

Church-state Issues in America Today: Religion, family, and education, , ISBN 0275993671, 9780275993672 - 2008 - 9780275993696 - Ann W. Duncan, Steven L. Jones - Greenwood Publishing Group, 2008

Church and state issues are in the news now more than ever before. Political and religious leaders alike are negotiating on shaky ground as they balance their religious/moral and political perspectives with their roles as leaders. New technologies push the boundaries of moral consensus by creating new controversies such as those involving stem-cell research and medical measures to sustain or end the lives of the terminally ill. Further controversies only lead to further divisions among Americans. At the beginning of the 21st Century, there are as many interpretations of this separation as there are interpretations of particular issues such as abortion or school vouchers. This book examines how religious congregations in America have responded to changes in family structure, and how families participate in local religious life. Based on a study of congregations and community residents in upstate New York, sociologist Penny Edgell argues that while some religious groups may be nostalgic for the Ozzie and Harriet days, others are changing, knowing that fewer and fewer families fit this traditional pattern. In order to keep members with nontraditional family arrangements within the congregation, these innovators have sought to emphasize individual freedom and pers Religious practice appears to have enormous potential for addressing today's social problems. It violates nobody's freedom of religion for Congress to know the level and intensity of religious practice in America. The President should Religion and Family Stability. There is a growing consensus that America needs to pursue policies aimed at re-strengthening the family. and conducted by sociologists from the University of Chicago and the State University of New York at Stonybrook, also showed very high sexual satisfaction among "conservative" religious women.[36] From the standpoint of contemporary American media culture, this may appear strange or counter-intuitive, but the empirical evidence is consistent.