FAITH
FREEDOM
& CHOICE

RELIGIONS IN THE USA

ANTI-CORRUPTION
FAITH & RELIGION
ACROSS THE USA

FREEDOM & CHOICE

RELIGIONS IN THE USA
“Religion quote then of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man: and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate.”

— President James Madison
1785
Contents

8 Introduction

The impact of corruption on business

14 Chapter 1

Terrorism and corruption

18 Chapter 2

Civil society’s importance in fighting corruption

18 Chapter 3

The impact of corruption on business

18 Chapter 4

Terrorism and corruption

18 Chapter 5

Civil society’s importance in fighting corruption
SIERRA NEVADA, RUINS 1886

NEW ORLEANS, RUINS 1886

SIERRA NEVADA, RUINS 1886

SIERRA NEVADA, RUINS 1886

SIERRA NEVADA, RUINS 1886

SIERRA NEVADA, RUINS 1886

SIERRA NEVADA, RUINS 1886

SIERRA NEVADA, RUINS 1886
“The Religion then of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man: and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate.”

—PRESIDENT JAMES MADISON 1785

The United States is, by and large, a nation of believers. Nine-in-ten Americans say they believe in God. Most Americans [56 percent] say they pray every day.

And about half of the U.S. public says that religion is very important in their lives and that they attend religious services at least once or twice a month.

But religion in the United States is also quite diverse. While many Americans are deeply religious, many others are not so devout. And the religious composition of the country is changing in some important ways. While most people in the U.S. continue to identify themselves, religiously, as Christians, many other Americans say they have no par
is the only way to salvation and to emphasize the need to bring other people to the faith), 15 percent who identify with mainline Protestant denominations (which tend to have a less exclusionary view of salvation and to emphasize the need for social reform), and 7 percent who identify with historically black Protestant denominations (which have been shaped uniquely by the experiences of slavery and discrimination, which in turn put their religious beliefs and practices in a special context). Roughly one-in-five Americans are Catholic (21 percent). Mormons make up 2 percent of the U.S. population, while Jehovah’s Witnesses and Orthodox Christians each account for roughly 1 percent of the population. In addition, there are a variety of other Christian groups represented in smaller numbers in the U.S.

After Christians, the next largest religious group in the U.S.—the religiously unaffiliated, also commonly referred to as the religious “nones”—is not really a religious group at all. Instead, religious “nones” are those people who describe themselves, religiously, as atheist, agnostic, or “nothing in particular.” Currently, religious “nones” make up 23 percent of the U.S. population, including 3 percent who describe themselves as atheists, 4 percent who identify as agnostics, and 16 percent who say their religion is “nothing in particular.”

Overall, 6 percent of American adults identify with religious faiths other than Christianity. The largest of these is Judaism; Jews make up 2 percent of the U.S. population. Muslims, Buddhists and
A common thread among tribes was respect for the natural world and a lack of separation between the spiritual and material—what anthropologists call animism. —Black Elk

Hindus each account for roughly 1 percent of the American public. Members of other religions, including Sikhs, Unitarians, Pagans, Wiccans, followers of Native American religions, Bahais, Jains, Rastafarians, Zoroastrians, Confucians, Shintos, and Druze are represented in smaller numbers.

The religious landscape of the United States has changed in important ways over the last quarter century in recent years. The share of American who are religiously unaffiliated has grown. Meanwhile, the share of Americans who identify with Christianity—especially mainline Protestantism and Catholicism—has declined. In recent years, the decline in the Christian share of the population has been most pronounced among mainline Protestants and Catholics. By comparison, the shares of Americans identifying with evangelical Protestantism and with the historically black Protestant tradition have been more stable. At the same time, the share who say they have no religious affiliation has grown.

