



New York State Psychological Association's Statement in Opposition to President Donald Trump's Executive Order 13769: Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorists Entry Into the United States

New York State Psychological Association (NYSPA) joins the American Psychological Association (APA), several State, Territorial and Provincial Associations (STPAs), and other psychological and mental health associations in its strong condemnation of President Trump's Executive Order 13769 signed January 27, 2017 pertaining to immigration, national security, and border security. The United States, and especially New York State, has been and remains a land built on the promise of diversity and inclusion.

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" is a message etched at the base of the Statue of Liberty, a timeless statement and reminder of a value system that sought to open its doors to immigrants and offer safe haven and the hope of opportunity. We must continue to reaffirm our pledge to remain a place of refuge for those in need.

As psychologists, our commitment to champion the needs of immigrants who come to our shores seeking freedom and our support and assistance is further rooted in our own Ethical Principles as set forth by the APA, namely: *"Psychologists respect and protect civil and human rights..."* As psychologists, we oppose actions that are psychologically injurious and harmful to the public. The Executive Orders pose potential harm to the psychological well-being of all people.

NYSPA does not discriminate on the basis of culture, ethnicity, race, national origin, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, marital status, language, employment and socioeconomic status. In closing, we wish to re-emphasize our opposition to the President's Executive Order and our unwavering support for the rights of all people.

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