

COURSE DETAIL

THE RELIGIOUS RIGHT AND THE ELECTION OF DONALD TRUMP

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Free University of Berlin

Program(s)

Free University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History American Studies

UCEAP Course Number

141

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

THE RELIGIOUS RIGHT AND THE ELECTION OF DONALD TRUMP

UCEAP Transcript Title

RELIG RIGHT&TRUMP

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

Religious freedom is a concept that belongs to the history of the United States since before the actual foundation of the country. Ingrained in the narrative of the flee from the Old Continent in search of religious tolerance, the idea of religious freedom is composed of two terms that have always had a major importance in how the citizens of the nation perceive themselves, their fundamental values, and the history of their country. During Donald Trump's electoral campaign, organizations of the movement known as the Religious Right, engaged in the creation of a narrative of religious freedom under threat. This was employed in articles, newsletters, and speeches in an alarmist tone, increasingly apocalyptic as election day approached. The role reserved to Trump in the narrative was that of the only candidate who could have done something to preserve religious freedom. Acknowledging the preference accorded to him by several prominent pro-life and pro-family groups, Trump readily started to show his interest to conservative Christians' grievances for their loss of status. The course offers an overview of the evolution of an evangelical type of religion in the United States, followed by a presentation of material regarding the narrative of threat to religious freedom produced by the religious right, and interviews conducted with Christian Trump voters. Other topics covered are: social imaginary, status politics, anti-intellectualism, and populism in America.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

32103

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