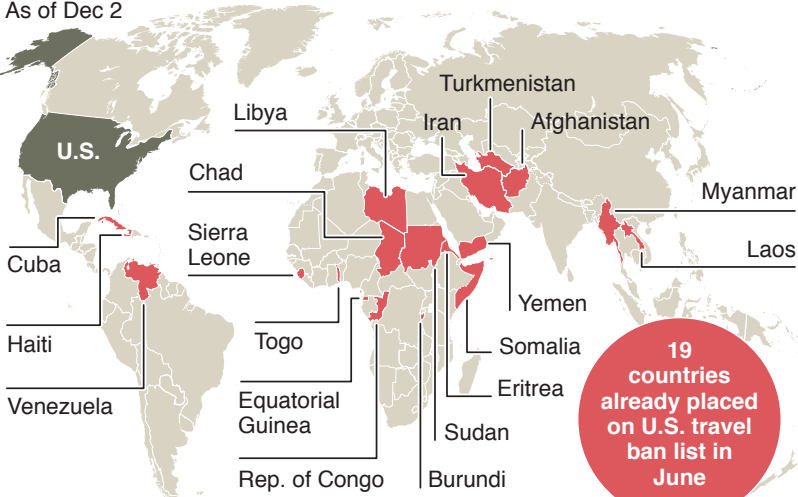


U.S. halts immigration from 19 countries

The Trump administration is pausing all immigration applications linked to 19 countries, including green card and U.S. citizenship processing, citing concerns over national security and public safety

COUNTRIES SUBJECT TO PAUSE ON U.S. IMMIGRATION APPLICATIONS

As of Dec 2



■ **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)** pausing all benefit requests by foreign nationals from 19 countries. Benefits include green card requests and applications to register permanent residence

■ **“Comprehensive re-review”** of already approved applications for individuals from 19 countries who entered U.S. on or after Jan 20, 2021

■ USCIS has also halted review of **Forms I-589** – which covers applications for asylum and for withholding of removal – regardless of applicant’s country of nationality



*Immigration crackdown follows Nov 26 shooting in Washington DC in which one National Guard member was killed and another critically wounded. **Afghan man living in U.S. was arrested as suspect***