

Letter: This is not just a Christian nation

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God loves people not genitalia. Let me back up a bit.

This is not a Christian nation. There is a reason why the founding fathers stated very clearly that there must be a separation of church and state. Yet, if we look at the world around us, there are politicians and judges that are setting laws according to religious rules. The example of a handful of Catholic judges wiping out *Roe v Wade* and setting their sites on gay rights happened this year.

Women's rights, gay rights, let us just say "people's rights" are good for society. How does society hurt if two men love each other? How does society suffer if a survivor of a rape aborts an unwanted pregnancy? Society has been getting better over the decades with the rights of every minority out there. However, for religious followers, we see problems.

For my fellow Christians, think of it like this: we are playing basketball and the world is playing football; we are playing by different rules. We cannot call foul when a football player holds the ball while they run towards the goal. We are not allowed to do that according to our rules, but they can. When those players start playing basketball with us and they forget and hold the ball as they run, then we remind them of the rules.

The other problem I see is the growth of evangelical Christians and Christian nationalism. According to a survey in 2016, 75% of ECs never read the Bible or went to church. What we have is a group of people who

do not truly know the truth. “Very little of the evangelical agenda is justified by the good book, and some is even directly opposed to the words of Jesus,” Erik Hare, 2017.

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