

An ad that targets bigots

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The National Republican Trust PAC has a new TV spot about the [Cordoba House controversy](#),

and it's a doozy of outright religious bigotry. "This is probably the worst, most offensive political ad I've ever seen," wrote one young Republican operative [to Mark Silk](#), his former teacher. "It really embarrasses me." Embarrassing is right:

Silk

slams the ad but allows that being opposed to a mosque at the World Trade Center site "does not necessarily make you a bigot." I suppose that's true. But the opposition to [other mosques in other places](#) deserves no such caveat and makes the issue pretty clear: a lot of Americans are flatly anti-Islam.

The good news is that both NBC and CBS are [refusing](#) to air the NRTPAC ad. The sad news is that this kind of ugliness is effective enough for the ad to get made in the first place.