

I trust I have made the case that too much interpretation of the First Amendment construes the founding period selectively so as to respond to a modern casting of issues.

## **Justice Report**

Ironically, the advance of women missionaries and evangelists resulted from such apprehension in taking on the difficult task of forging new territory. Its original enemies have become its warmest advocates. To be sure, some American Protestants, most notably the Baptists, specifically resisted this equation, arguing against the devaluation of spiritual liberty by its association with profane political liberty.

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In a slightly weaker clause, North Carolina, after barring all clergymen from public office as did several other states, required all officeholders to believe in God, an afterlife, the truth of the Protestant religion, and the divine authority of both the Old and New Testaments.

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