



THE STATE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY TODAY

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PRESENTATION

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Religious Liberties

WHAT IS DIFFERENT AND UNIQUE ABOUT OUR CONSTITUTION?



DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

ACT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION(1786) [Virginia Assembly]

➤ THE FIRST AMENDMENT (1789)

➤ PALKO V. CONNECTICUT (1937)

BALANCING ACT BETWEEN RELIGION AND THOSE WHO DO NOT PRACTICE A FAITH



LEMON V. KURTZMAN (1971)

LEE V. WEISMAN (1992)

TRINITY CHURCH LUTHERAN V.
COMER (2017)

THE LEMON TEST: diminished in
importance; not overruled.

GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE IN THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION



SHERBERG V.VERNER (1963)

GOLDBERG V.WEINBERGER (1986)

EMPLOYMENT DIVISION OF
OREGON V. SMITH (1990)

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
RESTORATION ACT (1993) [RFRA]

**FULTON V.THE CITY OF
PHILADELPHIA (2021)**

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS AND RELIGION AS A PROTECTED CLASS IN THE WORKPLACE



CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, TITLE VI & VII (1964)

BURWELL V. HOBBY LOBBY, INC.
(2014)

GROFF V. DEJOY (2023)

SFFA V. HARVARD/SFFA V. UNC (2023)

ROGERS V. COMPASS (2023) [Pending
in Federal District Court (CA)]