WASHINGTON, D.C.  — Last Saturday, President Trump issued a surprising executive order. An executive order is put in place by a president and has the effect of a national law. Trump's order blocked people from seven Muslim nations from coming to the United States. The order caused confusion and protests at many American airports.

The White House defended the order. Officials said it was needed to protect the country from terror attacks. It blocked entry by people with passports from Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Iran, Iraq, Yemen and Libya. Passports are official papers proving citizenship.

After its signing, the measure led to authorities detaining, or holding back, more than 100 people. They were flying to airports across the country. Some were legal American residents. Others were refugees fleeing from war in Syria. All of them had the correct documents. Lawyers said many more people were blocked from getting on flights coming to the U.S.

**Thousands Of Protesters Rally At Airports**

Those against the executive order moved rapidly to fight it. Protesters rallied to fight the ban. They gathered at airports and cities around the country. Thousands joined together in Los Angeles, California; Washington, D.C.; and other cities. In Los Angeles, thousands of protesters chanted “Let them in!” and “Love, not hate, makes America great.” They greeted people who had been released with applause.

Jacob Kemper is a 35-year-old who served in the Army in Iraq. He held a sign that read, "I Fought Next to Muslims." He was angry that people he cared for might be kept from coming to the U.S.

Groups of lawyers are working to have Trump’s order undone. They argue that it goes against the U.S. Constitution. A federal judge quickly ruled to temporarily block the executive order. This is called a judicial stay. The courts will now have more time to rule if the executive order is legal.

**Anxiety Grips Families Of Muslim Immigrants**

For some families of Muslim immigrants, the order has brought worry and fear. Hind Mohamed came to a New York airport planning to greet her mother, coming from Sudan. Her mother, though was being held.

Mohamed's 16-year-old son, Awab Hassan, said Trump's order lumped terrorists together with innocent people. “Where’s the feeling of taking people in, sharing the American dream?” he asked.

Many of those being held were finally released. They often benefited from luck and quick legal help. Vahideh Rasekhi is a 32-year-old Iranian university student. She was going to be sent back to Iran. She was on a plane leaving for Iran when she was able to reach volunteer lawyers on her phone. With her lawyers' help, she was allowed to leave the airport Sunday afternoon.

Trump officials said enforcement of the order would continue. The Department of Homeland Security said that it can cancel visitor visas to protect national security. These visitors visas are permissions someone gets when they are visiting a new country. The executive order blocked all refugee arrivals for 120 days. Refugees are people fleeing war or other dangers.

**Homeland Security Works To Clarify Rules**

Homeland Security officials later tried to make the new rules clearer. They said green- card holders from these countries would face additional checks when returning to the U.S. Green cards are papers that give foreign visitors the right to live and work in the U.S. These people were unsure if they would be let back into the U.S. However, officials said they would be allowed to return.

Most Republican lawmakers were slow to defend Trump's actions. Republican leaders John McCain and Lindsey Graham weighed in with a statement. They said, “Our government has a responsibility to defend our borders, but we must do so in a way that makes us safer and upholds all that is decent and exceptional about our nation."

Democrats expressed stronger disapproval. They said they hoped to end the executive order through new laws. Charles E. Schumer, a lawmaker from New York, called the order “mean-spirited” and “un-American.”

President Trump said Sunday that the U.S. needs stronger borders and better checks on foreign visitors and refugees. He also complained about immigration rules in other parts of the world. He called them a "horrible mess."

Meanwhile, European leaders have expressed shock at Trump’s executive order. They are upset how it affects some citizens from their countries. These people also have passports from one of the affected countries.

1. **Based on information in the article, which of these statements is TRUE?**

**A**

Most Americans seem to support President Trump's executive order.

**B**

Most Muslim citizens have been ordered to leave the U.S.

**C**

The airports were not able to fly planes over the weekend because of the protest.

**D**

Some people being held at airports had visas or green cards.

1. ANCHOR 3: **PEOPLE, EVENTS & IDEAS**

**Read the section "Thousands Of Protesters Rally At Airports."**

**Why did Jacob Kemper join the protests?**

**A**

He is angry at the people who are fighting the ban.

**B**

He thinks the order goes against the Constitution.

**C**

He believes the ban is unfair to good people.

**D**

He wants to show his support for the U.S. military.

1. ANCHOR 1: **WHAT THE TEXT SAYS**

**Read the section "Anxiety Grips Families Of Muslim Immigrants."**

**Select the paragraph that suggests a judge's ruling will NOT completely stop the executive order from being enforced (paragraph that starts with…..)**

4. ANCHOR 3: **PEOPLE, EVENTS & IDEAS**

**Read the section "Homeland Security Works To Clarify Rules."**

**How does the executive order affect foreign visitors who have green cards to work in the U.S.?**

**A**

They will not be allowed to remain in the U.S.

**B**

They will not be affected by the executive order.

**C**

They must re-apply for new green cards.

**D**

They will get examined more when they re-enter the U.S.