

**RELS162, *Religion and Political Controversy in the U.S.*
Summer Session 2012**

MEDIA PRESENTATION DIRECTIONS

DUE: MONDAY JUNE 18

(10% of your final grade)

Midway through our session, you will give a brief (5-10 minute) presentation on a current **American** religious/political issue/ controversy as represented & discussed in a online media article select from one of the websites below. (all linked via <http://www.sjsu.edu/people/lee.gilmore/courses/rels162/>)

- <http://www.religiondispatches.org/>
- <http://religionclause.blogspot.com/>
- <http://uscmediareligion.org/>
- <http://www.getreligion.org/>
- <http://www.mercurynews.com/faith>
- <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/religion/>
- <http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/on-faith>
- http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/subjects/r/religion_and_belief/index.html
- <http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/>
- <http://www.patheos.com/>
- <http://www.beliefnet.com/>

Ideally, this article should **relate to your final paper topic & be incorporated into that paper**. (See directions for Final Research & Analysis Paper, also posted at: <http://www.sjsu.edu/people/lee.gilmore/courses/rels162/>)

A brief (1-2 page) outline of your presentation should be turned in at the time you do your presentation. I would also like you to post a link to this article on the ProfGilmore facebook page.

In your presentation & outline, you should address:

- the key issue(s) & topic(s) of the article, and put these in context of material we've read/discussed up to this point in the class
- why you selected this article/issue
- what (unique?) insights (if any) this article brings to the topic
- also include basic information about who is behind this website and what it's purpose is
- also include basic info about who the specific author of this piece is (if possible).