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The National Hispanic Media Coalition and the Coalition Against Hate stand together in denouncing the Supreme Court's shameful decision upholding the travel ban against Muslims

Religious freedom is a fundamental pillar of United States, one which is currently under siege in today's Supreme Court ruling upholding the Trump administration's travel ban targeting Muslim-majority countries.

"Today's Supreme Court decision regarding the Muslim Ban is a disgrace to our country and will go down as a sad day in our history books. We cannot be a nation that discriminates. We vehemently object to decisions that allow this administration to continue doing just that." - Alex Nogales, President & CEO, NHMC

Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who dissented along with three of her peers, [expressed](#) what this decision truly means:

"The United States of America is a Nation built upon the promise of religious liberty. Our Founders honored that core promise by embedding the principle of religious neutrality in the First Amendment. The Court's decision today fails to safeguard that fundamental principle. It leaves undisturbed a policy first advertised openly and unequivocally as a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States" because the policy now masquerades behind a façade of national-security concerns. But this repackaging does little to cleanse Presidential Proclamation No. 9645 of the appearance of discrimination that the President's words have created. Based on the evidence in the record, a reasonable observer would conclude that the Proclamation was motivated by anti-Muslim animus. That alone suffices to show that plaintiffs are likely to succeed on the merits of their Establishment Clause claim. The majority holds otherwise by ignoring the facts, misconstruing our legal precedent, and turning a blind eye to the pain and suffering the Proclamation inflicts upon countless families and individuals, many of whom are United States citizens. Because that troubling result runs contrary to the Constitution and our precedent, I dissent.

Given President Trump's failure to correct the reasonable perception of his apparent hostility toward the Islamic faith, it is unsurprising that the President's lawyers have, at every step in the lower courts, failed in their attempts to launder the Proclamation of its discriminatory taint."

Today's decision marks yet another deep scar in our nation's history, a nation which was built and made great by immigrants. A nation that is sadly succumbing to bigotry and hate at the highest levels.

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