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## 1: Patrick Henry, Patriot

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A Religious History of the American Revolution. It seems as if the debate over whether the Founders of the American Republic were secular Deists or Evangelical Christians will never end. Thomas Paine, who had been an important publicist for the Revolution, wrote strongly worded denunciations of Christianity, while Patrick Henry and Samuel Adams defended the primacy of traditional Christian piety and practice. In *God of Liberty*, historian Thomas Kidd helps us sort out the complexities so that we can enter the contemporary debate on firmer ground. A professor at Baptist-sponsored Baylor University, Kidd is sympathetic to the religious voices present at the time, as the blurbs by leading Evangelical historians Mark Noll, Harry Stout, and George Marsden, affirm. Kidd covers a period that stretches from the French and Indian War to the early decades of the 19th century, a period in which the last established faiths were disestablished. It was a common belief that religion played an essential role in defining the moral foundation of society. John Adams and George Washington, neither of whom was especially orthodox, believed that religion played an essential role in preserving moral virtue and respect for authority. We sometimes think of the Enlightenment providing a rather optimistic view of humanity, but the Founders were not sure that their fellow citizens were ready for self-government, so they took steps to keep a balance of power between the Federal branches of government and between states and the Federal government. There was the belief that no one entity should be given too much power. It is in light of this fear of human avarice that we need to hear the debate over disestablishment. Advocates of establishment, such as Samuel Adams Congregationalist and Patrick Henry Episcopalian, believed that disestablishment would lead to societal disintegration, and therefore fought to uphold the status quo. Jefferson and Leland on the other hand believed that religion played a central role in upholding the moral foundations of society, but they believed that religious establishments were by nature coercive and ultimately corrupted both religion and government. The First Amendment, therefore, emerged as a means by which the twin concerns for promoting virtue and liberty could be sustained. Some of the decisions were pragmatic in nature, so that disestablishment may have occurred at the federal level, but it took considerable time before the states were completely disestablished. In addition to acknowledging the pragmatism of many of the Founders, we must also acknowledge the presence of anti-Catholicism in this era. Another factor that we often miss in our debates is that disestablishment occurred in the South before it occurred in New England. This was due in part to the tenuous hold of Anglicanism on this region. He believes this idea was even more powerful in the development of American ideals than providentialism, but it too was rooted in the nexus of faith and freedom. This idea is "equality by creation. This belief immediately threw the legitimacy of slavery into a state of profound moral doubt. Of course, this discovery led some, including Jefferson to ponder whether or not Africans were of the same created order. Still in the end the seed was planted. Although many political progressives would like to hang on to the idea that the Founders were, with a few exceptions, secularists and at most Deists, this book can help those of us who believe in the importance of recognizing the value of religious pluralism engage in a more nuanced and effective conversation about the role of religion in the public square.

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I agree with what both Brayton and Sandefur have written on Blackstone, religion and the civil law. The common law is based on the natural law. And natural law is synonymous with what is discoverable by man through Reason. Natural law is an extremely ancient concept. It traces back to Aristotle so it has Pagan roots and was adopted into Christendom by Aquinas and Christian roots. The Anglican Church I do believe inherited the natural law from its Catholic roots. And these Christians generally used the natural law to support Church teachings. Blackstone understood that the natural law was a type of organic law that trumped all human positive law. It was, in theory, "binding over all the globe, in all countries, and at all times; no human laws are of any validity, if contrary to this; and such of them as are valid derive all their force, and all their authority, mediately or immediately, from this original. They could operate under the assumption that they were not "making the law," but rather, "discovering" through the use of their Reason what was already there. Hence Roy Moore could write in the case Brayton discusses: And it was on this basis then that Christianity could be incorporated into the common law. This represents more of an "old-school" Thomist pre-Lockean, pre-Jeffersonian-Madisonian understanding of the natural law where the concept was used by ecclesiastical Authorities to support Church doctrine and power. But America was founded on a more modern understanding of nature and reason. And by "modern" I mean that "reason" had "discovered" certain errors in the older version of the "natural law" and hence corrected them, or otherwise incorporated "new" discoveries. The "old" Thomist version of the natural law justified such things as slavery and burning heretics at the stake and knew nothing of the concept that men existed in a "state of nature" and possessed unalienable natural rights. From his reflection on the state of nature, Locke drew the formula of Enlightenment, with its particular combination of natural and political science. Its starting point is the untrammelled use of reason Freedom for man consists in ordering his life according to what he can see for himself through his most distinctive faculty, liberated from the force of tyrants and the authority of lies, i. Through unaided reason, man as man, as opposed to the man of this place or time, nation or religion, can know the cause of things, can know nature for himself. It had to be, for in order to have rulers who are reasonable, many of the old rulers had to be replaced, in particular those whose authority rested upon revelation. The priests were the enemies, for they rejected the claim of reason and based politics and morals on sacred text and ecclesiastical authorities. It logically follows then that Madison and Jefferson would call for a "separation of Church and State" to ensure that such rights are not violated. And the notion that Christianity is part of the common law hence something judges could enforce completely contradicts these new natural law discoveries. And many of the "discoveries" of Locke, Jefferson, et al. And indeed, the notion that men have an unalienable right to worship no God or Twenty God means that men have an unalienable right to break the First Commandment! We might even call this a "public theology" or a "civic religion. It could be argued that this theology is, in some ways, consistent with traditional Christianity, but it is not orthodox Christianity. When Jefferson, Adams, Franklin and others explicated the finer details of their theology, it completely contracted orthodox Christianity. But those Founders and those documents speak in the language of "natural theology. Yet, orthodox Christians were not offended by our Founders supplications to God. But the Founders also never contradicted their unorthodox theology when they made such supplications. This is why George Washington, though he spoke of a warm Providence, almost never publicly mentioned the words "Jesus Christ. So these Founders, when they invoked God, drew a Lowest Common Denominator between their unorthodox natural theology and the orthodox Christianity to which many common folks and ecclesiastical authorities in positions of social power adhered. This was our "civic religion. None of the above four Presidents ever more specifically defined the attributes of God when publicly acknowledging Him. In other words, it is not Revealed religion, which is now consigned to the private sphere

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of society the realm of "individual conscience" or "opinion" that founds our public order. It is the natural theology, but only invoked in a very vague and simple sense, otherwise, the consciences of orthodox Trinitarians would be "disregarded."

