

Protecting American Culture, Religious Heritage, and Constitutional Principles

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Cultural Pluralism Must Not Require Cultural Surrender

America can welcome people from different backgrounds without abandoning the traditions, institutions, religious heritage, and principles that formed the nation. Cultural pluralism should mean peaceful coexistence under a shared American constitutional order, not an expectation that Americans must continually accommodate outside cultural demands while their own traditions are displaced, criticized, or restricted.

American culture, national sovereignty, religious liberty, and constitutional rights must remain protected. Freedom of religion includes the right to worship, celebrate holidays, maintain traditions, and express religious convictions. It also includes the right to decline religious participation and to live free from religious coercion. No religious organization, foreign government, political movement, or cultural group should be permitted to use pluralism as justification for intimidation, discriminatory treatment, unlawful control of property, or the imposition of religious or cultural rules on the wider public.

Equal Rights Require Reciprocal Respect

An Indian cultural celebration, a Christian holiday, a Buddhist gathering, a prayer service, or a nonreligious community event should be evaluated according to the same applicable standards. People may preserve their heritage, practice their faith, and participate in public life, provided they respect the rights of others and comply with the law. Public amplification, noise, property use, political advocacy, and requests for religious accommodations should be addressed through consistent, neutral rules rather than special privileges or selective restrictions.

Reciprocity also means recognizing that Americans have a legitimate interest in preserving their own customs, religious traditions, public institutions, and community standards. Newcomers and established residents alike should respect the country's laws and constitutional protections. Cultural difference alone is not misconduct, but neither should cultural sensitivity excuse coercion, threats, violence, or violations of others' rights.

Why Pluralism Faces Growing Resistance

Some Americans have become skeptical of current approaches to pluralism because they perceive an imbalance between accommodating outside cultural practices and protecting American traditions. Concerns about mass immigration, public safety, economic pressures, cultural displacement, religious conflict, and declining confidence in public institutions contribute to this debate. Documented incidents involving violence, discrimination,

intimidation, or movements seeking coercive religious or political authority deserve serious examination.

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The goal should not be cultural hostility. It should be **coexistence without coercion, religious freedom without religious domination, and cultural exchange without the surrender of American identity**. America can respect people from around the world while maintaining its sovereignty, enforcing its laws, preserving its historical traditions, and protecting the freedom of Americans to practice their own faiths and customs.

Pluralism should strengthen peaceful coexistence, not become a reason to diminish the culture that makes America home. Every community deserves equal protection under the law, and every community has a responsibility to respect the rights and freedoms of others.

For example, Americans may or may not welcome a Diwali celebration in their communities, which is celebrated once a year. Many Americans would view this as a welcome event without too much interruption. Still, some Americans may feel uncomfortable, and it is perfectly okay to feel uncomfortable, too. These are historically American communities that many seek to preserve and protect their own culture from outside cultural influences.

Islam, however, can be more intrusive. Whereas a Diwali celebration takes place once a year, the Muslim call to prayer may occur five times a day, every day, and may also take up public space, such as on the loud speakers or historical American building spaces such as churches. Furthermore, some of these societies have joined political action committees (PACs) and are actively seeking political territory within American society, as well as seeking to impose different laws. For this reason, Islamic practices or institutions may not be welcomed within American culture, and Americans have every right to express their opposition.

The same is true of other cultures that may actively seek to impose cultural norms on American society that Americans do not accept. Sadly, we see this frequently today, and rather than respecting American cultural norms, Americans have endured relentless violence, racism, and targeting as well. Within Islam, there have been numerous terrorist attacks carried out by extremist organizations. Within Orthodox Jewish communities, concerns have been raised about human trafficking, Israeli surveillance, the building of tunnels, the “flipping” of historical communities, and rites and practices that disturb the American conscience, such as forcing women to wear full head coverings, animal sacrifices, and practices such as *brit milah*.

These cultures have ultimately forced themselves into American culture without respecting American cultural norms and society, ultimately contributing to mass protests, violence, and civil unrest. If our traditional culture and native people had been respected in the first place, perhaps there would never have been a war. American culture is very simple and yet complex. We like our freedom, we want others to be free, but we also need our boundaries to

be respected. Religious, ideological, and foreign cultural confrontations are occurring because the fault line has been crossed. Within America, we understand that until other cultures become truly compatible with American culture, we will experience civil conflict and unrest. The American way of life is a beautiful way of life that has been incredibly welcoming, yet it has not been respected, and its people have frequently been let down. Americans are fighting a foreign, domestic war, and the reasons are clear. The United States supports the American people, American values, American culture, and the American way of life. That is all there is to it.

- **Forced Foreign, Ideological or Religious Cultural Pluralism or Multicultural Assimilation in America**