



The "Minaret Initiative" and Diversity in Switzerland

In November 2009, Swiss voters passed a referendum banning the construction of minarets in Switzerland. The vote puzzled observers throughout the world who viewed the ban as a violation of the human right of religious freedom and of the centuries-old Swiss tradition of religious tolerance. For more information about the initiative and background information about immigration and diversity in Switzerland, see below.

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