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POLS30028 Religion in American Politics  
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**PAPER TOPIC: YOUR REFLECTIONS ON RELIGION AND POLITICS**

Due: Noon, Thursday, September 1  
Length: 500-750 words

- ▶ **Submit your papers by *noon* on September 1st (remember that there is no class that day). Bring them to Professor Campbell's office at 422 Decio Hall, where there will be a box to collect your papers. *No electronic submissions.***
- ▶ **List the number of words in the essay below your name on the title page**
- ▶ **Use a 12 point font**
- ▶ **No late submissions will be accepted. (Computer problems are no excuse for late work. Computers crash; plan accordingly).**

Your assignment is to write a short essay in which you reflect on the following questions:

1. Have your beliefs about religion—which includes a belief in something in place of religion—affected your political views? If so, how? If not, why not?
2. Do you think voters *should* draw on their religious beliefs in forming their political opinions? Why or why not?

This essay is meant to be a personal reflection, so you are not required to cite any outside sources. However, you are welcome to do so. You should also feel free to use the first person, e.g. “I think” or “I believe.” Also, feel free to provide personal examples and anecdotes in your essay. This is meant to be about *you*.

