

# Six Writers And Their Deep Solicitude For Muslim Sensibilities

The story [here](#).

Peter Carey, one of the six writers not wanting to honor freedom of speech by honoring those who survived the Charlie Hebdo massacre, has now relieved me of wanting to read – even that velleity has evanesced – anything he’s written – deplores “the cultural arrogance of the French nation.”

These six, with Peter Carey’s name leading all the rest, have now failed a test. That test that required several things: a highly-developed moral sense, an understanding of what the Muslim presence in France and the rest of the West has been doing to free speech and a general sense of security, and – above all – the ability to make distinctions which, Jacques Barzun wrote somewhere, was the supreme task of intelligence. Tant pis pour eux.