

WELCOME TO WORLD RELIGIONS

w/ Mr. Radcliff

Monday,
September 14th, 2020



Class starts at **11:45.**
Enjoy A-Lunch!!



Upcoming:
Trump & Christianity today!!
America's Demographics on Wednesday
Hinduism on Friday

This Semester:
Eastern Religions!!

FUNNY? WANT TO ACT?
YOU SHOULD GO TO THE...

CONTINUITY AUDITIONS

JOIN V-SHOW'S
SKETCH COMEDY
GROUP!

WED 9/16
3:35PM-5PM
ON ZOOM!!
REGISTER AT THE LINK
TO THE RIGHT!

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JOIN V-SHOW PIT BAND TODAY!

audition submissions due 9/18
use the qr code above for more info!
email auditions to:
scan.radcliff@d214.org

The **BAD** Question:

How do
christians feel
about Donald
Trump?

The **Burning** Question:

What are some of
the perspectives of
different christians
in regards to
Donald Trump?

- **Kickstarter Poll & Discuss**
- **Explore** - Devotional vs Non-Devotional Expression
- **Collaborate** - Classify Three Examples
- **Explore** - Internal Diversity in Christianity
- **Read** - Multiple Sources
- **Write** - Through Internal Diversity Lens
- **Final Word**

Today's Agenda



HW: None!

No Exam This Unit!
You're Welcome

Weekly Schedule

- **Tuesday (17)** - Intro / Religious vs Spiritual / Establishment Clause
 - *HW - None!!*
- **Thursday (19)** - Basic Vocab / Situated Perspectives / Misunderstandings
 - *HW - Start Worldview Autobiography (Due 8/28)*
- **Monday (24)** - Galtung's Typology of Violence
 - *HW - Finish Worldview Autobiography! (Due 8/28)*
- **Wednesday (26)** - Deep Story & Narrative
 - *HW - Finish Worldview Autobiography! (Due 8/28)*
- **Friday (28)** - Religion in the News
 - *HW - None!!*
- **Tuesday (1)** - Religion in the Supreme Court
 - *HW - Finish Supreme Court Presentations!*
- **Thursday (3)** - Religion in the Supreme Court Part II
 - *HW - Finish Your Reflection Journal*
- **Tuesday (8)** - America's Religious Calendar
- **Thursday (10)** - September 11th & Religion
- **Monday (14)** - Donald Trump & Christianity
- **Wednesday (16)** - America's Religious Demographics
 - Religious quiz from last year's 9/11 slides

Take Attendance

KICKSTARTER

Zoom Poll:

Is Donald Trump a good Christian?

Do you think most American Christians approve of our president?

Answer on Schoology

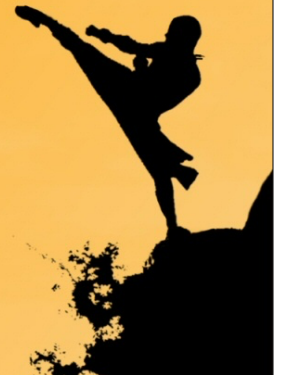


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Let's see the results

Answer on Schoology



**That conversation
is actually an
example of
something that is
not religious
studies.**

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representations to their religion.
Religious Studies is NOT about
evaluating which perspective is “true”.**

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**Our class is not focused on
evaluating these claims. We'll
observe the internal diversity.**

Devotional Statements are

**Authentic,
not
Exclusive**

Most of our writing in this class should be

Non-Devotional

Let's Practice Together

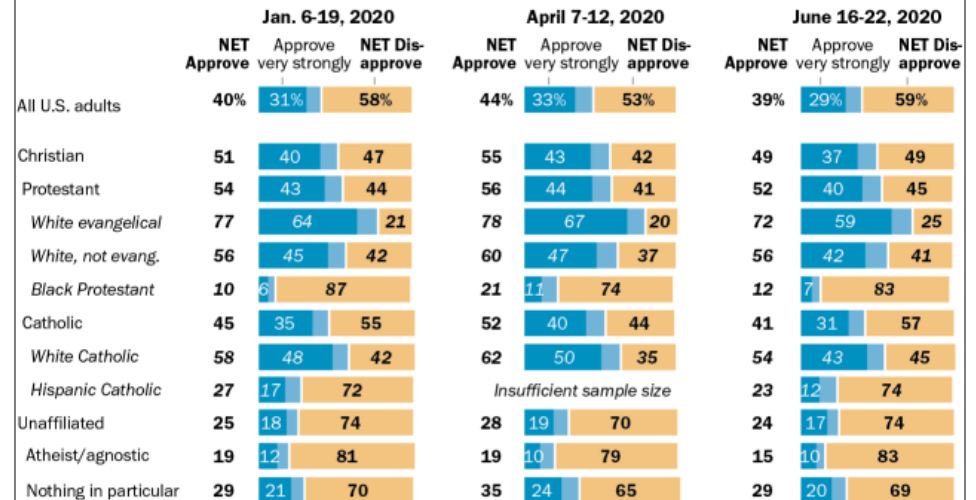
Someone Asks You

How do christians feel about Donald Trump?

