

This week you are reading about the institutions of Education, Government, and Religion (White and White 2020:226). In the chapter, topics such as school prayer, teaching of intelligent design, religious symbols at school, and climate change are covered. When looking at these issues you see that often the “separation of church and state” in the education system and other social institutions is blurred. A great example can be found in the quote by Ball State University President Jo Ann Gora when she makes it clear: “Teaching intelligent design as a scientific theory is not a matter of academic freedom – it is a matter of academic integrity (2020:229). Her point is that science not religion must determine what is taught in school.

The objective of this assignment is to look at U. S. court cases and/or public policy and see to what degree the separation of church and state has or has not occurred. You will use as your online source: Americans United for Separation of Church and State. The URL is: <https://www.au.org/who-we-are>

(Links to an external site.)

Once on the website click on “Our Issues.”

For the purposes of this assignment, you are to find a court case and/or public policy that interests you (refer to AU link above). Be sure you find an article or a blog post with adequate information. You may need to use an outside source to get the information you need to report on the following:

1. Topic of the court case and/or public policy you have chosen to cover (listed as “Our Issues” on the American United website).
2. Title, author and date of the court case and/or public policy you have chosen to cover.
3. Summarize the court case and/or public policy that you have chosen to cover.
4. Express an informed opinion of the court case and/or public policy that you have chosen to cover in terms of proof

that **“separation of church and state” has or has not occurred.**

This is to be a well written essay; minimum of 400 words. I have enabled the file upload so I can place comments into your essay. Remember please submit in word format/double spaced.