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As a Muslim, I believe that Mr. Trump has his heart in the right place, and that his stance is not against Islam but radicalism. He himself has highlighted this fact many times in his speeches. However, the fact that his first move on such a delicate matter was to issue an executive order has brought with it many misunderstandings and speculations. Taking advantage of the situation, the anti-Trump front has begun to cause great uproar within the country. The street protests in particular, which are noticeably orchestrated from a single center, further heightened the tension. Yet it is not difficult to extinguish the unease sparked by these executive orders. Compensatory policies will defuse the artificial tension generated by the demonstrations, undermining the ability of the anti-Trump media to manipulate the masses.

It is time for the Trump administration to realize that international terrorism is no longer a simple security issue. Radicalism is impossible to counter with police or even military measures. While waging a struggle against an entity that wields worldwide influence, sociological, psychological, economic and political measures are necessary. The struggle against radicalism cannot prevail through rigid methods; it requires acute thinking and elaborate planning. Presuppositions, preconceived opinions, extreme prejudice and extrajudicial executions will do more harm than good. It is important to make a distinction between the right and the wrong, the innocent and the guilty. Each step taken in the opposite direction will only serve to foster radicalism and allow it to do even greater damage both to the U.S. and to world peace. In fact, the foreign policy based on military counter-terrorist measures pursued by the USA in recent years proved the inefficacy of this method.

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Therefore, when determining his policy, President Trump should remember that violence always begets more violence and not disregard the negative impacts of the policies pursued before him, and base his decisions upon these facts. President Trump's ideal of rebuilding the USA is a wonderful goal that is supported by Muslims as well. Trump says that he can act independently of the self-interest groups that steer the USA and world politics. He has a lot to do in the areas of education, economy and industry. It is friendships and alliances, not purely militaristic measures, visa limitations etc., that will protect the USA from radicalism. Strict measures of any nature will enable certain segments to incite hatred as well as weaken the hand of Muslims who are ready for alliance. The future of world peace does not lie in division and alienation, but in rapprochement, friendship among the believers, and even in their alliance against a common enemy such as radicalism.

The bloc standing against Mr. Trump will go to any lengths to impede his every decision during his presidency. They will resort to all sorts of tactics, legal or illegal. A fierce struggle awaits Mr. Trump against this extraordinary bloc. But sincere Muslims are ready to support him in his intellectual struggle. Sincere Muslims heartily wish that President Trump will be successful. He has many allies among the Islamic world that he may or may not be aware of.

Establishing closer relationships between Christian Americans and sincere Muslims is the key that will unlock the door that leads to peace. God-loving Christians, Jews and Muslims should stand in the same ranks against secularism and radicalism that wreak havoc all around the globe.

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