As Christians, our faith teaches us everyone is created in God’s image and commands us to love one another. As Americans, we value our system of government and the good that can be accomplished in our constitutional democracy. **Today, we are concerned about a persistent threat to both our religious communities and our democracy — Christian nationalism.**

Christian nationalism seeks to merge Christian and American identities, distorting both the Christian faith and America’s constitutional democracy. Christian nationalism demands Christianity be privileged by the State and implies that to be a good American, one must be Christian. It often overlaps with and provides cover for white supremacy and racial subjugation. **We reject this damaging political ideology** and invite our Christian brothers and sisters to join us in opposing this threat to our faith and to our nation.

As Christians, we are bound to Christ, not by citizenship, but by faith. We believe that:

- **People of all faiths and none have the right and responsibility to engage constructively in the public square.**
- **Patriotism does not require us to minimize our religious convictions.**
- **One’s religious affiliation, or lack thereof, should be irrelevant to one’s standing in the civic community.**
- **Government should not prefer one religion over another or religion over nonreligion.**
- **Religious instruction is best left to our houses of worship, other religious institutions and families.**
- **America’s historic commitment to religious pluralism enables faith communities to live in civic harmony with one another without sacrificing our theological convictions.**
- **Conflating religious authority with political authority is idolatrous and often leads to oppression of minority and other marginalized groups as well as the spiritual impoverishment of religion.**
- **We must stand up to and speak out against Christian nationalism, especially when it inspires acts of violence and intimidation—including vandalism, bomb threats, arson, hate crimes, and attacks on houses of worship—against religious communities at home and abroad.**

Whether we worship at a church, mosque, synagogue, or temple, **America has no second-class faiths.** All are equal under the U.S. Constitution. As Christians, we must speak in one voice condemning Christian nationalism as a distortion of the gospel of Jesus and a threat to American democracy.
Christians Against Christian Nationalism is a grassroots movement of Christians from across the theological spectrum to oppose a political ideology that seeks to merge Christian and American identities, distorting both our Christian faith and America’s constitutional democracy.

Launched in July 2019, individual signers of the statement represent the diversity of Christianity in America:

- More than 6 dozen different denominations
- Representing all 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico
- Rural, urban and suburban localities
- A mix of clergy & active churchgoers

**Signers** Include Protestants (Evangelical, Mainline, and Historically Black), Catholics, Orthodox, and others. Below is a sampling of the groups represented:

- African Methodist Episcopal Church
- American Baptist Churches USA
- Assemblies of God
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
- Disciples of Christ
- Eastern Orthodox Church
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Greek Orthodox Church
- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
- Mennonite Church USA
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Presbyterian Church
- Progressive National Baptist Convention
- Roman Catholic Church
- Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Southern Baptist Convention
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- The Episcopal Church
- The United Methodist Church
- United Church of Christ

See an updated list of signers and **add your name** at ChristiansAgainstChristianNationalism.org

By demonstrating common ground across the broad Christian family, this campaign serves as a resource for those combating the damaging ideology of Christian nationalism and those engaging in civil dialogue.