

# The Power of Coalitions vs. the Christian Crusaders' Power-Grab

(Co-ordinated responses may be the most effective challenge)

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**C**oalition

**C**ollaboration

**C**ooperation

**C**ommunication

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## **Selected Examples**

Americans United for Separation of Church and State

Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty

Christians against Christian Nationalism

Interfaith Alliance

Interfaith America

Freedom From Religion Foundation

American Humanist Association

Secular Coalition of America

Faithful America

National Council of Churches (37 member denominations)

Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice

Georgetown University Center on Faith and Justice

Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement (Seattle University)

Poor People's Campaign

Right Wing Watch

Southern Poverty Law Center

The Satanic Temple

New Pluralists: Many Voices, One Future

Congressional Freethought Caucus (over 30 members)

Minnesota Secular Government Caucus

Association of Secular Elected Officials

## “AU Joins Allies Urging Supreme Court To Reject Religion-Based Discrimination”

“Americans United joined 29 religious freedom organizations on Aug. 19 [2022] in urging the U.S. Supreme Court to deny a Colorado website design business’s request for an exemption from the state’s anti-discrimination law because the business claimed a free-speech and religious freedom right to deny service to hypothetical future customers who are same-sex couples . . .

Also joining the amicus brief were Muslim Advocates; Columbia Law School’s Law, Rights & Religion Project; Auburn Seminary; Bayard Rustin Liberation Initiative; Bend the Arc; Central Conference of American Rabbis; DignityUSA; Hadassah, The Women’s Zionist Organization of America Inc.; Interfaith Alliance Foundation; Jewish Women International; Men of Reform Judaism; Methodist Federation for Social Action; Metropolitan Community Church, Global Justice Institute; Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity; Muslim Girl; Muslim Public Affairs Council; National Council of Jewish Women Inc.; National LGBTQ+ Bar Association; New Jersey Muslim Lawyers Association; New Ways Ministry; Sadhana: Coalition of Progressive Hindus; Sakhi for South Asian Women; Secular Student Alliance; Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund; The Sikh Coalition; Soulforce Inc.; T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights; Union for Reform Judaism; and Women of Reform Judaism.”

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### Spreading the “good news”

- essential value of diversity
- centrality of CO-work
- critical thinking/reason
- science/skepticism
- common causes/common solutions
- defense of the Wall of Separation in a secular democracy
- addressing fundamental fears