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### 3: Â» Constitutional History LAW AND RELIGION FORUM

*All supported religious liberty and stressed the close ties between religious beliefs and morality necessary for republican government. Articles feature a brief biography, description of subjects' religious beliefs, and analysis of ideas about churches' value in public life.*

The majority of the population greeted the prospect of a religious assessment with alarm. The dissenters in particular saw it as a step backwards in the direction of tyranny, and a betrayal of the Revolution for which they had shed their own blood. The prospect of a religious assessment woke them out of their slumber and galvanized them in their determination to once and for all secure full and equal religious liberty. Leading up to legislative session the dissenters made their displeasure known and successfully mobilized large segments of their population in an effective petitioning campaign. When the fall session began the House of Delegates was overwhelmed with nearly one hundred anti-establishment memorials. However, in this distinction was of little importance at the time since they used the same arguments and sought the same goal. This alliance was greatly valued by both the dissenters and the rationalists. Esbeck concedes that the two groups share a similar outlook concerning church-state matters. If the dissenters were proponents of this concept, then the petitions should reflect its main principles which include the following claims: The exact origin of the SOG petition is unknown but it was most certainly the product of Baptist efforts to defeat the assessment bill. The SOG petition echoes not just the language from this meeting, it follows the same logic: But the message was the same: The order of the statements may indicate a more prominent place for their religious concerns, but it in no way diminishes their rights-based objection which provided the logic that delegitimized all establishments of religion. They were seeking to sever all ties between religion and government, except for the purpose of protecting religious liberty. Any other arrangement was a threat to the equal rights of conscience promised in the Declaration of Rights. Approximately half of the twenty-nine SOG petitions are exact copies of what must have been the original petition. The petitions that deviated from this model usually did so by adding additional arguments. For example, ten of the petitions inserted the following statement: In other words, they wanted NO establishments of religion. This gave these petitions a more rights-centered focus, and unmistakably illustrated the link between protecting rights and the desire to abolish all establishments of religion. One of the more interesting variations to the standard SOG petition came from both the counties of Nansemond and Northumberland. It was a matter of principle. They were seeking no establishments, not equality in establishments. It is difficult to know the motives behind the deviations from the original, but it is safe to say that they often had the result of clarifying their position. In addition to the SOG petitions and the Powhatan petition, there was one other Baptist petition received by the legislature that fall. This petition laid out a series of resolutions that reflected common dissenting positions. Resolutions five and six were protests against the incorporation bill, and glebes respectively. As one of the largest dissenting communities the Presbyterian perspective is important to any analysis of dissenting views. However, this turnabout was more about politics than an actual change of heart. The Presbytery leadership had come to the conclusion that they could not defeat the assessment bill, and thus their best strategy would be to push for the least onerous type. Despite this obvious betrayal of the principle of equality, they unequivocally maintained that equality was of vital importance to the foundations of the republic. To reconcile this contradiction, they created a distinction between religion as a spiritual matter and religion as a civil matter. They then they relied on one of the main arguments of their conservative opponents to accomplish their task: As a result, they declared, it was within the bounds of government concern. At the top of their agenda was the creation of a new petition stating their unified opposition against all establishments of religion. The result was one of the most powerful and comprehensive examples of the dissenting view. The power to impose religion by law was fundamentally in conflict with the rights of conscience. Because the right of exercising religion was inalienable, it could not, therefore, be the subject of the society or the legislature. They also insisted that by separating religion from

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government, Christianity would better nurture morality. Third, they pointed out some of the impolitic consequences that would occur if the general assessment were to be enacted. Two of these focused on its negative consequences for the state. More importantly, the bill was impolitic because it excluded non-Christians. Most of the petitions were rights-centric and insisted that government had no jurisdiction in matters of religion. Even the most religious-centered petitions relied on rights-based arguments to express their hostility to the assessment. A good overall summary of the main objections presented in the dissenting petitions can easily be summed up by a statement from Dinwiddie County. The dissenters mobilized in opposition to all establishments of religion. To them, any privileging of one religion or one denomination by the state was tyrannical and violated the equal rights of all citizens. This is why they insisted that the government had no jurisdiction to legislate on the subject of religion, except to protect them in their rights. As a persecuted minority, the dissenters understood the value of a true religious liberty that treated all citizens equally irrespective of their religious opinions. Having first-hand experience of the burdens of second class citizenship, as well as psychological and physical abuse, the wisdom of these dissenters should give us pause before we go any further in dismantling the protections they fought so hard to put in place. Far from seeing separation as hostile to religion, the religious dissenters saw it as necessary to protect the purity of religion. They understood that the best way to protect religion was to protect the individual rights of every citizen equally. The Dunking of David Barrow—Oil on canvas by Sidney King, Virginia Baptist Historical Society

The flood of anti-assessment petitions ensured that the assessment bill would not even be taken up during the fall session in . It was a great victory for religious liberty. University Press of Virginia, , I counted 97 anti-assessment petitions, whereas Buckley counted 90 petitions. Church and State, The discrepancy is probably due to how we decided to count the several petitions of the same type submitted on the same day. I counted them as separate petitions, since copies of the same petitions submitted on separate days were counted as distinct. I think that this method is further warranted by the fact that they had circulated in different areas and had different signatures. The petitions used in this essay can be found at the Library of Virginia: Eckenrode, Separation of Church and State in Virginia: A Study in the Development of the Revolution Richmond: Presbyterian committee of publication, ; William H. Foote, Sketches of Virginia: Historical and Biographical Philadelphia: Martien, ,

