

The Religious Right and the Election of Donald Trump

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18/4 Introduction

25/4 Evangelicals and Evangelicalism

- online articles (topic: the relationship between the GOP, or Donald Trump, and Evangelicals);
- (*excerpts from*): George M. Marsden, "Understanding Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism", 1991.
- Additional (**facultative**) material: excerpts from Frances Fitzgerald, "The Evangelicals", 2017, and Kenneth D. Wald, Allison Calhoun-Brown, "Religion and Politics in the United States", 2014.

2/5 "'New' Evangelicals"

- online articles (topic: Evangelicals who did not support Donald Trump);
- (*excerpts from*): Randall Balmer, "Thy Kingdom Come", 2006;
- (*excerpts from*): Marcia Pally "The New Evangelicals"/1, 2, 2011.
- Additional (**facultative**) material: excerpts from Marcia Pally "The New Evangelicals"/3; "An Evangelical Manifesto".

9/5 Religion and Politics

- (*excerpts from*): George M. Marsden, "Understanding Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism", 1991;
- (*excerpts from*): Kenneth D. Wald, Allison Calhoun-Brown, "Religion and Politics in the United States", 2014
- (*excerpts from*): Frances Fitzgerald, "The Evangelicals", 2017.
- Additional (**facultative**) material: excerpts from Marcia Pally "The New Evangelicals", 2011, excerpts from Kenneth D. Wald, Allison Calhoun-Brown, "Religion and Politics in the United States", 2014. On the "abortion myth", see from page 5 to 17 of Balmer's chapter "Strange Bedfellows".

16/5 The Religious Right (*excerpts from*): Ted J. Jelen, "The Political Mobilization of Religious Beliefs", 1991;

- (*excerpts from*): Clyde Wilcox, "God's Warriors", 1992;
- Clyde Wilcox, "Laying Up Treasures in Washington and in Heaven", *OAH Magazine of History*, vol. 17, n. 2, p. 23-29, 2003;
- Online articles;
- Additional (facultative) material: (*excerpts from*): Kenneth D. Wald, Allison Calhoun-Brown, "Religion and Politics in the United States", 2014; Manhattan Declaration.

23/5 no session

30/5 What is Religious Freedom?

- (*excerpts from*): Arlin M. Adams, Charles J. Emmerich, "A Nation Dedicated to Religious Liberty", 1990;
- "Redefining Religious Liberty: The Covert Campaign Against Civil Rights", Jay Michaelson, 2013;
- Online articles.

6/6 Religious Freedom under Threat? Articles and newsletters on the supposed threat to religious freedom in the United States, legal battles involving religious beliefs, and the depiction of Donald Trump by the Religious Right:

- (*excerpts from*): Mark J. Rozell, Gleaves Whitney, (eds.), "Religion and the American Presidency", 2018.

13/6 The First Amendment and the 'Rights Talk'

- Thomas Jefferson's letter to the Danbury Baptist Association, 1802;
- (*excerpts from*): "To Serve God and Mammon", Ted G. Jelen, 2000;
- Ted G. Jelen, "Political Esperanto", *Sociology of Religion*, vol. 66, n. 3, p. 303-321, 2005;
- Ted G. Jelen, Andre R. Lewis, Paul A. Djupe, "Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Speech", *Journal of Church and State*, vol. 60, n. 1, p. 43-67, 2017.
- Additional (facultative) material: (*excerpts from*): Mary C. Segers, Ted G. Jelen, "A Wall of Separation?", 1998; (*excerpts from*) "To Serve God and Mammon", Ted G. Jelen, 2000; (*excerpts from*) Marcia Pally "The New Evangelicals", 2011; (*excerpts from*) Kenneth D. Wald, Allison Calhoun-Brown, "Religion and Politics in the United States", 2014.

20/6 no session

27/6 Status Politics

- (*excerpts from*): Joseph R. Gusfield, "Symbolic Crusade", 1963;
- (*excerpts from*): Robert P. Jones, "The End of White Christian America", 2016;
- M. Tesler, J. Sides, "How Political Science Helps the Rise of Trump: The Role of White Identity and Grievances", *The Washington Post*, 03/03/2016 → accessible at:
https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/03/03/how-political-science-helps-explain-the-rise-of-trump-the-role-of-white-identity-and-grievances/?utm_term=.7e283d41c18b.
- **Additional material:** Ted G. Jelen and Kennet D. Wald, "Evangelicals and president Trump: The not so odd couple" (essay); (*excerpts from*): Joseph R. Gusfield, "Symbolic Crusade", 1963.

4/7 Social Imaginary and Polarization (*excerpts from*): Charles Taylor, "Modern Social Imaginaries", 2004;

- (*excerpts from*): Morris P. Fiorina, "Culture Wars? The Myth of a Polarized America", 2005;
- "Reframing Polarization: Social Groups and Culture Wars", Christopher P. Muste, 2014.

11/7 Anti-Intellectualism (*excerpts from*): Richard Hofstadter, "Anti-Intellectualism in American Life", 1962.

- Online material

18/7 Populism (*excerpts from*): Randall Balmer "Blessed Assurance", 1999;

- (*excerpts from*): Chip Berlet, Matthew M. Lyons, "Right-Wing Populism in America", 2000.