Whether these trends will continue is difficult to say. On the one hand, the growth of the religious “nones” has been driven largely by generational replacement. Simply put, recent cohorts of young adults have come of age with far lower levels of attachment to organized religion as compared with their parents and grandparents before them. The high rate of disaffiliation from religion among young adults suggests that the religious “nones” may well be positioned for continued growth in the years ahead. On the other hand, surveys also clearly show that it is quite common for Americans to switch from one religion to another— including from having no religion to identifying with a faith. If significant numbers of those raised without a religion grow up to identify as Christians or Jews or members of other religions as adults, it could well serve to limit the future growth of the “nones.”

Other factors, like immigration (which in recent decades has added millions of Latino Christians to the U.S. population, along with smaller numbers of non-Christians, including Muslims and Hindus), could also play a role in the religious trajectory of the United States.
A place of religion

“Religion is a matter which lies solely between Man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship...thus building a wall of separation between Church and State.”

— President Thomas Jefferson
1792

When the first explorers crossed the seas to North America, the continent was already rich in spiritual traditions. Indigenous peoples had thrived in the Americas for at least 17,000 years.

American Indian tribes inhabited mountains, deserts and plains from coast to coast, their spiritual practices linked to the lands where they lived. Archaeology tells us something about early American Indian religious practices, as do the accounts of Europeans who encountered and observed Indians, and, to some extent, surviving tribal traditions. Each tribe—and there were more than 500 of them—had different rituals specific to their clans, communities and locations.
A common thread among tribes was respect for the natural world and a lack of separation between the spiritual and material — what anthropologists call animism.

The “white man” inevitably changed Indian life and practices. As more Europeans settled in the Americas beginning in the 17th century, their religions came with them. Some Indians converted to Christianity, adapting their own rituals, intermixing them with elements of the new religion (an example of religious syncretism). Other tribes strove to preserve ancient practices passed down the generations. Visionary indigenous prophets introduced new spiritual movements in response to growing European influence. The “Ghost Dance” practices that emerged in the late 19th century are examples of this.

Christian Protestant groups were among the first to arrive in North America. The Pilgrims and Puritans fled religious persecution in England; Dutch traders and farmers introduced the Dutch Reformed Church; English, French and Spanish colonists brought Catholicism to the areas where they settled.

Once established, various Christian sects jostled and sometimes fought with each other. Colonies were dominated by particular religions. The Puritans wanted to escape religious persecution in England, but when they settled in what is now Massachusetts, they demanded that people follow their strict rules and persecuted those who disagreed. That led to the founding of new colonies.
Tolerance in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island

For a while, Quakers, also dissenters who broke with the established Church of England, were harassed as much in the American colonies as they were in England. Some were executed. Because of this, Quaker William Penn founded Pennsylvania in 1681 as a place of religious freedom for Quakers and others.

The Christian faith predominated among the colonists, but the first Jewish synagogue was dedicated in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1763. Rhode Island was founded as a place of religious tolerance by Roger Williams, who was expelled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for opposing the Puritan church’s dominance of civil law.

Religious diversity and efforts to establish religious tolerance characterized the United States from the beginning. The intolerance they witnessed influenced the founders of the republic to separate church and state.

James Madison, in his 15-point “remonstrance” against a proposed law that would fund Christian teachers in the state of Virginia, wrote in 1785: “Religion … must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man; and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate. This right is in its nature an unalienable right.” The law was defeated by 12 votes to one.

George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams all valued tolerance and diversity and expressed their views about it, ultimately in the framing of the Constitution.

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.”

This has led to religious pluralism in the United States, defined as not only diversity, but dynamic engagement that achieves understanding and acceptance of differences. It is fundamental to religious freedom in the United States today. (609 wds.)
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The small towns are some of the best places and lakes. Another sentence here about the different history and times in the states for regions.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The small towns are some of the best places and lakes.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the ciites and towns and the founding of the many.

MISSION DOLORES
SAN FRANCISCO
CALIFORNIA 1866

TOURO SYNAGOGUE
IN RHODE ISLAND
1763

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the United States and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff.

EALIEST U.S. MOSQUE
ROSS, NORTH DAKOTA
1929

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the United States and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.
Religions made in America

“Religion is a matter which lies solely between Man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship...thus building a wall of separation between Church and State.”

