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 **TODAY'S "QUICK HIT":**
TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS:
GIVE US THE
ENTIRE STORY!

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Here's what provoked me:

It's irresponsible journalism that is reporting on President Trump's refugee travel restrictions. I guess the President has so alienated the press that there's no way they will give him a full hearing and analysis. I think both sides in that drama should learn from this unhelpful bantering.

Here's my response:

Travel Restrictions: Give Us the Entire Story!

Recall mainstream media reports about the recent Trump immigration travel restrictions. A typical report goes something like this: "People are up-in-arms about Trump's refugee travel restrictions imposed last week. Many believe the Executive Order is a knee-jerk over-reaction illegally banning refugees on the basis of religious affiliation." That report understandably elicits a negative reaction.

Adding context and details creates a different impression: "The President carried out a campaign promise by instituting a temporary, 90-day restriction on travel into the U.S. from designated Muslim countries that were identified by Obama as harboring radical Muslim terrorists. A tiny percentage of the world's Muslims are affected. Authority for this action comes from the U.S. code which allows a President to restrict immigration if there's indication of a possible national security risk. Trump often has promised to restrict travel for a short period in order to assess the status of our refugee vetting system. He was reacting to Obama officials testifying before Congress that effective terrorist vetting isn't being accomplished among refugees. This isn't a 'first.' President Carter imposed a similar temporary restriction, and Obama actually imposed a six-month restriction in 2011."

Both of those reports are basically true. Yet they convey vastly different messages. Which one provides a better opportunity to do an accurate evaluation.

Even the devil can quote scripture for his own purposes. Now the mainstream media is quoting Orwell as the new scripture in their sanctimonious crusade for "truth" – From Jewish World Review – February 6, 2017.

But Orwell's comments cut both ways! He wrote: "And if all others accepted the lie which the Party imposed – if all records told the same tale – then the lie passed into history and became truth." – George Orwell, "1984"