

THE LATEST RIGHTWING
ATTACK: THE DANGER OF
“RELIGIOUS LIBERTY
LAWS”

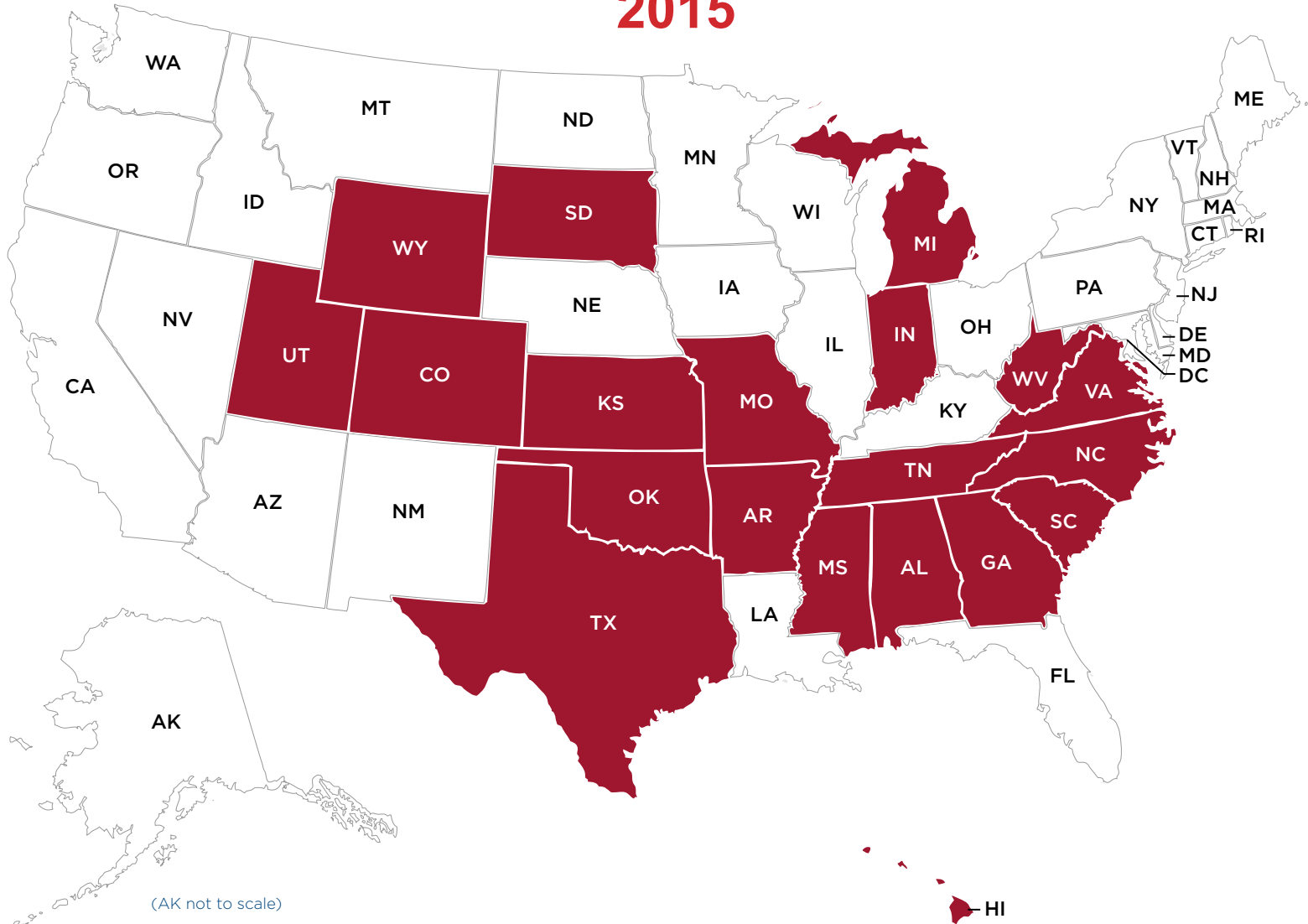
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“RELIGIOUS LIBERTY” MEASURES

- 1. “Super” Religious Freedom Restoration Acts (RFRA) - building on *Hobby Lobby***
 - Formally extend rights to corporations
 - Lower the standard for what constitutes a “burden”
 - Provide for attorney’s fees (to encourage claims)
 - Specifically override any existing nondiscrimination laws
- 2. Amendments to existing or pending nondiscrimination bills**
- 3. Bills that target same-sex couples, wedding licensing, services to couples, etc.**

