

Starbucks Shareholder Meeting Question
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I'm Justin Danhof of the National Center for Public Policy Research.

In response to President Trump's first immigration executive order, Mr. Schultz, you wrote that with a "heavy heart... we are witness to the conscience of our country, and the promise of the American Dream, being called into question," and announced plans to hire 10,000 refugees over the next five years.¹ According to *Business Insider*, since that announcement, "Starbucks' brand has taken a beating."²

Starbucks said it would focus on hiring refugees "who have served with U.S. troops as interpreters and support personnel."³

That's interesting, because ABC News reports that in 2011, after discovering two al-Qaeda members with links to Iraq operating in Kentucky, "the State Department stopped processing Iraq refugees for six months... even for many who had heroically helped U.S. forces as interpreters and intelligence assets."⁴ One Iraqi refugee, who had aided U.S. troops, was assassinated during the Obama-Clinton ban.

Where was your heavy heart then?

The media did not report on the Obama-Clinton's 2011 travel ban until 2013. Starbucks did not seem to say anything about it, either.

Two quick questions. How much will Starbucks' investors spend for us to properly vet refugees the federal government admits it can't afford to vet? And why were you willing to have Starbucks' reputation take a beating by attacking President Trump's executive order when you lacked the courage to speak out against the Obama-Clinton travel ban?

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¹ <https://news.starbucks.com/news/living-our-values-in-uncertain-times>

² <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/starbucks-brand-perception-plummeted-since-220353319.html>

³ <https://news.starbucks.com/news/living-our-values-in-uncertain-times>

⁴ <http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/al-qaeda-kentucky-us-dozens-terrorists-country-refugees/story?id=20931131>