

The Fascist Trump/Pence Regime Is Subverting the Separation of Church and State RefuseFascism.org FACT SHEET #2:

“The Trump/Pence Regime is a Fascist Regime. Not insult or exaggeration, this is what it is. For the future of humanity and the planet, we, the people, must drive this regime out.”
– from the Refuse Fascism Call to Action

The separation of church and state ensures that people are free from the imposition of state-backed religion, and free from persecution for their religious beliefs or non-beliefs. This is enshrined right in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...” **Trump is aggressively violating this – singling out Muslims for persecution, openly favoring Christians, and increasingly injecting Christianity into public life and government.**

- Trump’s January 27th executive order was a thinly disguised ban on Muslims. Rudy Giuliani said publicly that Trump asked him to come up with a “Muslim ban” but to do it “legally.”
- Trump told the Christian Broadcast News that the ban would prioritize *Christians*. Christians from the banned countries were given preference as a “minority religion.”
- On February 18th, Melania Trump opened a Trump rally by reciting “The Lord’s Prayer.” Reciting this at this presidential rally casts the nearly 30% of the people in the U.S.— and the 68% of the world’s population—who are NOT Christian as outsiders and basically as “infidels.”
- Trump repeatedly invoked “God” during his inaugural address, including by saying, “We will be protected by the great men and women of our military and law enforcement and, most importantly, we are protected by God.”
- Trump appointed Betsy DeVos to head the Department of Education. DeVos has invested years and huge sums of her family’s enormous wealth in working to end public education altogether, and to replace it with federally funded Christian fundamentalist schools and indoctrination.
- Vice President Mike Pence is an unyielding Christian fascist whose fanatical interpretation of Christianity informs his governing. As Indiana governor, he passed some of the most extreme anti-abortion legislation in the country. He defended the “right” of businesses to discriminate against LGBTQ people. He argued for teaching the anti-scientific theory of “intelligent design” in public schools.

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