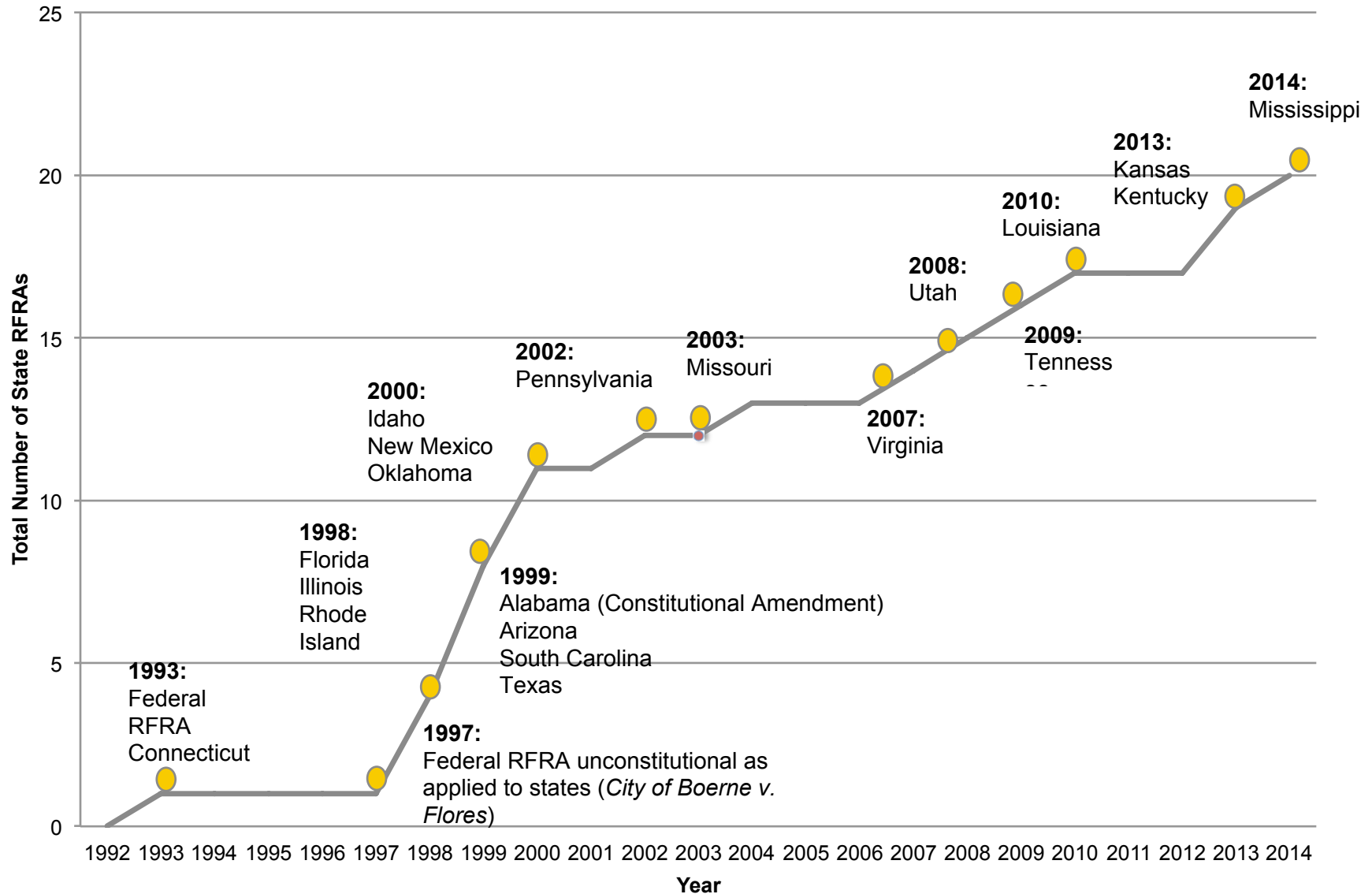
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY BILLS 2015



ADVANCING RIGHTS.
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES.

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TOTAL NUMBER OF STATE RFRAS



“Historically, religion has been an effective tool to do an end-run around the democratic process.”

Katherine Franke, Director of the Center for Gender and Sexuality Law, Columbia Law School

“The good Lord was the original segregationist.”

