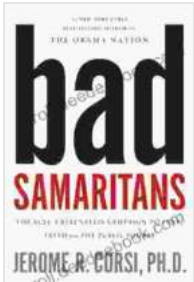


The ACLU's Relentless Campaign to Erase Faith from the Public Square



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The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has been waging a relentless campaign to erase faith from the public square. This campaign has taken many forms, from lawsuits challenging religious speech to lobbying for laws that would restrict religious expression. The ACLU's efforts have been successful in many cases, and faith has been increasingly marginalized in American society.

Lawsuits Challenging Religious Speech

The ACLU has filed numerous lawsuits challenging religious speech in the public square. In one case, the ACLU successfully sued to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the grounds of the Arkansas State Capitol. In another case, the ACLU sued to stop a Christian group from

distributing Bibles at a public park. And in yet another case, the ACLU sued to prevent a school district from allowing students to pray at school football games.

The ACLU's lawsuits have been successful in many cases. As a result, religious speech has been increasingly marginalized in the public square. For example, a 2017 Pew Research Center poll found that 58% of Americans believe that religious symbols should not be displayed on government property. This is a significant increase from 2002, when only 39% of Americans held this view.

Lobbying for Laws that Restrict Religious Expression

In addition to filing lawsuits, the ACLU has also been lobbying for laws that would restrict religious expression. For example, the ACLU has supported laws that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. These laws have been used to target religious organizations that do not support same-sex marriage. The ACLU has also supported laws that would require businesses to provide services to same-sex couples, even if those services violate the religious beliefs of the business owners.

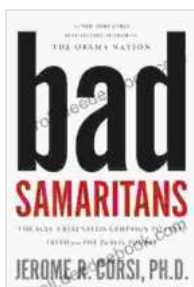
The ACLU's lobbying efforts have been successful in many cases. As a result, religious expression has been increasingly restricted in the public square. For example, a 2018 survey by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty found that 73% of Americans believe that religious freedom is under attack in the United States. This is a significant increase from 2014, when only 58% of Americans held this view.

The Impact of the ACLU's Campaign

The ACLU's campaign to erase faith from the public square has had a significant impact on American society. Faith has been increasingly marginalized in the public square, and religious expression has been increasingly restricted. This has made it more difficult for people of faith to live their lives according to their beliefs.

The ACLU's campaign has also had a negative impact on the First Amendment. The First Amendment protects the free exercise of religion, and the ACLU's campaign has undermined this protection. The ACLU's lawsuits and lobbying efforts have made it more difficult for people of faith to exercise their religious beliefs freely.

The ACLU's campaign to erase faith from the public square is a serious threat to religious freedom in the United States. The ACLU's efforts have been successful in many cases, and faith has been increasingly marginalized in American society. It is important for people of faith to stand up for their rights and to defend the First Amendment. Only by working together can we protect religious freedom in the United States.



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