

## **Mosque Madness at Ground Zero**

In the article Mosque Madness at Ground Zero, Andrea Peyser writes about the sort of “madness” going on at Ground Zero with this new \$100 million dollar mosque expected to open up right down the street. Andrea, from the start, takes the side of those against the idea because in the first sentence, she adds “A mosque rises over Ground Zero. And fed-up New Yorkers are crying, ‘No!’” By adding this, in the first sentence of the article, the reader can imply that she is against this idea of a mosque at Ground Zero. Andrea goes on and talks about what is happening, why its happening, and the reactions of some citizens around the Ground Zero area. Again we are able to detect Andrea’s standing on the situation when she starts off a new paragraph with “How the devil did this happen?” This is more of a bias article.

Andrea conveyed this idea of madness at Ground Zero with the use of various quotes. In the article, there are quotes from average citizens and their take on this issue, providing a sense of generalizability. Pathos exists within this article because of the use of many examples like “New Yorkers are crying, ‘No!’” and “Any decent American, Muslim or otherwise, wouldn’t dream of such an insult. It’s a stab in the eye of America.” Many of those average citizens interviewed lost loved ones on 9/11 and that translated to a connection between their beliefs and thoughts on this issue.