

Discussion Questions And Bibliography For Christian Nationalism Topic

UMARC Inclusiveness VII Webinar

How would you respond to the reporter who told Dr du Mez, after covering a Christian Nationalist meeting, that she had read the Bible and that she could not see what is Christian about the Christian Nationalist movement?

What do you mean when you affirm in the Pledge of Allegiance that we are “one nation under God”?

Is the United State a Christian nation? Should we be a Christian Nation?

What do you think about the quote from Dr Diana Butler Bass: “America is not a Christian Nation”, and “The United States is shaped by Christianity, especially Protestantism”? (from Dianabutlerbass.substack.com 10-26-2023)

Which version of Christianity do you think is being portrayed when opinion writers such as Jennifer Rubin, (in the Washington Post article of October 26, 2023), and Kristin Kobes du Mez in her substack (kristindumez@substack.com October 27, 2023) have characterized Speaker of the House Mike Johnson as a Christian Nationalist?

How do you interpret the lapel pin shown by Dr Martz in the video: a cross that is covered with the US flag?

Bibliography with resources on Christian Nationalism

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Idea For A Book Discussion Group

If you want to pursue this topic further in a book discussion, I strongly suggest *The Flag And The Cross* by Gorski and Perry (cited above).

This was the book of mine where I had “dog eared” the most pages.

In their introduction, for instance, they offer these three discussion starter paragraphs:

“The United States cannot be both a truly multiracial democracy-a people of people and a nation of nations- and a white Christian nation at the same time. This is why white Christian

nationalism has become a serious threat to American democracy, perhaps the most serious threat it now faces....”

“First, white Christian Nationalism is not “Christian patriotism.” White Christian nationalism idealizes the power of white Christian Americans. It is rooted in white supremacist assumptions and empowered by anger and fear. This is nationalism, not patriotism.

Patriotism....is first and foremost loyalty to one’s Constitution and political regime. Nationalism is loyalty to one’s tribe, but always at the expense of an outgroup, who are deemed un-American, traitors, and enemies of the people.” {Gorski and Perry, pp.8-9}.

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