

Source Set A—Pro-Executive Order

Instructions: You will analyze sources that take a position on the executive order. Source Set A (sources 1-7) includes sources that support the executive order. Source Set B (sources 8-14) includes sources that oppose the executive order. Your teacher will assign you a source from each set. Read your assigned sources. Follow the guidelines for analyzing sources provided in “Evaluating Media Sources.” Be prepared to share your responses with your classmates.

Source 1: Tweets from President Trump’s official twitter account.

You can access Trump’s twitter account at <<https://twitter.com/POTUS>>.

January 29, 2017 at 8:08 a.m.

“Our country needs strong borders and extreme vetting, NOW. Look what is happening all over Europe and, indeed, the world - a horrible mess!”

January 29, 2017 at 10:03 a.m.

“Christians in the Middle-East have been executed in large numbers. We cannot allow this horror to continue!”

January 30, 2017 at 4:27 a.m.

“There is nothing nice about searching for terrorists before they can enter our country. This was a big part of my campaign. Study the world!”

Source 2: “Statement Regarding Recent Executive Order Concerning Extreme Vetting,” a statement by Trump as published on his official Facebook page and on the White House website, January 29, 2017.

This source is available at <goo.gl/4cDlC6>.

“America is a proud nation of immigrants and we will continue to show compassion to those fleeing oppression, but we will do so while protecting our own citizens and border. America has always been the land of the free and home of the brave.

We will keep it free and keep it safe, as the media knows, but refuses to say.... To be clear, this is not a Muslim ban, as the media is falsely reporting.

This is not about religion - this is about terror and keeping our country safe. There are over 40 different countries worldwide that are majority Muslim that are not affected by this order. We will again be issuing visas to all countries once we are sure we have reviewed and implemented the most secure policies over the next 90 days.

I have tremendous feeling for the people involved in this horrific humanitarian crisis in Syria. My first priority will always be to protect and serve our country, but as President I will find ways to help all those who are suffering.”

Source 3: “Trump’s Executive Order on Refugees—Separating Fact from Hysteria,” by David French, published in the *National Review*. French is a writer for the *National Review* and an attorney who focuses on constitutional law. The *National Review* describes itself as a conservative news outlet.

View the full article at <http://goo.gl/3W8tkX>.

“To read the online commentary, one would think that President Trump just fundamentally corrupted the American character. You would think that the executive order on refugees he signed yesterday betrayed America’s Founding ideals. You might even think he banned people from an entire faith from American shores....

So, what did Trump do? Did he implement his promised Muslim ban? No, far from it. He backed down dramatically from his campaign promises and instead signed an executive order dominated mainly by moderate refugee restrictions and temporary provisions aimed directly at limiting immigration from jihadist conflict zones....

First, the order temporarily halts refugee admissions for 120 days to improve the vetting process, then caps refugee admissions at 50,000 per year.... The bottom line is that Trump is improving security screening and intends to admit refugees at close to the average rate of the 15 years before Obama’s dramatic expansion in 2016. Obama’s expansion was a departure from recent norms, not Trump’s contraction.

Second, the order imposes a temporary, 90-day ban on people entering the U.S. from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen. These are countries either torn apart by jihadist violence or under the control of hostile, jihadist governments....

Indeed, given the terrible recent track record of completed and attempted terror attacks by Muslim immigrants, it’s clear that our current approach is inadequate to control the threat. Unless we want to simply accept Muslim immigrant terror as a fact of American life, a short-term ban on entry from problematic countries combined with a systematic review of our security procedures is both reasonable and prudent.

However, there are reports that the ban is being applied even to green-card holders. This is madness. The plain language of the order doesn’t apply to legal permanent residents of the U.S., and green-card holders have been through round after round of vetting and security checks. The administration should intervene, immediately, to stop misapplication. If, however, the Trump administration continues to apply the order to legal permanent residents, it should indeed be condemned.”

Source 4: “Statement on President Trump’s Executive Actions on National Security,” a press release from Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, January 27, 2017. Ryan is a Republican.

You can view the original press release at <http://goo.gl/PcSRgM>.

“Our number one responsibility is to protect the homeland. We are a compassionate nation, and I support the refugee resettlement program, but it’s time to reevaluate and strengthen the visa vetting process. This is why we passed bipartisan legislation in the wake of the Paris attacks to pause the intake of refugees. President Trump is right to make sure we are doing everything possible to know exactly who is entering our country.”

Source 5: “Final Thoughts: Mainstream media conveniently forgets to include key information in temporary ban,” a video by Tomi Lahren, January 30, 2017. Lahren is a conservative news anchor with *TheBlaze*, a conservative media outlet.