What are true statements we can make? Be specific

Across most Christian groups, approval of Trump down since April

% of U.S. adults who say they ____ of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president



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Group 2 - Nick K, Andrew, James, Ergi

Statement 1 - Jeff Sessions:

Statement 2 - Nasrallah & Aymer:

Statement 3 - John Fea:

1. Devotional or Non-Devotional?

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In Your Groups: Google Slides -> Non-Devotional Practice

Go to your groups slide. Look at the statements on the previous slide. Classify each statement & explain why you chose the option you did.

Come back in here BEFORE _____ (+12).

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Independently: Scholology -> Christian Responses to Trump & Floyd

Preview the questions, read some of the articles, and write your responses.

Come back in here BEFORE _____ (-5).

Christian Responses to Trump & Floyd

Due: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 11:45 am

CHRISTIANS' RESPONSES TO DONALD TRUMP AND THE GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS

In recent media coverage of Donald Trump's Bible photo-op in front of St. John's Church, reporters have taken the opportunity to discuss how American Christians have responded to the photo-op itself and the protests in response to the police killing George Floyd in custody. In some cases, reports and interviews have included attention to the history of racism in American Christianity. These readings provide clear examples of the internal diversity of American Christians' responses, and on a deeper level, these readings also reveal how deeply embedded Christianity is in American culture. Now that you are familiar with taking a nondevotional approach to religion, I offer these readings not to endorse any position they include, but to demonstrate some of the ways in which we can ask and answer the religion question in our current moment. Before reading a few of these articles, reflect on how you would expect American Christians to respond to the protests of George Floyd's death. Why do you think they would react that way? Remember your situated perspective...

DIRECTIONS

After reading at least three articles from the list below, choose one and answer the following three questions about Internal Diversity in Christianity. Please make sure to proof-read before submitting your Discussion Post and **include the name of the article at the top of your response**. Write this in a different app before pasting it into the discussion!

1) What do the people interviewed in your article have in common regarding how they represent their religion? Why might the reporter(s) choose them to be a representative of Christianity? Whose voices are left out of your article?

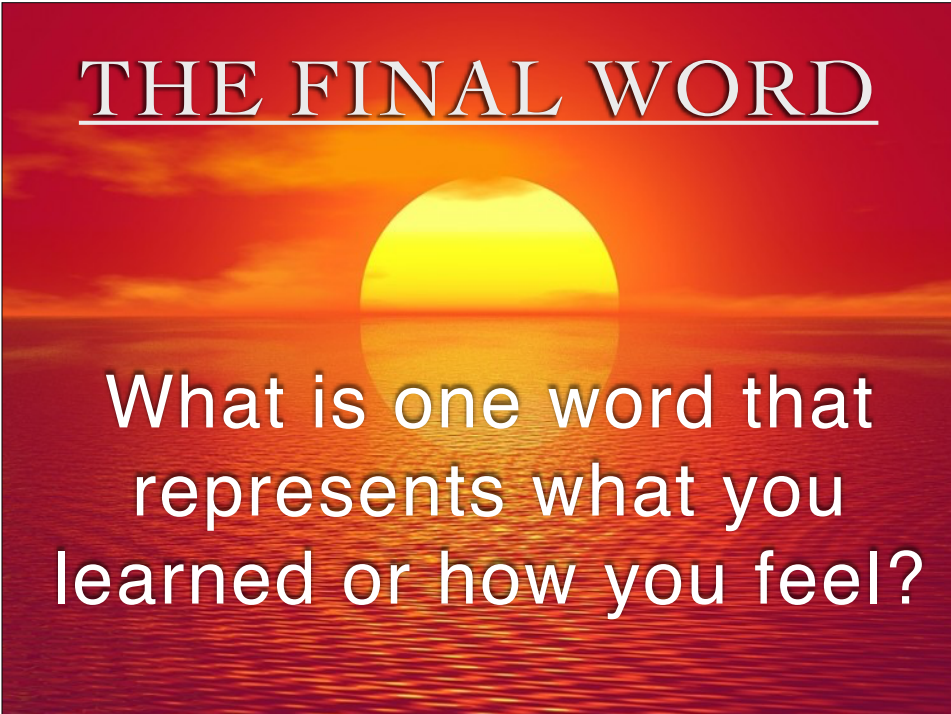
2) Now analyze why the Christians quoted in your article might take that position. What rationale do they offer? How does the reporter explain it? What else do you know about Christianity in the United States (remember your situated perspective) that might be relevant to understanding their position?

3) You may notice that many of these articles focus on white evangelicals, despite the racial diversity of American Christianity. What justification do the articles themselves offer for this choice? What other aspects of American politics and culture do you think feed into it? What is gained or lost from this perspective?

SELECTED READINGS - THESE ARTICLES CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED ON THIS GOOGLE DOC LINK

William J. Barber II and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, "Trump's Use of the Bible was Obscene. He Should Try Reading It," Opinion, Washington Post, June 2, 2020. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/06/02/trumps-use-bible-was-obscene-he-should-try-reading-words-inside-it/>

THE FINAL WORD



What is one word that represents what you learned or how you feel?