— President Thomas Jefferson
1792

Their religious practices may be formal or informal, public or private, but whatever ways they express their faith or spirituality, Americans are a religious people.

They may belong to religious congregations. They may go to churches, temples or mosques daily, weekly, or occasionally. They may join meditation groups or remain deeply spiritual privately, living principled lives. They may express their faith by helping less fortunate individuals. Or they may not have any specific religious beliefs at all.

After the U.S. Constitution ensured a secular government and religious freedom, religious communities focused on faith, good works and education.
Christianity remains the predominant U.S. religion. Today there are more than 900 Christian denominations across the country. All of the globally important non-Christian faiths have a robust presence in the United States: Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam; Jainism, Judaism and Sikhism, among others.

**Religions made in America**

Americans put their imprint upon some Christian sects—Baptists and Methodists, to name two—that were transplanted to American soil from Europe.

Americans also started new religions. Some of these sects drew large followings and survive today. Others did not. Homegrown religions that prospered include the Mormons—formally called the Church of Jesus of Latter Day Saints—Christian Science, Unitarian Universalist, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Seventh Day Adventists and the Jehovah’s Witnesses.

Other, quirkier religions didn’t last. The Shakers forbade physical contact between the sexes, so had limited appeal. Other utopian religions came and went: the Harmonists, with their liberal views, were a contrast to the Shakers. The Amana colonies, founded in the mid-19th century, established themselves in Iowa. They became renowned for fine handicrafts and ultimately for Amana refrigerators.

Pentecostalism and mega churches are two forms Christian worship that were popularized in America.

**Black churches**

African American churches arose because early white churches usually
excluded black members. Beginning in the late 1700s, former slaves established

**TODAY THERE ARE MORE THAN 900 CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.**

black Christian congregations. Peter Duerret, a Baptist preacher, founded the oldest black church c. 1790. Now the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the National Baptist Convention and many other black congregations praise God across the country.

**Non-Christian faiths**

Jewish synagogues, first built in colonial times, today grace cities and towns across the country, representing all branches of Judaism.

Islam also had an early presence in the United States, although it was the early 20th century before the first mosque was built.

In the late 20th century, Asian religions gained American followers. Buddhist teachers from China, Japan and Korea immigrated or traveled to the United States. Adherents grew as seekers encountered these teachers.

Likewise, Hindu teachers established ashrams where ancient yoga techniques were taught, while Hindu immigrants built temples.

The first Sikhs began coming to the United States in the late 19th century. Members of this monotheistic religion have since built Sikh temples, or gurdwaras, across the country.

Particularly in the late 20th century, "New Age" non-sectarian religions emerged that focused on mindfulness, meditation, spirituality and humanism. These often appeal to people not
ST FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH
MIAMI FLORIDA

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. Some extr info and the history about some of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.

LUTHERAN TEENS RITE OF CONFIRMATION
ST MARTINS AUSTIN TX

St mark's ohio episcp ch for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.

LEFT, ST PAUL’S CATHEDRAL IN INTERIOR OF EPISCOPAL BUFFALO, NEW YORK RIGHT, TEENS AT CONFIRMATION RITE ST MARTIN’S AUSTIN TEXAS.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.

ST ANDREW’S RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
ST PETE’S FLORIDA

Greek Orthodox Mass Annunciation Cathedral Chicago

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff.
MORMON TEMPLE IN SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff.

GIRL PRAYING AT PENTACOSTAL TABERNACLE SERVICE CAMBRIDGE MASS.

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the ciites and towns and the founding of the many.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The small towns are some of the best places and lakes. Another sentence here about the different history and times in the states for regions.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the United States and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The small towns are some of the best places and lakes.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. Some extr info and the history about some of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.

