

## Handout for Roadmap to Ruin – Class on 6/22/2025

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### Tenants of Christian Nationalism

1. America is a divinely appointed nation by God.
2. America's founders, rather than wanting to disestablish religion as a unifier for the nation, were in fact establishing a nation based on Christian principles with white men as the leaders.
3. Others (Native Americans, enslaved Africans and immigrants) would accept and cede to this narrative of America as a Christian nation, and accept their leadership.
4. America has a special place not only in world history but in biblical scripture, especially concerning the return of Christ.
5. There is no separation between church and state.

Ms. Tyler goes on to say that Christian nationalism is a political idolatry and a cultural framework which threatens American Democracy. Christian Nationalists can support a violent insurrection such as January 6 because they follow power not God.

The website [ebsco.com](https://www.ebsco.com) states that Christian nationalism is a political ideology advocating for the integration of Christianity into national governance. It is particularly notable in the U.S. where some proponents assert that the nation was founded specifically by and for Christians. This belief system often emphasizes that the government should promote a Christian society and enforce Christian values, with some adherents aligning with white nationalism, asserting that a predominantly white and Protestant society would be beneficial.

Historically, the roots of Christian nationalism in the U.S. can be traced back to early European colonizers, particularly Puritans, who intertwined their religious beliefs with societal governance. The concept is linked to American exceptionalism, where the U.S. is viewed as favored by God. Over time, especially from the late 20<sup>th</sup> century onwards, the alignment between conservative politics and Christian nationalism became more pronounced, notably influencing the Republican Party.

From an unknown source, "the role of the Church is to challenge and comfort, be transforming, practice love, faith, hope and compassion." An action to take is to build coalitions.