

Read about a recent politically relevant news story (partisan politics or important domestic or international—not local—issues) in more than one news source and apply one or more of the “five very powerful questions” to it. Put a link to the article's you are referring to in your initial post. How does asking these questions affect your approach to the issue in the news story? Is there sufficient information in the articles to answer your question(s)? If not, what additional information would we need to answer the question(s)?

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So many people up in arms over Trump’s ideals, I decided to focus on something that has been fairly complex over the last 9 months, the travel ban and “who does this affect?”

Most recently in the news was the 9th Circuit court of appeals decision that grandparents are excluded from the most recent rules of the Trump travel ban. The travel ban continues to be under review however it has become very confusing for many on who is affected by this. My first thoughts about it were that I had no idea who was affected necessarily until news articles started to help me understand. As someone who is not affected in a personal way, I had to rely on the stories of others to make any decisions. Trump talks a lot. He often talks about things he doesn’t really understand but once I see in writing who it really affects, I too, have little understanding.

CNN posted the article about both grandparents and certain refugees were excluded from the travel ban. Their explanation was that extended family members, such as grandparents would not be affected by the ban.

That seemed simple enough to understand. I think.

From the onset, it’s been all about who cannot come to this country. Barring people from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen from coming into the U.S. I first heard this and immediately wondered where any of the terrorist attacks on our country had anything to do with ANY of these places, and based on other articles, I was right, none of the terrorist came from any of them.

As I let the powers that be work through the confusion, it’s articles like these that help me understand who is affected and whose stories get caught up in the crossfire unintentionally. I am not much of a fan of politics and this one seems very political in the fight for what is right.

I can go to multiple sources of media to get enough information to form my own opinion and as long as I know who I am getting the information from, I know I can trust it.

CNN: <http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/07/politics/9th-circuit-travel-ban/index.html>

Associated Press:

<https://www.apnews.com/4711740311614eb69237c5b9ef989abc/Appeals-court:-Grandparents-not-part-of-Trump%27s-travel-ban>