



**STATEMENT FROM THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF
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The International and Area Studies Program at Northwestern University is staffed by academics and administrators with expertise in all aspects of international affairs. In our professional capacities we engage in scholarship and conversation about global issues, including US domestic and foreign relations.

The recent decisions of the US government to seriously impede or entirely forbid travel to the US for large numbers of people based only on their national identity is a tremendous mistake and a violation of their basic human rights and dignity.

The executive order signed on January 27, 2017, appears to violate many existing US laws as well as parts of the US Constitution. It is contrary to American values and to basic human decency. It is also tremendously counter-productive as it creates enemies and offends friends around the world.

We oppose and condemn these new policies and support those seeking to overturn them.

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