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## 4: Republicanism - Conservapedia

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It flourished during the Roman Republic about a century before Christ, led by such statesmen as Cicero and Cato the Younger. Was Machiavelli a Machiavellian? In *The Prince* he showed how an absolute monarch can use tyranny and deceit to get his way. But in other books he took an opposite view, emphasizing that when a state does not have a prince a powerful king, the people rule in a "republic" and they must have civic virtue for the republic to survive. Through his book on Roman history *Discourses on Livy* Machiavelli has been a major positive influence of modern conservative thought. He took the lead in defining what civic virtue means for a citizen of a republic—a state where the people are sovereign and not some king. For example, a citizen has the duty to oppose corruption and when called upon fight for his country. His ideas on republicanism strongly influenced British, French and American thought on the duties of the good citizen, and can be traced through American history from the days of Benjamin Franklin and James Madison down to the 21st century. After Cromwell died in the republic collapsed, the monarchy was restored, and republican ideas were driven out of the mainstream of British political thought. They did not disappear, but were promulgated by the Whigs Country Party, whose pamphlets were eagerly read by the American colonists. These were letters or short essays that expounded on liberty and republicanism and which greatly influenced the American Founding Fathers and libertarian thought into the 21st century. It stresses liberty and rights as central values, makes the people as a whole sovereign, rejects aristocracy and inherited political power, expects citizens to be independent and calls on them to perform civic duties, and is strongly opposed to corruption. The American version of republicanism was formed by the Founding Fathers in the 18th century and was based on English models as well as Roman and European ideas. It formed the basis for the fighting the British in, the declaring independence and creating a powerful written Constitution; it appears in highly influential statements from Abraham Lincoln and others. Republicanism is not the same as democracy, for republicanism asserts that people have inalienable rights that cannot be voted away by a majority of voters. In a true democracy, the voters have no limits. Republicanism and democracy are two political philosophies along with classical liberalism that have dominated all American politics. Indeed, the terms are enshrined in the names of the two major parties, but both parties in practice combine both republicanism and democracy. The United States is not a democracy and was never intended to be one. This approach produced a political ideology called "republicanism", which was widespread in America by A neoclassical politics provided both the ethos of the elites and the rhetoric of the upwardly mobile, and accounts for the singular cultural and intellectual homogeneity of the Founding Fathers and their generation. They watched anxiously so that these evils could be scotched immediately should they appear in America—a watchfulness that persists into the 21st century. Cause of Revolution In a larger sense the tax issue was part of the representation question, which was increasingly defined by Americans as an issue of republicanism. The commitment of most Americans to republican values caused the American Revolution, for Britain was increasingly seen as corrupt and hostile to republicanism, and a threat to the established liberties that Americans enjoyed. The colonists associated it with luxury, Royal appointees not answerable to the people, a standing army, unconstitutional taxes, and, ultimately, an system of rule by an inherited aristocracy. For women, "republican motherhood" became an ideal, as exemplified by Abigail Adams and Mercy Otis Warren; the first duty of the republican woman was to instill republican values in her children, and to avoid luxury and ostentation. Governments are more or less republican as they have more or less of the element of popular election and control in their composition; and believing, as I do, that the mass of the citizens is the safest depository of their own rights, and especially, that the evils flowing from the duperies of the people, are less injurious than those from the egoism of their agents, I am a friend to that composition of government which has in it the most of this ingredient. Commerce The

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open question, as Pocock suggested, [12] of the conflict between personal economic interest grounded in Lockean liberalism and classical republicanism, troubled Americans. Jefferson and Madison roundly denounced the Federalist for creating a national bank as tending to corruption and monarchism; Alexander Hamilton staunchly defended his program, arguing that national economic strength was necessary for the protection of liberty. Jefferson never relented but by Madison switched and announced in favor of a national bank, which he set up in John Adams often pondered the issue of civic virtue. And this public Passion must be Superior to all private Passions. Men must be ready, they must pride themselves, and be happy to sacrifice their private Pleasures, Passions, and Interests, nay their private Friendships and dearest connections, when they Stand in Competition with the Rights of society. He decided that history taught that "the Spirit of Commerce. The theme continued in , when William Jennings Bryan crusaded against the corruption of the banks as represented by the gold standard. Other influences A second stream of thought growing in significance was the liberalism of John Locke , including his theory of the " social contract ". This had a great influence on the revolution as it implied the inborn right of the people to overthrow their leaders should those leaders betray the agreements implicit in the sovereign-follower relationship. But first and last came a commitment to republicanism, as shown by many historians such as Bernard Bailyn and Gordon S. Historiography For a century historians have debated how important republicanism was to the Founding Fathers. Parrington and Arthur M. Louis Hartz refined the position in the s, arguing John Locke was the most important source because his property-oriented liberalism supported the materialistic goals of Americans. In the s and s, two new schools emerged that emphasized the primacy of ideas as motivating forces in history rather than material self-interest. Louis School" led by J. Pocock emphasized slightly different approaches to republicanism. The relative importance of republicanism and liberalism remains a topic of debate among historians. The Constitution The Founding Fathers wanted republicanism that would guarantee liberty, and most were afraid that a "democracy" by which they meant a direct democracy would allow a majority of voters at any time to trample rights and liberties; the most formidable of these potential majorities being that of the poor against the rich. That is, they saw democracy as mob rule that could be shaped on the spot by a demagogue. Therefore, they devised a written Constitution which could only be amended by a supermajority, preserved competing sovereignties in the constituent states, [17] gave the control of the upper house Senate to the states, and created an Electoral College comprising a small number of elites to select the president. They set up a House of Representative to represent the people. In practice the electoral college soon gave way to control by political parties. Not expected by the founders was the emergence of the Supreme Court under John Marshall as the final arbiter of the Constitution and indeed of all political rules. According to Noah Webster , the linguist who was also a Federalist editor, the choice of the name "Republican" was "a powerful instrument in the process of making proselytes to the party The influence of names on the mass of mankind, was never more distinctly exhibited, than in the increase of the democratic party in the United States. Both of these new parties proclaimed their devotion to republicanism. As late as the word "democracy" was in ill repute and was mostly used to attack an opponent. Thus George Washington in complained, "that you could as soon scrub the blackamoor white, as to change the principles of a profest Democrat; and that he will leave nothing unattempted to overturn the Government of this Country. Thus Madison argued in Federalist 10, a special interest may take control of a small area, but it could not easily take over a large nation. Thus the larger the nation the safer is republicanism. Military Service In colonial days the Quaker elite established a monopoly on political leadership in Pennsylvania based on what they believed to be their inherent civic virtue grounded in their religious and social class. By , this view had been discredited and replaced with the general consensus that civic virtue was an achieved, not an inherent, attribute and that it should be determined by the display of appropriate manliness and the valor of men who were willing to take up arms for the common defense of the colony. Pennsylvanians came to believe that all white men, not just wealthy property owners, were equally capable of achieving political voice. Martial masculinity, therefore, became the defining characteristic of the ideal citizen and marked a significant transformation in the way individuals understood their republican rights

