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Anti-Catholic Bias in America in Spite of 1st Amendment Religious Freedom

Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1772

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Because our founders believed that freedom of conscience was among man's rights from his creator, they assured freedom from government imposed religion and the freedom for each to practice his chosen religion. These first two freedoms of the five freedoms of the First Amendment were intended to insure a plurality of faiths could flourish in peace and equality, but have not prevented all bias against various religions including Catholicism.

Recent evidences of anti-Catholic, anti-Christian bias have been:

- Two pro-life sidewalk counselors in Baltimore were attacked and seriously injured. A 28 year old man pushed an 84 year old man into a plate glass window and then kicked him after he fell down. Another pro-life counselor went to his aid and this 73 year old man was hit in the face and kicked when he fell. He suffered a severe concussion, broken fingers and a lifelong vision impairment. The attacker was found guilty but sentenced to only a year's probation in spite of the severity of the injuries he inflicted.
- A profane "drag" performance mocking the Eucharist and the Mass caused an outcry from Catholics against the University of Nebraska and the University has since apologized and say they are investigating. Bishop Conley of Lincoln, NE called the performance "a blatant public display of faith-based discrimination."
- In denial of the FBI's claim there was no anti-Catholic bias in its preparation of the "Richmond Memo" in Jan. 2023, Sen. Grassley has found there were over 1,000 agents informed of the memo, there were 13 other FBI documents using anti-Catholic rhetoric. Grassley released a second FBI memo which repeated the same unfounded link between violent extremism and traditional Catholics.

Read more: <https://tinyurl.com/55dbnf6c> <https://tinyurl.com/2mwpcznx>
<https://tinyurl.com/4ddbzwrr>

"It behooves every man who values liberty of conscience for himself, to resist invasions of it in the case of others." Thomas Jefferson, 1803