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

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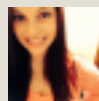
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Purifying the Bias?

by Kathryn Kinney - Sunday, October 12, 2014, 3:04 PM

When the podcaster reads the quote from Patrick Q. Mason's essay, "The way that puritanism offered a totalizing, undifferentiated world view in which the sacred presses upon every aspect of life." I began to understand from my point of view how the Muslim community would be able to understand or relate to English Puritans.

From my point of view of being non-religious, I feel that most of the time churches pressure their ideals or morals onto others. I am not stating that every person is pushy, but as a non-religious person I do at times feel

pressure. In the 17th century, English Puritans had a moral surveillance system. They welcomed others watching over them and keeping them in line. Faith was the glue that held towns together, only church members could vote and hold political office, and only men of means and stature would be given larger allocations of land for their families. The idea of Equity, not equality was their main focus.

Today in the 21st century, the concentration of today's lifestyle is more based on equality, not equity in my opinion. We also don't welcome moral surveillance. In Cairo, as I do not have experience in that culture I can see how they would be able to relate, but I do not understand as much as someone else would I suppose. So in theory my eyes would, "glaze over."

My bias of these people is more of a, "how could everyone allow themselves to be so oppressed?" But they were happy, and they came to America to allow themselves the religious freedom that every human so righteously deserves. Who am I to disagree or argue with someone else's choice, especially when my lifestyle is so incredibly different?

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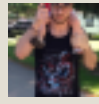
by Haley Anderson - Monday, October 13, 2014, 6:38 PM

Listening to the radio discussion with Professor Scott Casper really made me think a lot. I had never really learned about the Pilgrims or Puritans in such detail before, probably because when I did learn about the Pilgrims it wasn't necessarily about the religions of the Puritans even though that is the reason why they decided to come to the Americas. I think that it's very interesting to think that students in Egypt can so strongly relate to the Puritans of U.S. History probably because the line between church and state is still very blurry there.

When you take into consideration that those students in Egypt agreed that Polygamy should be allowed in the United States because of the religious freedom that we so strongly agree with, I can sort of agree with it as well. I think just because we don't agree with a certain religious practice does not mean that we should make a state law saying that that religious practice is illegal.

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A different world



by Andrew Mirman - Monday, October 13, 2014, 8:20 PM

I thought that it was interesting that the Notre Dame class decided polygamy was unconstitutional, but the Egyptian class deemed it constitutional. It seemed like Notre dame viewed the matter in more of a law kind of way, and the Egyptians viewed in a more religious way. Personally, I can not relate to the puritans because I grew up in a very liberal community. It makes sense I guess since church and state are more of the same entity in Egypt, and they are more separated in America.

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glazed over



by Derek Muniz - Monday, October 13, 2014, 11:07 PM

The talk of polygamy, Mormons and freedom of religion. as is in constitution, many that were Mormon men lost that right to marry as many woman they wanted. I don't feel as appalled as to why they lost that right, my own religion practices monogamy. To actually connect with the puritans, since I grow up in America I was tolerant of other religious practices. Being of the Native American church I wasn't really influenced by the polls, its just numbers and anybody can follow or not their own practices.

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