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and duties. As John Randolph of Roanoke put it, "When citizen and soldier shall be synonymous terms, then you will be safe. Military service was considered an important demonstration of patriotism and an essential component of citizenship. To soldiers, military service was a voluntary, negotiated, and temporary abeyance of self-governance by which they signaled their responsibility as citizens. In practice self-governance in military affairs came to include personal independence, enlistment negotiations, petitions to superior officials, militia constitutions, and negotiations regarding discipline. Together these impacted on all aspects of military order, discipline, and life. It reflected the best of republican principles though Owsley did not use the word "republicanism. Mills Thornton argues that in the antebellum South the drive to preserve republican values was the most powerful force, and led Southerners to interpret Northern policies as a threat to their republican values. The party officially designated itself "Republican" because the name resonated with the struggle of Individual entrepreneurship was the republican way to wealth for the individual and for society as a whole. They were not socialists and did not want government ownership, but they did want to control the work patterns on the factory floor regardless of the owner and his foremen. The unions were still thinking in terms of iron, when their expertise was decisive. In the age of steel the white collar engineer made the critical decisions, not blue collar workers. A central theme of the Progressive era was fear of corruption, one of the core ideas of republicanism since the s. The Progressives restructured the political system to defeat corrupt bosses for example, by the direct election of Senators , to remove corrupt influence like saloons through prohibition and bringing in new, purer voters woman suffrage. Many said it violated the republican notion of freely given civic duty to force people to serve. The solution was to set it up so that each draftee voluntarily "stepped forward" to perform his civic duty. Some reformers adopted the "Iowa idea" that linked the cause of the trusts to high tariffs. Others denounced "robber barons," artfully combining crime and aristocracy. Rockefeller and his Standard Oil Company were favorite targets. Kennedy in a dramatic call for the American people to honor the core republican value of civic duty. Bush had properly fulfilled their civic duty of fighting for their country, part of the republican duties. Opponents charged that Bush had shirked his National Guard duties, or conversely that Kerry did not earn the medals he was awarded in Vietnam. Legal terminology The term republic does not appear in the Declaration of Independence , but does appear in Article IV of the Constitution which "guarantee[s] to every State in this Union a Republican form of Government. The Supreme Court in Luther v. Borden declared that the definition of republic was a "political question" in which it would not intervene. In two later cases it did establish a basic definition. In United States v. Cruikshank the court ruled that the "equal rights of citizens" were inherent to the idea of republic. In re Duncan it ruled that the "right of the people to choose their government" is also part of the definition. It is also generally assumed that the clause prevents any state from being a monarchy " or a dictatorship. Democracy Over time the pejorative connotations of "democracy" faded. By the s, democracy was seen as an unmitigated positive and the term "Democratic" was assumed by the Democratic Party and the term "Democrat" was adopted by its members. A common term for the party in the later 19th century was "The Democracy. As the limitations on democracy were slowly removed, senators were made directly electable by the people ; property qualifications for state voters were eliminated s ; and initiative, referendum , recall and other devices of direct democracy became widely accepted at the state and local level s. Thus, at present most people refer to the United States and its system of government as a democracy.

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### 5: Bibliography - Robson Bonnichsen and Karen L. Turnmire

*Unlike many of his colleagues, Patrick Henry witnessed firsthand the suffering and dedication of religious minorities even as he experienced the rich tradition of the Church of England. His advocacy of religious liberty, including his support for the general assessment bill, is a testament to his deep respect for religious diversity.*