**TEEN CHOIR MEMBER MT OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH MINNESOTA**

**ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH HARLEM NYC NEW YORK**

St mark’s ohio episcp ch for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The small towns are some of the best places and lakes. Another sentence here about the different history and times in the states for regions.
Left Muslim women NYC for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the United States and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The small towns are some of the best places and lakes.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.

**HINDU WORSHIPPER N QUEENS NEW YORK**

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.

**VIETNAMESE BUDDHIST WHERE NEED INFO**

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff.

**TOP, HINDU WORSHIPPER AT TEMPLE IN QUEENS NEW YORK. RIGHT, VIETNAMESE BUDDHISTS PRAY, WHERE??**
JAINS WORSHIP IN CALIFORNIA

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff.

SIKHS NEW YORK THE WEST AND UTAH OR SOMETHING

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.
“Religion is a matter which lies solely between Man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship...thus building a wall of separation between Church and State.”

— President Thomas Jefferson 1792

Religious-affiliated education is as old as the United States. Early Colonists relied on the Bible for education, and much of that took place in the home.

Schools were not common in Colonial times, and what schools there were inculcated religious lessons and values rather than academic subjects. Even publically-funded schools that taught reading, writing and arithmetic reflected Protestant Christianity by default, with prayers and Bible-reading often incorporated into class.

As more Catholics and Jews were assimilated into the growing American society, publically-funded schools became more secularized. Secular education was supported by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits a national religion:
“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof…”

The first and oldest public school in the United States is the Boston Latin School founded in 1635. It is still turning out students nearly 400 years later.

Despite the advent of public schools, church schools remained important. A convent-affiliated school, the Ursuline Academy in New Orleans, founded in 1727, was the first U.S. school to educate girls. Girls often were left out of formal education. Catholics also built parish – or parochial – schools to educate children of parishioners.

Other religions followed suit, establishing religious schools that reflected their values.

**Respect and religion in Pennsylvania**

Religious congregations that do not run a school usually hold “Sunday School” or catechism classes at their places of worship. Children attending taxpayer-funded public schools. Mosques hold such classes at Islamic centers across the country. Jewish synagogues host Hebrew school where the tenets of Judaism are taught.

There are also faith-based universities. Among the oldest is Princeton University, founded in 1746. It was originally intended to train Presbyterian clergy. Georgetown University, founded in 1789, is the oldest Catholic university in the United States, established by Jesuits. Colleges and universities continue to be founded by Christian and non-Christian faiths alike.
Tolerance in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island

The role of religion in education has been a contentious issue since the beginning of the republic. It was the religious intolerance of early settlers that prompted the Founders to protect religious practice and separate church and state. Despite these laws in the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. Supreme Court has had a large role in interpreting how religion and education intersect in the public square.

Debate has also raged, at times, over curriculum, such as whether to teach the theory of evolution or only acknowledge the Biblical creation story.

And as non-Christian religions appear in the American landscape, there are calls for religious literacy in schools, in the interest of understanding and tolerance of different religious beliefs in pluralistic American society. 428words END

A COMMON THREAD AMONG TRIBES WAS RESPECT FOR THE NATURAL WORLD AND A LACK OF SEPARATION BETWEEN THE SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL—WHAT ANTHROPOLOGISTS CALL ANIMISM. —BLACK ELK
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.

ORTHODOX JEWS STUDY TORAH YOM KIPPUR BROOKLYN NY CHECK INFO>>

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CALIFORNIA

Top, Jewish students Brooklyn NY. Right, Catholic high school students CA. Opposite, Quaker Swarthmore college PA
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.

NEED INFO WHERE SUNDAY SCHOOL SOMETHING

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff.
STUDENTS FROM MUSLIM SCHOOL NEW YORK

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff.

STUDENTS AT AMISH ONE ROOM SCHOOL PENNSYLVANIA

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cites and towns and the founding of the many.
Working together for the common good

“Religion is a matter which lies solely between Man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship...thus building a wall of separation between Church and State.”

—President Thomas Jefferson
1792

Interfaith cooperation is integral to American life. Joint projects among diverse faiths not only promote mutual understanding, they help countless people who may be disadvantaged in life.

