



Religion and US Foreign Policy in an Age of Trump



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What role does religion play in US war and foreign policy? For most of American history, the conventional answer would have been simple: none. Over the last twenty years, however, historians have uncovered a rich and surprisingly diverse set of religious influences on how the United States interacts with the rest of the world. Yet, as with much else in American society, Donald Trump and his key advisers are scrambling our understanding of America's faith-based foreign policy. Join Andrew to discuss the surprising past, confusing present, and uncertain future of American religion and its role in war and foreign policy.

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