Richmond was selected as better protected from royal authority. The convention debated whether Virginia should adopt language from a petition by the planters of the Colony of Jamaica. This document contained complaints about British actions, but admitted the King could veto colonial legislation, and it urged reconciliation. Henry offered amendments to raise a militia independent of royal authority in terms that recognized that conflict with Britain was inevitable, sparking the opposition of moderates. He defended his amendments, concluding with the statement he is best known for: If we were base enough to desire it, it is now too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable and let it come! I repeat it, sir, let it come. It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death! All agreed that the speech had produced a profound effect, but it seems that only one person attempted to render an actual text. George Tucker, who had been present for the speech, gave Wirt his recollections and Wirt wrote back stating that "I have taken almost entirely Mr. The gunpowder belonged to the government, to be issued in case of need, such as a slave uprising. Henry had departed for Philadelphia, having been elected a delegate to the Second Continental Congress, but a messenger caught up with him before he left Hanover County, and he returned to take command of the local militia. Seeking the restoration of the powder, or that the colonists be compensated for it, on May 2, Henry led his troops towards Williamsburg with, as Dunmore wrote, "all the Appearances of actual War". As popular support for independence grew, opponents either joined in the movement, or decided it was wiser to remain silent. The Congress appointed Washington as head of American forces, an appointment that Henry supported. Although Henry had little military experience, this was not considered a major drawback at the time, and he was held to have distinguished himself in the march on Williamsburg. General Washington, though, felt that the convention had "made a Capital mistake when they took Henry out of the Senate to place him in the Field". Henry wrote to all county lieutenants, stating that the proclamation "is fatal to the publick Safety" and urging an "unremitting Attention to the Government of the SLAVES may, I hope, counteract this dangerous Attempt. Constant, and well directed Patrols, seem indispensably necessary. Henry was to retain his rank of colonel, but was placed under a former subordinate. Henry refused, and left the army; his troops were outraged by the slight to him, and considered leaving service, but he calmed the situation. Henry introduced a resolution declaring Virginia independent and urging the Congress to declare all the colonies free. When he at last spoke, according to clergyman Edmund Randolph, Henry "appeared in an element for which he was born. To cut the knot, which calm prudence was puzzled to untie, was worthy of the magnificence of his genius. He entered into no subtlety of reasoning but was roused by the now apparent spirit of the people as a pillar of fire, which notwithstanding the darkness of the prospect would conduct to the promised land. Henry was appointed to a committee under the leadership of Archibald Cary. Madison reworked it and had another delegate introduce it, likely Edmund Randolph, and it passed. Henry got it removed by telling the delegates that some high offender might be reached by no other means. Henry opposed the weakness of the governor, feeling it was risky at a time of war to have the executive so weak, but his views did not prevail. He returned to Williamsburg in September, and corresponded with General Washington about the military situation. Washington, who was less effective because of the

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inadequacies of his troops, complained about the state militias, feeling a Continental Army committed for the duration of the war was needed. In March, Henry wrote to Washington seeking permission to recruit soldiers for terms of up to eight months. Recruiting remained a problem; many Virginians were willing to be members of the county militia, but did not want to join the Continental Army lest they be sent out of state or exposed to disease. He brought 12 slaves with her, adding to the 30 Patrick Henry already had. He sold Scotchtown in, and moved to Leatherwood Plantation in Henry County, which the General Assembly had just created and named for him. There was discontent against Washington, who was not seen by some as a successful general, and this resulted in the so-called Conway Cabal. Henry supported Washington when Dr. Benjamin Rush of Philadelphia, one of those unenthusiastic about Washington, sent the governor an unsigned letter, discussing machinations against the general. President Washington wrote of Henry in, "I have always respected and esteemed him; nay more, I have conceived myself under obligation to him for the friendly manner in which he transmitted to me some insidious anonymous writings in the close of the year with a view to embark him in the opposition that was forming against me at that time". Although the expedition did not turn out as well as hoped, Henry trumpeted its successes, but after he left the governorship in and was elected to the House of Delegates, he became a foe of Clark. Thomas Jefferson led the committee of notables sent to inform him of his election. In December, Henry sent an urgent appeal to Congress for naval aid in protecting Chesapeake Bay. The British departed on May 24, and Henry, limited to three consecutive terms in office by the constitution, left office soon after, succeeded by Jefferson, and with his family returned to Leatherwood. He refused to be elected a delegate to Congress, stating that his personal business and past illness made that impossible. When Governor Jefferson sent a note to him in early, Henry replied with gratitude, complaining of his isolation, and wrote of his many concerns about the state of affairs, as the war continued. The freeholders of Henry County soon thereafter sent its eponym to the House of Delegates. But within weeks, health problems recurred, causing his return to Leatherwood. He was successful in defeating it, but after he left Richmond, supporters got the legislature to pass it. Henry rode with the troops, though he did not lead them, and they were generally successful in suppressing the resistance. The volunteers were disbanded in September. Although Arnold soon withdrew to Portsmouth, in February, troops under Lord Cornwallis entered the state from North Carolina; the war, which had for the most part been fought out of state, would have many of its final moves played in Virginia. Nevertheless, in May, British forces under Colonel Banastre Tarleton raided Charlottesville, nearly capturing the Virginia government, which fled to Staunton. But on learning Henry was with the group, she decided it must be all right, and offered them the best she had. After the raid, he took refuge at his farm in Bedford County, and Virginia had no governor for ten days. The resolution passed, but the inquiry was set for the next session, and the legislature thought better of it. Jefferson and others wanted to reopen contracts that had been already settled, but in depreciated currency; Henry thought that unjust, and because of his influence in the General Assembly, his version prevailed. That passed despite opposition from John Tyler Sr. Henry also introduced legislation to permit Loyalists to return to Virginia. There was considerable opposition to that, and the measure was held over until later in the year, by which time public sentiment had been gauged through meetings in each county. Henry spoke in the debate, asking "shall we, who have laid the proud British lion at our feet, be frightened of its whelps? Henry was not alone in this belief; both Washington and Lee supported such plans. According to Thomas S. Kidd in his biography of Henry, "the general assessment plan is one of the main reasons Henry is not more widely esteemed as a Founder, for in this debate, he seems to have diverted from the progressive flow of history. This law requiring a separation of church and state passed the General Assembly in. The General Assembly had passed legislation for new arms for the militia, and Henry worked with Lafayette to have them sent from France. The Virginia Constitution required that there be a recommendation from the county court. Instead of asking the county court, Henry solicited recommendations from prominent citizens in each county whom he or his council members knew. The result was near-revolt in the counties, as citizens protested the act as unconstitutional, and counties refused to obey. The law went widely unenforced, and in October, Henry requested the legislators to repeal it; they complied the following

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*Brings together essays on eleven of the founders of the American republic - Abigail Adams, Samuel Adams, Oliver Ellsworth, Alexander Hamilton, Patrick Henry, John Jay, Thomas Paine, Edmund Randolph.*

