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Subject: Re: Religious Zealot forces airport take down Christmas Trees

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I would note, for the record, that I am not Christian... and the fact that my family puts up a Christmas tree every year doesn't bother me in the slightest. It's fun to decorate, the holiday provides a wonderful and happy occasion for the whole family to gather- which doesn't happen the rest of the year- and it's tradition. I know predominantly Jewish and Wiccan folks who decorate for Christmas- how do you explain that away? As far as culture in this country goes, Christmas is no longer just a religious occasion. Anyone who cares to argue that point can go ahead and take a trip to any major city and check out the decorations that go up after Thanksgiving- and I don't just mean in stores. My stated opinion is that if it weren't Christmas, then it would be some other holiday- call it commercialization, call it culture, call it whatever you want, but every season has a mainstream holiday that the vast majority of people will recognize even if they don't celebrate it.

I'll never understand why people have to destroy one tradition in order to promote another. If it makes people happy to celebrate a holiday, and if the celebration of that holiday does no one any harm, it isn't and cannot be a bad thing.

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