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Humanities Questions

1. President Biden's Inauguration Address

Various themes were addressed in President Biden's inauguration speech. Offered at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic had afflicted the world, and there had been some protests for racial justice. Among the themes he addressed was the call for unity among all Americans, racial justice, among other themes that he touched upon lightly. Themes of religious pluralism, individual, and the populist dimension were not mentioned in the president's speech. Part of the reason why the president did not touch on religion or right-wing ideologies was because of the state the country was in. There was the menace of the pandemic, and the country was recovering from an onslaught of protests about racial justice. If I were the speechwriter, I would dedicate a portion of my speech to address religious freedom and pluralism, the evangelical dimension, and religious individualism. Concerning racial justice, I would call upon religious leaders and encourage them to share a message of equality and human rights for everyone. Religion has often been quoted as the champions for love and humanity, yet the religious institutions do little to promote oneness. In Biden's message of calling upon Americans to unite under one common goal, I would incorporate a message into the speech, urging evangelical leaders to champion messages of unity and togetherness among their congregation. I would also call upon populists and their leaders and encourage them to focus on their message of being against the elite and incorporating racial justice and unity messages in their agendas.

2. God's Christian Warriors: Evangelicals

Jerry Falwell's brand of evangelism was different from that of other evangelicals because it incorporated various denominations, and the messages he preached were based on issues concerning morality. Unlike other evangelicals, his statement was included elements of politics, and he embraced the right-wing politics of America. God's warriors and conservative Christians became a new front for politicians, and some politicians based their entire campaign promises on the messages that were pushed forward by God's warriors. One of the pros of the movement was that they brought together various Christian denominations under a common rule, and they provided a new front for politicians, giving them a platform and a multitude of people for which they base their political policies. Despite bringing different Christian denominations together, some of the policies they championed turned out to be fatal, such as the anti-abortion riots that led to the deaths and injuries of several people. If I attended a private, my worldviews and thinking might be affected in some ways. I currently believe in the freedom of choice for everyone, and I am a massive proponent for human rights and inclusivity. I also think that the church and the state should be separated. If I were to join a private religious institution, I believe that my worldviews would be challenged, and I might either be forced to change them and adapt to new rules, or I might have to endure some uncomfortable situations.

3. God Bless America

President Obama's liberal Democrat's approach to religion was fundamentally different from that of the conservatives. While conservatives were focused on issues that mainly dealt with morality and alienating people who didn't subscribe to their ideology and messages, President Obama focused his message on inclusivity. He promised to spread a message of hope and love to everyone, choosing not to demonize those who disagreed with him on his ideas. Conservatives focused their messages on values and morals, implying that democrats had veered away from God. Obama's progressive approach to religion created a divide in the conservative religious evangelicals, and they started questioning some of their approach to religion. One of the pros of Obama's liberal approach was the outstanding support he got from Christians. His message prompted many evangelicals to question some of the methods they had initially used, with many people asking the narrow view of conservative religious evangelicals. Another proof of Obama's liberal approach to religion was that it created some reforms in the messages that the church spread and some churches started preaching inclusivity and change to their congregation. However, one con that came out of Obama's approach was the further divide caused by his liberal policies. Many evangelicals who had sided with him split further from him, and the divide between conservatives and liberals was further widened. I think that religion and politics cannot adequately address or solve some of the problems in society. Religion and politics have created many divisions in society, and there is very little that can be done to bring various religious people together and unite them under a common goal. Politics and religion have different approaches to solving problems, which implies that they will hardly come together and solve issues facing Americans.

4. Understanding Gender in Religion and Politics in the U.S.

Gender Issues in the U.S are a growing issue that has created much division between Americans both in religion and politics. The U.S. has come a long way in championing women's rights, and some religious and political policies have threatened the autonomy that most women have obtained. While liberal politicians run on the policy of inclusion and equal rights for people of all genders, some conservative politicians have embraced the traditional values of patriarchy, where women were viewed as inferior to men and had to live in submission to men. Various conservative political outfits are challenging women's inclusivity, claiming that women are better suited for other roles. The main issue with gender in the U.S. is the preference of some people to change their genders. This issue of changing genders has created a big divide in the religious and political sectors alike. Religious people think that God assigns gender at birth, and changing one's gender is contrary to God's plans. There have been various policies and laws introduced in politics aiming to bar transgender women from participating in activities traditionally considered women' sports. Understanding gender in the U.S. is not common among most people. Many Americans still hold traditional values and definitions of gender, which means that they are likely to respond negatively to gender movements. The value in understanding gender among Americans will help them and people afflicted with gender identity issues to coexist peacefully.

5. Latino and African American Experiences Concerning Religion and Politics

It was until recently that Latinos and African Americans could have a say in politics. However, concerning religion, these groups of people have been huge proponents of the Christian faith since it was introduced to them. Many Latinos and African Americans grew up in Christian settings, and their religious experiences have been uneventful, except for some struggles with those who were not Christians and wished to uphold their native spiritual practices. Some of them were met with difficulties and resistance when trying to practice their religion. Even though the constitution provided a right for a person to practice their religion, this right was only restricted to some Christian denominations, so it seems. After protests and struggles, members from these communities were once again free to exercise their religious freedoms without any interference from the government.

Regarding their political experiences, African Americans have had more extraordinary political experiences and struggle recently than Latinos, whose political experiences were mainly in the eighteenth and nineteenth, where they were fighting for their freedom from the Americans. While Latinos struggled for land and liberty from the Americans, African Americans fought for their rights and inclusivity in the American government. These experiences have shaped many of the situations and privileges currently being enjoyed by both Latinos and African Americans.