




PLS 203
Religion & Politics in the U.S.
Wald & Calhoun-Brown
Ch. 1: A Secular Society?

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Sources of Data & Analysis

- <http://religions.pewforum.org/>
- <http://www.thearda.com/>
- <http://sda.berkeley.edu/archive.htm>

Instant polling:

using clickers in the classroom



Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a:

- ✗ A. Theist
- ✗ B. Agnostic
- ✗ C. Atheist

As Wald & Calhoun-Brown describe it, the process of **differentiation** caused religion to become unimportant in the U.S.

- ✗ A. True
- ✓ B. False

As Wald & Calhoun-Brown describe it, the process of **privatization** caused religion to become unimportant in the U.S.

- ✗ A. True
- ✓ B. False

As Wald & Calhoun-Brown describe it, the process of **desacralization** caused religion to become unimportant in the U.S.

- ✗ A. True
- ✓ B. False

As Wald & Calhoun-Brown describe it, the process of **liberalization of religious doctrine** caused religion to become unimportant in the U.S.

- ✗ A. True
- ✓ B. False

A primary feature of **modernization** is:

- A. Geographic mobility
- B. Urbanization
- C. Social mobility
- D. Industrialization
- E. All of the above

Worldwide, there is a **negative relationship** between gross national income and the public's belief that religion is very important.

- A. True
- B. False

The U.S. is **an exception** to this negative relationship between GNI and the public's belief that religion is very important.

- A. True
- B. False

As Wald & Calhoun-Brown describe it, the process of **modernization** caused the influence of religion to decline in the U.S.

- A. True
- B. False

Wald & Calhoun-Brown argue that the spread of **scientific education** caused religion to decline in influence in the U.S.

- A. True
- B. False

Wald & Calhoun-Brown argue that the spread of **rational self interest** caused the influence of religion to decline in the U.S.

- A. True
- B. False

The U.S. exceptionalism in religious vitality can be attributed in part to our **social pluralism**.

- A. True
- B. False

Income inequality has significantly increased in the U.S. in recent years.

- A. True
- B. False

