

Short Reflection

POLS 299-F06: Religion in American Politics

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Deadline

Due Friday, August 29, at 11:59 pm on Canvas.

Purpose

The goal of this assignment is to help you think about how your own experiences and current knowledge inform what you know about the role religion plays in American politics.

Task

Write a 2-page reflection (double-spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins) on your current view of the role religion plays in American politics.

First, in one paragraph, answer the following question: would you say churches and religious organizations have a positive or negative effect on the way things are going in the country these days? Explain your answer.

Then, discuss how your own lived experiences and knowledge inform that view.

Criteria for success

A successful essay will:

1. Have an effective lede (i.e., hook) and a clear thesis statement.
2. Identify at least two concepts/ideas/information from class.
3. Provide persuasive evidence for the argument.
4. Use clear and concise language (avoid jargon).