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“It is an accepted maxim of international law that every sovereign nation has the power, as inherent in sovereignty, and essential to self-preservation, to forbid the entrance of foreigners within its dominions or to admit them only in such cases and upon such conditions as it may see fit to prescribe.” Chief Justice John Marshall

Progressives and the main stream media (MSM) are ecstatic over the temporary restraining order issued by a Seattle federal judge. The judge’s order placed a temporary stay on President Trump’s executive order that bars people from Iran, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Sudan, Somalia and Libya from traveling to the U.S. for at least 90 days. It also suspends refugee admissions from all countries for four months and indefinitely blocks Syrian refugees from entering the country.

Little has been reported that 73 incumbent Democrat members of Congress approved and signed the Enhanced Border Security & Visa Entry Reform Act in 2002. The law was co-sponsored by Senator Dianne Feinstein and is still in effect. Included in the 73 were Pelosi, Hoyer, and Schumer. Also voting “yea” were then Senators Biden, Clinton and Kerry. Section 306 of this law, *prohibits the admission of an alien from a country designated to be a state sponsor of international terrorism unless the Secretary of State has determined that such individual does not pose a risk or security threat to the United States.* State sponsors of terrorism included Iran, Sudan and Syria.

In 2011 Secretary of State Clinton, placed a six-month ban on all refugee applications from Iraq. There was nary a peep from either Progressives or the MSM. Where was the ACLU? Where were the demonstrators? The fact remains that Obama and Clinton banned all refugees from a majority Muslim country. Included were Iraqi intelligence officers and interpreters that assisted the U.S. military. One Iraqi who had aided American troops was assassinated before his refugee application could be processed.

President Trump’s Executive Order is not a ban on Muslims. It’s a moratorium on immigration or re-entries from seven individual volatile countries and a temporary moratorium on refugees from all countries, subject to case-by-case exceptions. These facts are not important to Progressives; it’s ideology that matters.

The ACLU shopped cases around to activist federal judges in five states to force immigration officials to allow non-citizens into the country who were subject to the restrictions of Trump’s executive order. Never in our history have judges concocted an affirmative right to immigrate, even during a time of war and from war-torn Islamic countries.

Judicial tyranny is alive and well in California. Judge Dolly Gee of the Central District of California ordered Customs and Border Protection officials to escort an Iranian national back from Dubai to the United States after he was already excluded and while he was outside of American soil. Judge Gee has now created an equal protection and religious liberty right for foreign nationals to affirmatively come to this country.

The President is acting well within the confines of the law. Congress gave broad authority to Presidents' with the passage of the Immigration & Naturalization Act (INA). The pertinent provisions of Section 212(f) states:

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 nonimmigrants, or impose on the entry of aliens any restrictions he may deem to be appropriate.

The Congressional Records Service reported the number of times each President, since Reagan, limited immigration to specific groups of people under the INA: Reagan - 5, Bush I - once, Clinton - 12, Bush II - 6, and Obama - 19. Progressives, the radical Left and the MSM continue their efforts to delegitimize the presidency of Donald Trump. They don't yet understand why they are viewed as out of the mainstream of the working class.