President Donald Trump's executive order passing new travel restrictions on six Muslim-majority countries has created a debate over whether the decision is a thinly veiled attempt to target Americans with the same religion as the Islamic State. Opponents of the ban argue it is discriminatory, while its supporters say it is necessary for protecting the country from potential terror attacks.

In a statement, President Donald Trump said the ban was necessary to ensure that the United States is not taking in individuals who may pose a threat to national security. The ban, which bars individuals from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen, was implemented on January 27, just days after Trump took office.

The ban has sparked widespread backlash from both domestic and international sources, with some countries threatening to retaliate. The United Nations has also condemned the ban, saying it goes against the principles of equality and non-discrimination.

The Trump administration has defended the ban, saying it is necessary to prevent terrorists from entering the country. However, critics argue the ban is ineffective in preventing terrorism and is based on stereotypes.

The ban is expected to face legal challenges, with several states and organizations filing lawsuits to challenge its constitutionality. The outcome of these legal battles will be closely watched as the United States navigates its new immigration policy.