To defend themselves, and to restore an endangered religious freedom, they launched a campaign against the progressive forces that they see as incompatible with their religious beliefs. Behind this movement is a well-organized network of advocacy organizations, think tanks, and various legal organizations. Their strategy rests upon a super-charged right to the free exercise of religion unrestrained by an enfeebled Establishment Clause. The current self-styled champions of religious liberty claim to be defending the same values as the generation that was responsible for binging us the religious freedom we so cherish as a nation. To understand how the new champions of religious liberty differ from their eighteenth-century predecessors, a comparison may be useful. The alliance may seem surprising at first, but the alliance makes sense when one realizes that those who fall outside the dominant or favored religion have just as much of a stake in separating religion from government as do more secular groups. In an effort to discredit separationist interpretations of the First Amendment, some have tried to set the views of the dissenters apart from those of the rationalists. The dissenters were actually aligned in their goals, even if some of their reasons for doing so were not. Given the importance of Virginia in shaping our understanding of religious liberty and the First Amendment, this essay will focus on the religious dissenters in that state. The creation of a Declaration of Rights, drawn up by the distinguished statesman George Mason, kicked off a decades-long fight for religious liberty. At the prompting of the budding statesman James Madison, a change in the document gave the dissenters of the established Church of England the legal basis to challenge all establishments of religion. The dissenters immediately understood the implications, and began drawing up petitions calling for the disestablishment not just of the established church, but of all religion. It indicates that neither Madison, nor Mason, believed that religion could be used as an excuse to harm society or individuals. This obvious limit to religious freedom was almost universally accepted. Long despised, and frequent victims of abuse, the dissenters mostly Baptists and Presbyterians greeted the Declaration of Rights with enthusiasm; it promised them the equality that they had long craved. In an attempt to appease them the legislature passed a bill exempting them from the burden of supporting the privileged church, but it fell short of their ultimate goal to destroy all establishments, which meant that the dissenters continued their petitioning campaign. This effort awoke a sleeping giant, and prompted the dissenters to flood the legislature with nearly one hundred petitions. In contrast to these eighteenth-century religious dissenters, who suffered under the yoke of a privileged religion, the of the Religious Right of today advocates for a very different kind of religious liberty: Religious Freedom Belongs to Everyone Equally The American Revolution accelerated a shift in thinking about religious toleration that had important implications for the future of the young nation. The idea of toleration as a necessary characteristic of any civilized society was the product of years of religious conflict that had soaked Europe in blood in the aftermath of the Reformation. Nevertheless, this major achievement of humanity was hopelessly out of step with the republican principles that the Americans were fighting for. This reasoning was lucidly expressed by the popular Baptist preacher John Leland, who declared: The very idea of toleration is despicable; it supposes that some have a pre-eminence above the rest to grant indulgence, whereas all should be equally free, Jews, Turks [i. Muslims], Pagans and Christians. If they were going to fight under the banner of freedom and equality they rightly demanded these for themselves. Hence, they took up the mantle of religious liberty, which rests on the conviction that the rights of conscience belong to everyone equally. In an effort to make good on the promise of equal rights and armed with the legal backing of the Declaration of Rights, the dissenters set out to banish all religious establishments. They reasoned that if all citizens are equally in possession of the same rights then all privileging made on the basis of religious opinions must go. This logic was spelled out in an article published in the Virginia Gazette later that year: There were two aspects of the

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bill that the dissenters saw as in conflict with the principle of equality. This is at odds with the claim that the dissenters wanted to infuse public policy with Christian moral values. While many Virginians were comfortable with a broadly inclusive Christian establishment, the dissenters were not. It would have been a betrayal of the very principles for which they were fighting for. They sought to end all connections between religious and government, except those which protected religious liberty. Their petitions leave no doubt as to what they wanted separation of religious concerns from civic concerns and why to protect their rights, the state, and religion. Placing religion in law, and thus establishing it, was seen as anathema to the dissenters because it necessarily violated the equal rights of conscience. Following John Locke, they divided society into two mutually-exclusive spheres civil and religious. However, this move was strategic, rather than a genuine change of heart. They were convinced that an assessment was a fiat accompli so they reasoned that it would be better to at least try to limit the damage by pushing the legislature in a more inclusive direction. The outrage from the broader Presbyterian community, coupled with anger over the incorporation of the Episcopal Church, convinced the Presbytery to reverse course again. Support for this claim is usually based on the fact that some of the petitions called for laws to punish vice and immorality. But, as indicated above, they did it for strategic reasons, not as a matter of principle. And after this kind of ambiguous language was gone. The more representative Presbyterian petition of states in no uncertain terms: Religion is altogether personal, and the right of exercising it unalienable; and it is not, cannot, and ought not to be, resigned to the will of the society at large; and much less to the Legislature, which derived its authority wholly from the consent of the people, and is limited by the original intention of civil association. Another petition addressing the issue of morality is even more problematic for the accommodationist position. There was only one dissenter petition, out of over one hundred sent to the legislature from to , which unambiguously supported state-mandated religious morality. So these petitioners were undoubtedly in favor of the harsher version, which bound citizens to some aspects of Christian dogma. However, this was an outlier within the dissenting community that was otherwise broadly united on this issue. It therefore cannot be used to represent the general position of the dissenters. This law had been part of the revisal of that began in , with most of the work carried out by Thomas Jefferson, George Wythe, and Edmund Pendleton. It may seem surprising that Jefferson would approve of this religiously-based mandate, but it is important to remember that the revised laws needed to be approved by the entire revisal committee and eventually it had to pass through the legislature which was still dominated by conservative Episcopalians. Jefferson was not given free rein to make laws according to his own liking. The Sabbath bill was not passed at the prompting of the dissenters. But this support was not universal. One of the most determined foes of Sunday laws was Leland, who recognized that they were contrary to the principles of religious liberty, as well as Christianity. His extensive writings on the subject offer the clearest and most consistent effort to articulate a coherent vision of religious liberty. In doing so he explained why sins religious morality , as opposed to crimes, fell outside the bounds of civil law. Does separation put some burdens and restrictions on religion? Yes, but necessarily so. To establish in any way religion by law privileges the religion of some at the expense of everyone else, and this takes us back to the religious tyranny that the dissenters were trying to abolish. All the rights and franchises that belong to him as a man, or as a Denison, are inviolably to be preserved to him. These are not the business of religion NO violence nor injury is to be offered him, whether he be Christian or pagan. Persuasion is the only option available in a free society. This is the foundation upon which religious freedom is built. The ban on establishments of religion necessarily places limits on religion and its advocates. They were second-class citizens in an Anglican Episcopalian after independence world. Hence they insisted that religion and government should be separate, as shown above. Did this mean that some Virginians would have to lose some of their privileges, even ones that were in line with their deeply held religious beliefs? Religious freedom can only exist when all citizens are given equal rights of conscience i. This meant that the members of the Episcopal Church had to give up their sacred relationship with the state. Not surprisingly, Episcopalians resisted what they perceived to be an assault on their religion. Anything less would have been a continuation of the system of toleration, not religious liberty.

