, the “psychological impetus” of Islam at least from within since enemy within is more dangerous than enemy from a distance. In this period of modern terrorism that the U.S is in “stress time- pressure, inadequate or inaccurate information” (Aja, 1998) about the status of immigrants into the U.S, it behoves Trump who is constitutionally liable to American citizens, to be aware that in terrorism, America faces a national emergency. That Trump recognised and exhibited using the 2017 immigration ban to ensure homeland security. Rather than be criticised, Trump should be seen as a patriot. However, the “enemy within” already exists in America- the right-wing supremacists whose terrorist attacks rise at geometric progression. Thus, Trump’s immigration ban or policy may not be yielding the expected result.

### **Recommendation**

- Muslim militants should be re-oriented that there is no marriage in paradise, thus promising them seventy-two virgins (Hal, 2011) when they die martyrs is pure deception.
- President Trump should be supported in line with, 1989 President Bush’s inaugural address that Americans should “make us strong to do your work for we are given power not to advance our own purposes... There is just but one use of power, and it is to serve people” (Aja, 1998, p.70)
- Therefore U.S Congress should look into lapses in immigration laws because the secret plan is to threaten America’s security from within.
- The tenets of inter-faith relationship should be explored because in this era of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Islam can grow without the threat of a sword.
- All religions have verses on altruism which should be exploited rather than verses on hate.

### **Contribution to Knowledge**

This study has been able to establish a link between the history of terrorist attacks on America soil in the past and the immediate reasons for Trump’s immigration ban. It also established the fact that Trump was not acting on impulse but on the framework of established “statutory authorizations and related prohibitions” of the United States code, as such, his immigration ban was neither “un-American” nor “Islamophobic” as insinuated by some opinion leaders. The study has reemphasized an established diplomatic norm which maintains the need for countries not to allow their commitments to outweigh their capabilities which is the hallmark of nationalist ethics.

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