Activities may include local food pantries to help the poor, shelters for the homeless or women and children escaping domestic violence, or humanitarian aid. Individual churches, temples or groups dedicated to serving the poor, such as the Salvation Army are frequently involved in such efforts. Jewish synagogues and community centers typically have robust programs to offer aid to neighbors in need.

There are also interfaith organizations that collaborate on outreach programs—even provide vocational training and jobs. Counseling for
adults, programs for children and the elderly, and disaster relief may all be part of interfaith work. Interfaith organizations are found in towns and cities across America. One example, Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT), “cultivates peace and respect through interfaith dialogue, service and celebration.” On its calendar are Christian holidays, Buddha’s birthday and breaking the Ramadan fast. The group helps refugees resettle in the area. An iACT housing program recruits contractors and other willing volunteers to repair and remodel homes for people who otherwise could not afford it. The group sponsors monthly interfaith discussions and organizes a program that allows people to experience worship and celebrations of different faiths.

Respect for the natural about religion

The Interfaith Action of Evanston, Illinois, brings together members of different faiths to serve in soup kitchens and help centers for the homeless, warming centers – it’s very cold in Illinois. A Producemobile brings fresh fruit and vegetables to urban areas lacking access.

The San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council and its affiliated groups provide health and nutrition services to the elderly, assist homeless adults and children and operate food pantries. Such faith-based community services are common in every American city and town. People unaffiliated with any religion, but who wish to do public service, also contribute by either joining
A COMMON THREAD AMONG TRIBES WAS RESPECT FOR THE NATURAL WORLD AND A LACK OF SEPARATION BETWEEN THE SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL—WHAT ANTHROPOLOGISTS CALL ANIMISM.

existing programs or starting new ones. These “nones”—atheists, humanists and other unaffiliated individuals—are a growing segment of American society. Secular charities such as Rotary, Doctors Without Borders, Foundation Beyond Belief, Kiva and Habitat for Humanity offer vehicles for volunteers and donors who want to make a difference outside of a religious context.

Interfaith cooperation in social justice causes resulted in transformational movements in the United States. The abolition of slavery and the Civil Rights Movement were fueled by activism by people of different faiths, working together non-violently for social good.

Christian preachers, Jewish rabbis and Roman Catholic priests literally linked arms in support of civil rights, joining Baptist pastor Martin Luther King, Jr., the preeminent leader of the Civil Rights Movement. Many of their congregants did likewise.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the United States and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the corruption exists everywhere.

Top, Mitzva Day Jewish and Muslim Vol prepare meals for Homeless, Mich.
Right Charitable Vol Garden Grows Food California
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the United States and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff.

Bowwow Palooza Interfaith Bless of Animals Miami

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the United States and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. Some extr info and the history about some of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.

St mark’s ohio episcp ch for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The small towns are some of the best places and lakes. Another sentence here about the different history and times in the states for regions.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the United States and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The below is Salv army Portland Oregon/Feed the children pic.
Ebenezer Baptist Church Atlanta MLK Pastor 1960-68 or other pic

Ebenezer Baptist church cap in this blurb hopefully, MLK was minister there 1960-68 for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the United States and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.

Francis de Sales Catholic Church MLK Day Interfaith Prayer Vigil and West African Choir US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the United States and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff.

The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.

INTERFAITH MUSLIM SEDER DINNER VIRGINIA

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff.

BROOKLYN TAB CHOIR WALK RAISE MONEY FOR HAITI WHAT REL?

BUDDH MONKS INTER-FAITH SERV CENTRAL UNION CH HONOLULU

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cites and towns and the founding of the many.
Celebrations and culture

“Religion is a matter which lies solely between Man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship...thus building a wall of separation between Church and State.”

— President Thomas Jefferson
1792

Religious holidays signal fun, good food and celebrations —unless they are the more solemn occasions, of course. Holidays are ways to preserve important traditions and history, passing them on to younger generations.

