

# Broadway and the Mosque

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**Quote**

“ You can study Islam at virtually any American university, but you can't even build a one-room church in Saudi Arabia. That resistance to diversity, though, is not something we want to emulate, which is why I'm glad the mosque was approved on Tuesday. Countries that choke themselves off from exposure to different cultures, faiths and ideas will never invent the next Google or a cancer cure, let alone export a musical or body of literature that would bring enjoyment to children everywhere.”

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This item argues for the position Mosque should be allowed to be built on the topic Park51 controversy.

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