A link to the video is available at <http://goo.gl/XCqhW8>.

Source 6: “President Trump’s executive order will keep America safe” in the *Washington Examiner*, January 31, 2017, by Representative Brian Babin. Babin is a Republican from Texas.

View the full article at <http://goo.gl/hUdyfH>.

“As elected officials, our sworn duty is to the safety and security of the American people. To put politics above one’s duty is a dereliction of this oath of office, particularly when the lives of Americans are at stake.

It is important to understand that this is not a Muslim ban. The executive order only pertains to seven failed states identified by President Obama less than eleven months ago.

The authority of President Trump to make these orders is well established in law. In fact, President Obama cut off travel for Iraq in 2011 for these same exact reasons. The United States is under no obligation to accept anyone into the U.S. from foreign countries.

Since September 10, 2001, we have seen several thousand Americans murdered and hundreds more injured by terrorists who have exploited our visa and refugee programs. In spite of his own FBI director and DHS secretary telling him they could not properly vet these refugees, President Obama continued to double down on his plan of bringing in thousands of refugees from terrorist hotspots like Syria.

Sixteen years after the 9/11 attacks, many of the safeguards recommended by the 9/11 Commission have still not been implemented. The American people should applaud the fact that we have a president who has made one of these recommendations a priority.

As a compassionate nation, we can and should help refugees. In fact, we can help twelve refugees in safe zones near their home countries for the price of bringing just one refugee to the United States.

It is shameful – but not surprising – that liberal politicians and the media are spreading misinformation about the president’s actions. I believe the majority of Americans understand the president is working to keep them safe. Most Americans agree that we can no longer afford to put political correctness ahead of security.

President Trump’s executive orders are a breath of fresh air for millions of Americans. His commitment to putting the American people first provides a glimmer of hope for those who have lost faith in their government. President Trump was elected on the exact same agenda he is carrying out – and his actions will ultimately save many American lives.”

Source 7: "In Ban on Migrants, Trump Supporters See a Promise Kept" in the *New York Times*, January 30, 2017, Sabrina Tavernise interviews Sal Oliva, Michael Bower, and Lynn and Don Broesch. The interviewees are Trump supporters.

Read the original article at <goo.gl/Lte1Y4>.

Sal Oliva, a hotel worker and Uber courier from Staten Island, is ecstatic about President Trump's executive order. So are Michael Bower, an owner of a home alarm company in Seattle, and Lynn and Don Broesch, retirees from suburban Milwaukee.

Mr. Trump's new immigration policy may be setting off protests around the country and raising eyebrows and objections among allies abroad. But at home, a large portion of the electorate is behind the president. Mr. Trump's supporters say that the promise of tougher immigration policies is one of the main reasons they voted for him. Friday's order, along with an earlier one for building a wall, shows that he is serious, they say.

"I was like, 'Oh, my God.' I was so happy," said Mr. Oliva, 32. He is gay and said he was deeply affected by the shooting at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Fla., by an American of Afghan descent. "That one really got to me. That could have been me."

Mr. Trump has tapped into a deep anxiety that is a relatively recent feature of modern American politics: terrorism from abroad....

"I don't begrudge my grandma who never met a Muslim in her life, but all she sees on TV are Muslims blowing things up," said Mr. Bower, 35, who grew up in rural Idaho. "It is not irrational that people are worried." He emphasized that Mr. Trump's order was "only temporary."

"Let's just take a breather," Mr. Bower said. "Take a little time out. Let's get the smart people in here and formulate a plan."

Each person sees the policy through the lens of personal experience. For Mr. Bower, it evokes his stepsister, whose husband works in Lower Manhattan and was there on Sept. 11.... [E]ven now, Mr. Bower said, she is scared every day her husband goes to work....

Mr. Oliva contended that the media portrays Muslim immigrants only positively.

"Every story about a Muslim immigrant is that they are as American as apple pie," he said. "But I'm sorry, Islam is no friend of L.G.B.T. people. When Islam meets gay people in Somalia or wherever, they get thrown off the roof. And you expect them to be different when they move here? You can't expect people to absorb our values."

Mr. Oliva, who works on the Upper East Side of Manhattan — and recently had a picture of Mr. Trump's face tattooed on his arm — said people in Manhattan did not understand his love for Mr. Trump because their problems were different from his.

"These people in Manhattan, they don't know what's going on in the outer boroughs," he said. "These immigrants, they don't come to 86th Street; they come to Port Richmond Avenue on Staten Island." He added that Manhattanites are "not going to be affected. We are the ones that feel it."