There are stories connected to holidays. Those stories inspire writers, musicians, visual and performing artists, who offer holiday-themed works that have universal appeal.

Americans enjoy sharing their holidays with neighbors. They often join members of other faiths to celebrate their special occasions in a spirit of good will. Thanksgiving is one holiday that belongs to every American. It is not a religious holiday, but one on which people of all faiths gather to give thanks and to share a delicious meal.
AMONG TRIBES WAS RESPECT FOR THE NATURAL WORLD AND A LACK OF SEPARATION BETWEEN THE SPIRITUAL ANTHROPOLOGISTS CALL ANIMISM.

Not only the food, but holidays of the many cultures that make up society have been become part of American culture. St. Patrick’s Day and Cinco de Mayo are two holidays that give everyone—not only those of Irish or Mexican heritage—a reason to get together.

Tolerance in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island

The best-known Christian holidays are Christmas and Easter. Members of Christian Orthodox churches celebrate the holidays according to a different calendar than other Christian churches. Jewish holidays Rosh Hashanah—the Jewish New Year—and Passover are probably the most recognizable holidays to non-Jews. Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, falls in proximity to Christmas.

The fasting month of Ramadan concludes with the important Muslim feast Eid al-Fitr. Eid al-Adha commemorates the willingness of Ibrahim to sacrifice his son, a Biblical story revered by Muslims, Jews and Christians alike.

Hindus celebrate Holi, Durga Puja and Diwali with as much enthusiasm in the United States as in India. American Sikhs mark Guru Nanak’s birthday and
Baisaki, the spring festival with parades, bhangra dances, and other events to mark the feasts.

Wiccan and Druid holidays include Yule at the winter solstice, Beltane on May 1st, and other annual nature-centric pagan holidays. The Japanese Shinto religion also honors nature in its rituals, observed by many Japanese Americans across the country.

**Tolerance in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island**

Chinese New Year is celebrated with gusto across the United States with fireworks, auspicious foods and dancing dragons. The holiday is shared by Buddhists, Taoists, Confucians—and anyone else who wants to join in.

Most faiths welcome everyone to participate in their celebrations at least as onlookers. Meals and traditions are shared and stories are told. These stories woven together create the rich American religious tapestry of today. **394 END**

---

**NEED A CALLOUT OR FACT HERE A COMMON THREAD AMONG TRIBES WAS RESPECT FOR THE NATURAL WORLD AND A LACK OF SEPARATION BETWEEN THE SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL—WHAT ANTHROPOLOGISTS CALL ANIMISM.**
61 /

CHILDERNS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ST JOHNS EPISCOPAL CONN.

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. Some extr info and the history about some of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ST JOHNS EPISCOPAL CONN.

christmas nativity st johns episcopal conn.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY FLORIDA CH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

Church of the little flower nativity scene coral gable florida—catholic?? for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.

LEFT, BANNER FOR LUTHERAN PENTACOST SERVICE, FERNDALE MICHIGAN
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The small towns are some of the best places and lakes. Another sentence here about the different history and times in the states for regions.
SIKHS PARADE ON ANNIVERSARY OF BAISAKHI LOS ANGELES

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The below is salv army portland oregon/feed the children pic
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the United States and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.

KWANZAA CELEBRATION UJIMA CANDLE LIGHTING

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the United States and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the United States and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff.

HINDU NEED NEW PHOTO HERE FOR THIS SPOT

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the US were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the United States and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The history of the times in the cities and towns and the founding of the many.
CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE + CANDLE LIGHTING CALIFORNIA

Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The small towns are some of the best places and lakes. Another sentence here about the different history and times in the states for regions.
Long story caption for the pics here many churches and kinds across the us were founded in 1780 or whatever the history is for the pics and the story of the religion in the many places across the united states and the settlements of the 18th century and other stuff. The below is salv army portland oregon/feed the children pic
ANTICORRUPTION: the global fight

BUREA OF INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION PROGRAMS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE