

Students respond to the travel ban

On Jun. 26, many people were shocked as the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of Trump's travel ban in a 5-4 decision.

The ban, which has gone through multiple changes in the past year, prohibits people traveling to the U.S. from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria, and Yemen.

It also places limits on travelers from North Korea and Venezuela.

President Donald Trump has defended his ban saying that it's necessary to reduce the amount of terrorism in the U.S., along with other dangers to national security.

Previous versions of the travel ban, which was first signed by Trump on Jan. 27 of this year, were blocked multiple times by federal appeals court judges.

An attempt to overturn the executive order by the Senate also failed.

Despite the attempts to fight it, the Supreme Court lifted restrictions on the ban.

The ban has earned a lot of criticism. This is due to the fact that most of the countries that are listed in the ban have a Muslim majority population.

Over the past year, many protests have been held in Washington, D.C. and all across the country because of what people believe is blatant discrimination towards Muslims.

Many students seem to agree with this sentiment.

"I do not agree with Trump or the Supreme Court. It's obvious that the travel ban is unconstitutional," sophomore Cynthia Nguyen said. "Banning people from Muslim majority countries is unjust. It is not fair that a whole group is being blamed for what 1% of their peers have done."

Students also agree with the belief that the ban is unnecessary and unhelpful.

"Trump's idea to ban possible immigrants is useless. It is not going to help because most terrorists and violent people on U.S. soil are people who were born and raised here, and they are rarely Muslim," sophomore Safia Ahmed said.

People are also concerned about how this ban will affect family members who are from the countries listed in the ban.

"I have family from the U.S. who travel to Somalia, and I have family from Somalia who travel to the U.S. It scares me to think that they might end up stuck somewhere or in trouble," Ahmed said.

Many people are against and have divide perspectives towards the controversial travel ban. Protests from citizens and politicians alike exploded after the Supreme Court's decision was released. But as of now, the travel ban seems to be here to stay.