

Travel ban could cost \$18B in U.S. tourism

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President Trump's temporary travel ban and an inhospitable political climate could punch an \$18 billion hole in U.S. tourism by international visitors over the next two years, projections by travel analysts show.

Foreign tourism is a \$250 billion-a-year business in the United States, and Trump's original and revised executive orders temporarily banning travel from six majority-Muslim countries — put on hold by federal courts — have dampened interest worldwide in visiting the U.S., travel and tourism executives told *USA Today*.

"The U.S. has put an unwelcome mat at our front door," said Henry Harteveldt, president of Atmosphere Research Group, which conducts travel research.

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