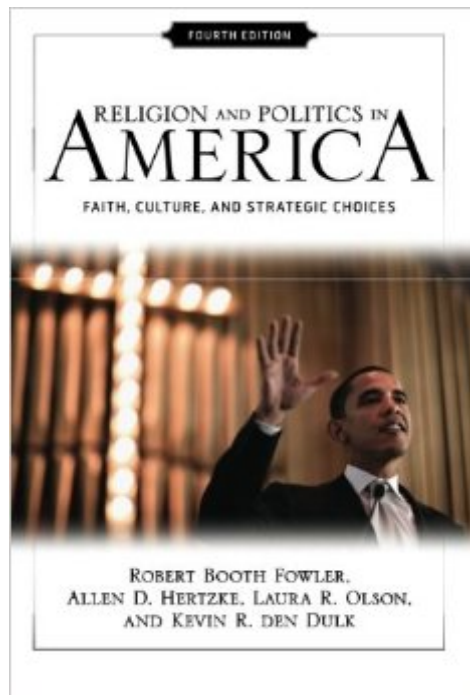


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# Religion And Politics In America: Faith, Culture, And Strategic Choices



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*Religion and Politics in America: Faith, Culture and Strategic Choices* provides a fine survey of the historical, cultural and legal precedents that have evolved religious political engagement in the U.S. From handling religious minority groups to the latest social and religious currents in recent elections, this is packed with key concepts college-level libraries will appreciate.

I am writing my senior thesis for an undergrad. political science degree and found this book extremely helpful. It is essentially an anthology providing a chapter by chapter summary on how different religious traditions vote. I was specifically interested in the section regarding Catholic

voters, and in that section the book did three very useful things. It first gave the context through history in regards to the Catholic Church. It then outlined the philosophy within that historical context in the United States. It then provided very thorough graphs and charts outlining how Catholics have voted in crucial elections throughout American history. I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a broad overview of how different religious traditions vote in the United States. It did not provide me with specific concentrated information, but it did help in guiding my further research.

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