# Is Trump Immigrant Order Repeating History? An Attorney Says Maybe

A Dallas constitutional law attorney says President Trump's temporary ban on immigrants and refugees at airports nationwide is extreme, but not without historical precedent, according to a post published by **Androvett Legal Media & Marketing**.

Issued Friday, the executive order prevents citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States for three months. He also placed the U.S. refugee program on hold for four months. The order launched massive protests at airports in major cities across the country and brought attorneys together to offer free legal support to detained travelers.

But attorney **David Coale** of Lynn Pinker Cox Hurst says that presidents have conducted similar actions in the past:

> *"There is a very broad 1952 statute that lets the president suspend entry by classes of aliens for security reasons. But a 1965 statute imposes anti-discrimination limits on the executive branch in how it implements immigration policy. But beyond that, there is not a lot of case law to go. More modest bans have been allowed by courts, but with caveats that indicate they were thinking about a possibility such as this. Jimmy Carter did something vaguely like it in 1980 during the Iran crisis by requiring Iranians here on student visas to report to immigration officials, but it is a big leap from his limited action to this one. I think that once the temporary ban ends, however, the 'extreme vetting' in the current order will be DOA. The First Amendment prohibits government action that favors one religion over another, and*

*the current executive order clearly does so by giving non-Muslims priority status.”*