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Puritanism & Islam

by Joe Escobar - Friday, October 10, 2014, 11:37 AM

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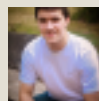
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Re: Puritanism & Islam

by Brody Wasson - Saturday, October 11, 2014, 9:54 PM

As a teacher to be I lean toward position 2. I believe that not only does history that is taught in todays schools have sharp turns but also have gaps and sometimes inaccurate. I see history as something that can always be rewritten and changed by the finding that are found with the advances in technology that are available today. From what I have read in our text book the authors take the side of position 1. In our text book they write throughly and never really deviate from the time period. They go from date to date pretty accurately.

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my views on the English Puritans



by Keaton Zarbano - Saturday, October 11, 2014, 10:58 PM

The fact that the Muslim students in Egypt understand English Puritans better than most American students is no surprise to me. Other countries are much more serious about the religions and allow studying of them in their schools, when the United States allows very little study of religion in the schools. I understand why the Puritans were the way that they were, by keeping other people out of their little community's things were just a lot simpler for them. No one tried to sway their views on religion and as a bonus it kept people from bringing in new diseases and that's why they lived so much longer than other people. I don't believe that my religious views bias my opinion on what these people did. I think what they did was pretty smart and it paid off for them in the long run.

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The Puritan Experiment



by Evan Kossow - Monday, October 13, 2014, 1:12 AM

it seems like the puritan settlement was a great study of human sociology. They believed that their way alone was how you create a successful society and they had the wide open chance to try. Sure, they started executing their own when they got the heebie jeebies over gods wrath, and their world view might have been drastically short sighted and exclusionary but they still managed to have the most overall healthy colony of its time. Perhaps the infusion of church and state in the puritan political structure is how Islamic students are able to better relate. Most Islamic governments are just that, governments based on Islam. We have a mostly separate church and state today in America so it would be hard to relate to having God bearing witness on the courtroom stand. Separation in this aspect is a good thing to me because I believe separation of church and state keep us grounded. The burden of justice is left on raw proof instead of interpretation and things seem a little more fair. I defiantly notice a bias in myself when it comes to religion. I see members of organized religions (devout Darwinian athiests included) to be highly susceptible to dogma and I can tend to write off a lot of

opinions because of it even if what their saying has credence.

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Re: Puritanism & Islam



by Jesse Bowman - Monday, October 13, 2014, 10:13 PM

This finding does frighten me, the ability for Americans to denounce religion and simply ignore its past, current, and future implications has seemed to reach a new high. Looking at the Religion poll we took, it was pretty clear that a majority of the students where either atheist/non-affiliated or protestant/christian (In today's practice, the least demanding in Church participation or public religious commitments) and occurred to me that even though I do not claim a religion, I have great interest in the development of our culture through such great influences as history. Even though I can't empathize with the Divine Right that the puritans believed in, I can believe in the multitude of affects that they had on the culture we now live in today, whether it be through governmental procedure, communal growth or philosophical sermons.

Even in today's society we still remain heavily influenced by religion as Escobar said in class, we have 6 catholic supreme court justices on our current payroll and it would be ignorant to ignore the implications that could have whether positive or negative.

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American vs Muslim Students



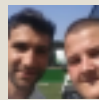
by Samuel Black - Monday, October 13, 2014, 11:26 PM

Does it worry me that student's eyes "glaze over" when they hear the word 'Puritans'? Yes, but not because I support the views and believes of the puritans, but because the American people do need to know how this country was founded. I am an Orthodox Christian so yes, my religious views do bias me when I study these people as I do not agree with their views. However, this does not keep me from recognizing the Puritans' effect of the formation of America. Professor Capser, in the audio clip, calls what he saw in the Muslim students a "wonderful insight" which puzzles me greatly. Because I

do not know if he means that the students of America are too dumb to think this way, or that the Muslim students were so open minded that they could accept people for who they are? I think the answer is neither. I believe he is referring to an insight into the culture of the Muslim religion, or at least the form that these particular Muslims were practicing, on how they view the Puritan concepts and morals. The religion pole only effected my post by showing me that there was enough diversity (and support) that I might speak my mind and not get chewed out so much for my religion.

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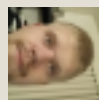


by Keith Corsaut - Wednesday, October 15, 2014, 7:41 PM

I am absolutely concerned. If someone who has no direct effect on the establishment of the United States is more in sync, then we are with our ancestors, then this is alarming. Why are we not learning all of these facts and the way that they affected, and still affect our country to this day?

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source for concern?



by Evan Kossow - Saturday, October 18, 2014, 3:54 PM

Another culture understanding puritan culture better then we do domestically is not a source of concern for me at all. To me, there are a great number of other aspects of this country that reign higher importance to me. Would an Islamic student understand the right to free speech better then someone from here? Or the right to peaceably assemble without the direct threat of being executed (Kent state aside)? If given a choice, and I don't mean to diminish the historical role of puritans in any way, I would be more inclined to base my concern on these civil issues then religious sects from our past.

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