

clinic, Catholics to prevent thefts from liquor stores, and Baptists to investigate claims that supermarkets mis-weigh bacon and shellfish? Must prostitutes be left exposed to slavery or murder at the hands of pimps because protecting them from crime would encourage them to ply their trade and thus offend almost every religious faith?"³⁸

Following this general approach, another court held that the law offered no protection for a Roman Catholic FBI agent who claimed a right on religious grounds to be free of any assignment concerning nonviolent opposition to military activities.³⁹ In a similar case, another court found that Title VII did not protect a Roman Catholic Chicago police officer who refused to protect abortion clinics and their clients. The concurring opinion in the case stated the issue powerfully:

"Public protectors such as police and firefighters must be neutral in providing their services. The public knows that its protectors have a private agenda; everyone does. But it would like to think that they leave that agenda at home when they are on duty – that Jewish policemen protect neo-Nazi demonstrators, that Roman Catholic policemen protect abortion clinics, that Black Muslim policemen protect Christians and Jews, that fundamentalist Christian policemen protect noisy atheists and white-hating Rastafarians, that Mormon policemen protect Scientologists, and that Greek-Orthodox policemen of Serbian ethnicity protect Roman Catholic Croats. We judges certainly want to think that U.S. Marshals protect us from assaults and threats without regard to whether, for example, we vote for or against the pro-life position in abortion cases."⁴⁰