



THE EVOLVING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RELIGION AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN AMERICA

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Research Question

How do politicians and religious leaders in the United States employ religion (values, beliefs, and practices) when addressing civil rights issues?

Purpose of Study

The purpose of this study was to explore whether religious groups in the United States have been supporting or sustaining racial discrimination in America.

Conclusion

Racial and religious injustice in America has gotten better over the past decades, largely due to the argument that it has become less normalized. However, due to systematic racism, it is still alive and well. This is especially true for Muslims since 9/11. Additionally, due to the lack of representation in politics, not much has been done to counteract hate crimes against them. Different Muslim and Jewish groups have been working to fight systematic racism and create a more inclusive space in their religion to make America a more diverse and inclusive nation.

Focus of Studies

Our studies focused specifically on discrimination towards Jews and Muslims in America. Additionally, the study considered how politicians have used religion to address such discrimination.

Findings

Both Jewish and Muslim groups have been working to fight injustice in America. Reform Judaism has continued to fight the injustice in America, while Muslim groups have used their five core values to reflect and discuss the injustice in this country and find solutions.

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