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This is why the Establishment Clause is so important. It protects citizens from state-imposed religious dogma. And just as importantly it limits the free exercise of religion. Religious individuals or groups are not free to enlist the state in their religious endeavors. Just as the state is forbidden to intervene in religion, religion is barred from intervening in the affairs of the state. If the state is forbidden from making laws concerning religion then religious individuals or groups cannot use their power to place religious doctrines into law, even if they insist that it is required by their sincerely held religious beliefs. If we value religious freedom then religion must also be restrained from intervening in civil concerns. Some have taken the fact that as a Baptist minister Leland participated in politics as evidence that he and other dissenters supported the influence of religion in the making of public policy. Yes, Leland and other members of the dissenting clergy participated in politics, but they did not do so in order to bring their own religious dogmas or practices into law. They participated as citizens in matters that were within the realm of the state civil concerns most important to secure their religious rights. Leland explained why this is a necessary component of religious liberty: Consequently, it must be impious usurpation for ecclesiastics or civilians to legislate about religion. The plea of conscience, in such cases, is the art of ill design. This link between rights and no establishments i. This is why they embraced a strict separation of religion and government. Separation Protects Religious Freedom and Religion The argument that the separation of church and state is hostile to religion is now common on the Right. To them, the strict separation of religion and government was necessary to protect religion and religious liberty. On this subject, they found history a useful guide. This, they believed, was best for religion, government, and society. A religious liberty that allows discrimination, seeks privilege, and frequently infringes on the rights of others is not religious liberty; it is religious domination. Forgetting the lessons of the past the Religious Right is undermining what their forbears so wisely put in place. University Press of Virginia, , A bill For exempting the different societies of dissenters from contributing to the support and maintenance of the church as by law established in The Statutes at Large: Hanover Presbytery Petition October 24, The petitions used in this essay can be found at the Library of Virginia: Wood, , Public Domain Reprint ,

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### 8: Project MUSE - Establishing Religious Freedom

*Patrick Henry, Religious Liberty, and the Search for Civic Virtue* Thomas E. Buckley, S.J. *Thomas Paine's Civil Religion of Reason*

Additional Information In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: The Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom ranks among the foremost documents in the history of American liberties. In sweeping terms it placed the rights of conscience—the freedom to believe and to worship without pressure or coercion of any kind—beyond the reach of the state. Thomas Jefferson was so proud of his composition that he ordered its title inscribed on his tombstone. In his old age, James Madison congratulated himself for guiding its passage through the Virginia legislature. Too often minimized or misunderstood, however, has been the larger context in which the statute won approval and the roles that others, particularly Patrick Henry, played in the long struggle for religious freedom in the Old Dominion. In fact, historians, political scientists, and journalists writing about the Virginia contests sometimes place Henry among the opponents of religious liberty because of his support for a general assessment proposal. He is, indeed, a forgotten founder of religious liberty. Before any legislature would approve a measure as capacious in its language and implications as the Statute for Religious Freedom, a transformation needed to be worked in the way in which Virginians, especially the politically powerful elites who shaped public opinion, thought about the role of religion in society and the relationship between church and state. The value they placed on religion found expression, practically from the earliest days of the colony, in a formal religious establishment. They conceived of their society in organic terms. Just as all belonged to a single political entity—the English colony of Virginia governed from Williamsburg—so all should be members of the Church of England. Church and civil government on the local level were thoroughly entwined. The church supported the state by its prayers in public worship and by teaching the Christian gospel, the moral law, and the obligations of good citizens. The government supported the church by favorable laws, public taxes, and benevolent oversight. Church and state worked together in friendly partnership for the well-being of the whole society. But in Virginia, as in England, they were a tiny minority of the total population, the exception rather than the rule, whose presence necessitated at most a grudging, limited toleration. On the eve of the Revolution, the overwhelming majority of the men who governed the Old Dominion in the Williamsburg legislature and sat on the county courts and church vestries envisioned no change in that situation. Those two moments are crucial to the church-state drama. In them we see Thomas E. Moreover, the two are intrinsically connected. From the perspective of historians he possessed one egregious fault: Today we know much more about some of the other founding fathers because they saved theirs. Jefferson, for example, was such a meticulous pack rat that he acquired and improved a polygraph. You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

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*d. used the language of liberty to rule that free blacks could own property. e. set the precedent that fugitive slaves had to be returned to their masters. b. ruled that slavery was unlawful in England.*

