

NEWS BREAK

Sunday's News Break selects an article from Sunday, January 29, 2017 of The Seattle Times print replica for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected article and answer the attached study questions.

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Article: Part of Trump order blocked (MAIN, A1)

Pre-Reading & Vocabulary

- What do you think about the actions President Trump is taking towards predominantly Muslim countries and their people? How does it make you feel?
- How do you think this makes them feel?
- Does this action surprise you? Why or why not?
- Will this order keep us, as Americans, safer? Why or why not?

Vocabulary: Match the words to the numbered definitions in the chart below.

A. angst	1. a critical point or stage at which something or someone suddenly causes or creates some significant action
B. chaotic	2. a feeling of dread, anxiety, or anguish.
C. deportation	3. completely confused or disordered
D. detained	4. the lawful expulsion of an undesired alien or other person from a state
E. flashpoint	5. to keep under restraint or in custody
F. protest	6. a person who flees for refuge or safety, especially to a foreign country, as in time of political upheaval, war, etc.
G. refugee	7. an expression or declaration of objection, disapproval, or dissent, often in opposition to something a person is powerless to prevent or avoid

Comprehension:

1. Confusion, angst, protests and legal actions greeted President Trump's executive order barring entry to the U.S. for what people?

2. Before a federal judge in New York blocked deportations resulting from the order late in the day, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport became a flashpoint. What was happening?
3. Gov. Jay Inslee and other elected officials held a news conference at the airport. What did they say?
4. What does Trump's executive order do?
5. Immediately, customs and immigration officials across the country faced the challenge of doing what?
6. Inslee likened the order to what?
7. By early Saturday evening, _____ people had been detained at Sea-Tac, according to a Port of Seattle official. Of those, _____ were released and allowed to enter the U.S., while _____ were to be sent back to their place of departure.
8. Microsoft sought to reassure and offer legal assistance Saturday to employees affected by Trump's order. What did they do?
9. Smith said Microsoft supports efforts to ease barriers to immigration, including the Obama Administration's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which defers deportation for immigrants — known as "_____ " — who came to the U.S. as children.

Discussion Questions or Extension Essay Questions:

Ibado Ahmed was at the airport Saturday morning to meet her husband, who was coming from Somalia via Vienna.

His flight arrived as scheduled. But Ahmed, a refugee who has lived in Seattle 12 years, according to family members, did not get to see her husband.

Federal customs agents detained him.

Port of Seattle Commissioner Courtney Gregoire said she tried to arrange for Ahmed's husband to meet with an attorney. "Unfortunately, he was already on his way back to Vienna," Gregoire said.

- How do you feel about Ahmed's story?
- How is this order affecting the entire world?
- How is the world perceiving us, under our new leadership?

U.S. Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Seattle, an immigrant herself, called Trump's order "inhumane and barbaric."

A group of about 1,000 protesters formed at the airport Saturday night shouting chants like, "Let them in." The demonstration temporarily stopped light rail service to the airport.

- Do you believe Trump's order is inhumane and barbaric? Why or why not?
- Do you think these protests are making a difference? Why or why not?

Microsoft Chief Executive Satya Nadella, a U.S. citizen who was born in India, also defended immigration.

"As an immigrant and as a CEO, I've both experienced and seen the positive impact that immigration has on our company, for the country, and for the world," Nadella wrote on LinkedIn. "We will continue to advocate on this important topic."

“A lot of people here in the U.S. have businesses or they have a lot of family members in Iran,” she said. “A lot of them travel back and forth. Especially with the USA being the land of the free, having that freedom canceled for us, it’s very scary and concerning. I think it’s morally wrong to accuse people because of their background or their faith.”

- What are the positive impacts of immigration?
- Have you and your family immigrated here to the United States? Share your story.
- Do you feel that this land is still that land of the free? Why or why not?
- Do you think it’s morally wrong to accuse an entire group of people based on their faith? Why or why not?

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Vocabulary

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 5
- E. 1
- F. 7
- G. 6

Comprehension Questions

1. Immigrants from seven Muslim countries and all refugees Saturday, while affected travelers trying to reach Seattle dealt with the tough new restrictions.
2. Government officials, locals affected by the chaotic implementation of the order and employers struggled to figure out what it meant for them.
3. They denounced what they called a poorly coordinated, reckless and un-American policy, unveiled late Friday by Trump. "These people couldn't run a two-car funeral," Inslee said of the White House. "It is a train wreck. It can't stand. We're drawing the line here at Sea-Tac."
4. The order suspends entry of all refugees for 120 days, bars Syrian refugees indefinitely and blocks U.S. entry for 90 days for citizens of seven Muslim majority countries: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.
5. Enforcing the new restrictions even as travelers were already en route to the United States or on the ground at ports of entry such as airports.
6. The internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.
7. By early Saturday evening, six people had been detained at Sea-Tac, according to a Port of Seattle official. Of those, two were released and allowed to enter the U.S., while four were to be sent back to their place of departure.
8. In an email to employees Saturday afternoon, Microsoft President and Chief Legal Officer Brad Smith said the company was aware of 76 workers who are citizens of the affected countries and hold U.S. temporary work visas. "We'll make sure that we do everything we can to provide fast and effective legal advice and assistance," Smith said.

He said the company had reached out to each of those employees, but added there may be others with permanent-resident status, or green cards, who could be banned from re-entering the U.S. under the new policy.

9. Dreamers