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Dear Leaders,

I am writing to encourage you to provide leadership in this area. The request should be denied. The Citadel is not about individual expressions, but rather about diverse cultures blending together to form a single Citadel culture. Those that do not wish to be part of something bigger should not apply to the Citadel. Muslim culture, orthodox Jewish culture, Amish culture, native American culture, African American culture, Mexican American culture and on and on all have very special traditions that I am sure those belonging to that culture enjoy celebrating. But when you want to integrate into a specific societal culture you adapt. You should not express society to change to accommodate your specific cultural desires at the expense of other cultures. Muslims observe a theocratic religion that has governmental and legislative aspects integrated into their religious beliefs. In American we do not support theocracy. As a matter of fact, we expressly forbid it. Separation of church and state are founding principals to our society.

If this request is approved then we should expect that all cadets of other faiths and cultures could wearing exposed crucifixes, stars of David, ceremonial native American head dress, and on and on. Please stop the madness, let's focus on quality of education and not be distracted by these outlandish claims.

Thank you in advance.
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