The Odyssey by Homer You climb to reach the summit, but once there, discover that all roads lead down. Nor do I pretend to understand the stark nihilism that drove the terrorists that day and that drives their brethren still. I knew before that God gave life to men and desires that they should live; now I understood more than that. I understood that God does not wish men to live apart, and therefore he does not reveal to them what each one needs for himself; but he wishes them to live united, and therefore reveals to each of them what is necessary for all. I have now understood that though it seems to men that they live by care for themselves, in truth it is love alone by which they live. He who has love, is in God, and God is in him, for God is love. From the perpetual silence where the grace Of human sainthood burns Hastes he once more to harmonise and heal? I was happy and contented, I knew nothing better and made the best out of what life offered. And life is what we make it, always has been, always will be. Where function does not change form does not change. The granite rocks, the ever brooding hills, remain for ages; the lightning lives, comes into shape, and dies in a twinkling. It is the pervading law of all things organic and inorganic, of all things physical and metaphysical, of all things human and all things superhuman, of all true manifestations of the head, of the heart, of the soul, that the life is recognizable in its expression, that form ever follows function. This is the law. Let no man imagine that he has no influence. Whoever he may be, and wherever he may be placed, the man who thinks becomes a light and a power. What is important is not to live in fear. The most dangerous thing to do is to give up and lose hope. The main enemy is not terrorism or extremism, but ignorance. We do not place them on pedestals and worship from afar. We climb mountains and dynamite hillsides to find them. We quarry them, split them, carve them, draw them, and dissect them, struggling to wrest their secrets. We vilify and curse them for their damnable intransigence. They are grubby little creatures of a sea floor million years old, but we greet them with awe because they are the Old Ones, and they are trying to tell us something. This world we live in is the dance of the Creator. Dancers come and go in the twinkling of an eye but the dance lives on. On many an occasion when I am dancing, I have felt touched by something sacred. In those moments, I felt my spirit soar and become one with everything that exists. I become the stars and the moon. I become the lover and the beloved. I become the victor and the vanquished. I become the master and the slave. I become the singer and the song. I become the knower and the known. I keep on dancing and then, it is the eternal dance of creation. The Creator and the creation merge into one wholeness of joy. I keep on dancing " until there is only The merriment of wise men is not the uninformed, gross fun of ignorant men, but it has more kinship with that than the pinched, frightened fun of those who are neither learned nor ignorant, gentle nor simple, bound nor free. The idea that a wise man must be solemn is bred and preserved among people who have no idea what wisdom is, and can only respect whatever makes them feel inferior. For all those whose cares have been our concern, the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die. Out of the night that covers me, Black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods may be for my unconquerable soul. How does it affect your character, how does it affect your politics? And that the power and strength of diversity, the ability of people from everywhere To this day, if you ask me how a book is written, I cannot answer. Naipaul Nine-tenths of tactics are certain, and taught in books: It can only be ensured by instinct, sharpened by thought practising the stroke so often that at the crisis it is as natural as a reflex. Our beliefs are not to be classed among the luxuries, but among the necessities of existence. Yet, unless we do try, something unique and never surpassed will cease to exist except in the libraries of a few inquisitive book lovers. Ingersoll Monsters remain human beings. In fact, to reduce them to a subhuman level is to exonerate them of their acts of terrorism and mass murder " just as animals are not deemed morally responsible for killing. Insisting on the humanity of terrorists is, in fact, critical to maintaining their profound responsibility

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for the evil they commit. And, if they are human, then they must necessarily not be treated in an inhuman fashion. You cannot lower the moral baseline of a terrorist to the subhuman without betraying a fundamental value. I am a man crude as any, gross of speech, intolerant, of fits and furies. That I may have spoken well at times, is not natural. A wonder is what it is. I am the daughter of Earth and Water, And the nursling of the Sky; I pass through the pores of the ocean and shores; I change, but I cannot die. For I had the feeling that this was a place, once seen, that could not be seen again. If I left and then came back, it would not be the same; no matter how many times I might return to this particular spot the place and feeling would never be the same, something would be lost or something would be added, and there never would exist again, through all eternity, all the integrated factors that made it what it was in this magic moment. Simak Religious feeling is as much a verity as any other part of human consciousness; and against it, on the subjective side, the waves of science beat in vain. It is a term that I detest because it distresses me greatly, for it forces on me clothes that are not mine, which in fact belong to a human type that I distrust; the prophet, the soothsayer, the seer. Touch me, hold me. How my open arms ache! Try to fall for me. For all that has been â€” Thanks. For all that shall be â€” Yes. We choose it because it makes possible the only dignified form of human coexistence, the only form in which we can be fully responsible for ourselves. Whether we realize its possibilities depends on all kinds of things â€” and above all on ourselves. The most we can do is try to tilt the equilibrium toward the good. These lessons must be learned anew by each succeeding generation, and that generation is fortunate indeed which learns from other than its own bitter experience. He was telling the story and the failures and the endless journey of mankind. They got tricked and trapped and bamboozled, but it was a great journey. And no demon that was ever foaled could know the inwardness of it â€” it took a man to do that. His voice could search the heart, and that was his gift and his strength. But each saw something. For the glitter was gone from the eyes of the judge and jury, and, for the moment, they were men again, and knew they were men. The Eagle has landed. They are always wrong. And above all, believe in yourself. My life is not the important point. The history of life, and the history of the planet, should go on and on and on and on. I cannot conceive of anything in the universe that has more meaning than that. Tepper Choose only one master â€” Nature. I cannot ask of heaven success, even for my country, in a cause where she should be in the wrong. Fiat justitia, pereat coelum. My toast would be, may our country always be successful, but whether successful or otherwise, always right. As an adult I have learned that not to tell the truth is more painful, and that the fear of telling the truth â€” whatever the truth may be â€” that fear is the most painful sensation of a moral life. Heinlein in *Glory Road* Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where the people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free. True peace with oneself and with the world around us can only be achieved through the development of mental peace. We must be the guardians of that angel. This point has to be reached. They always become a little different immediately they are expressed, a little distorted, a little foolish. And yet it also pleases me and seems right that what is of value and wisdom to one man seems nonsense to another. The truths of reasoning are necessary and their opposite is impossible; the truths of fact are contingent and their opposites are possible. As if I were sent so that whatever takes place Has meaning because it changes into memory. Think yourself, and let think. Use no constraint in matters of religion. Even those who are farthest out of the way never compel to come in by any other means than reason, truth, and love. The condition of one who is known to have committed an indiscretion, as distinguished from the state of him who has covered his tracks. Man is a product of nearly three billion years of evolution, in whose person the evolutionary process has at last become conscious of itself and its possibilities.

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