Ross Barnett, former Governor of Mississippi





Within a year of the Supreme Court mandating desegregation, 168 private religious schools opened in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina

With the introduction of private ‘religious’ schools, “In 1969, the first year of desegregation, the number of white students enrolled in public schools in Holmes County dropped from 771 to 28; the following year, that number fell to zero.”

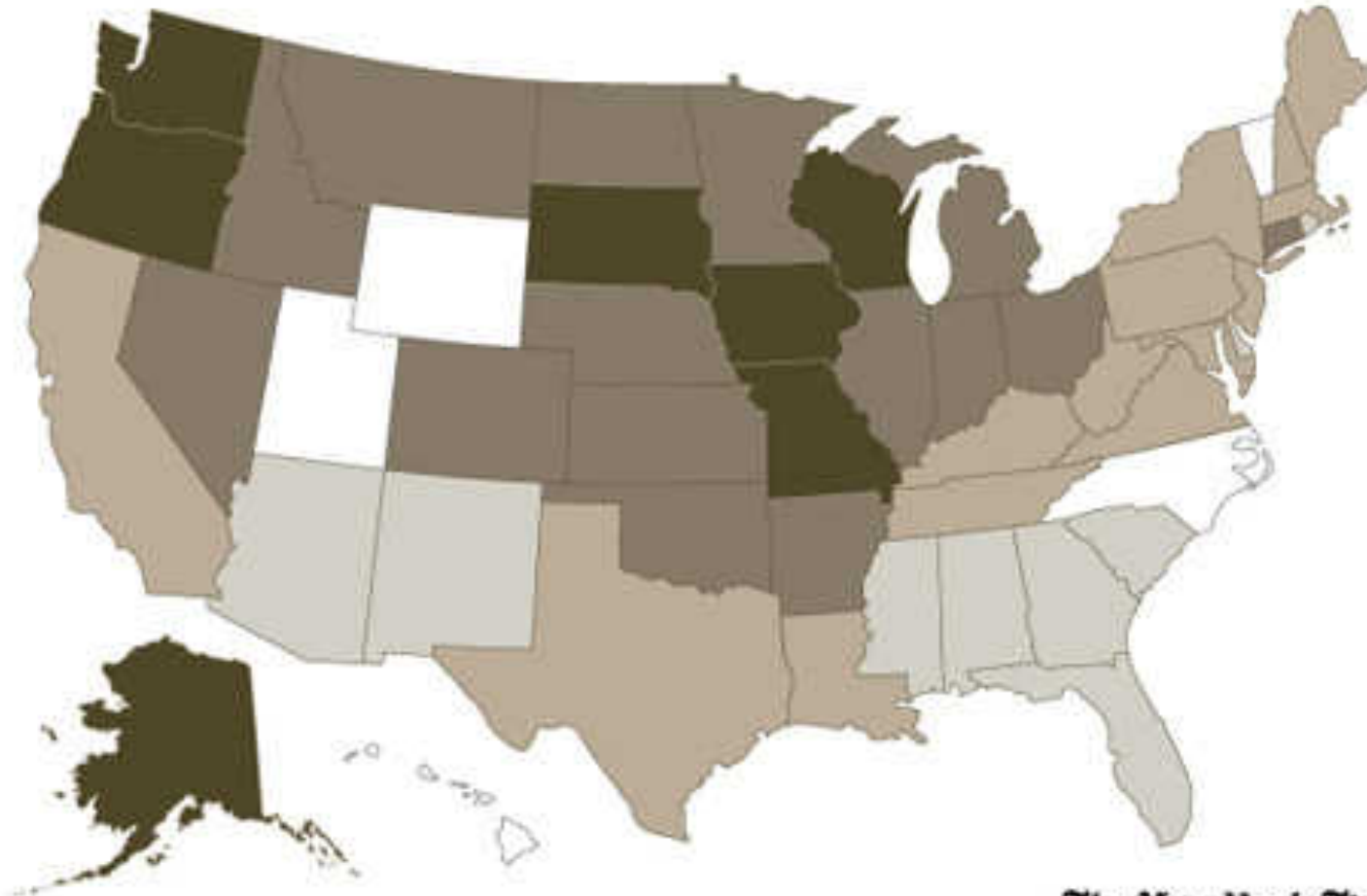
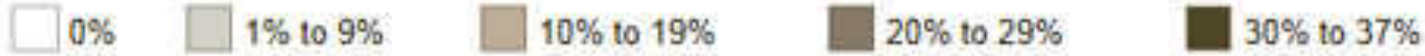
Professor Randall Balmer, “The Real Origins of the Religious Right,” May 2014 POLITICO





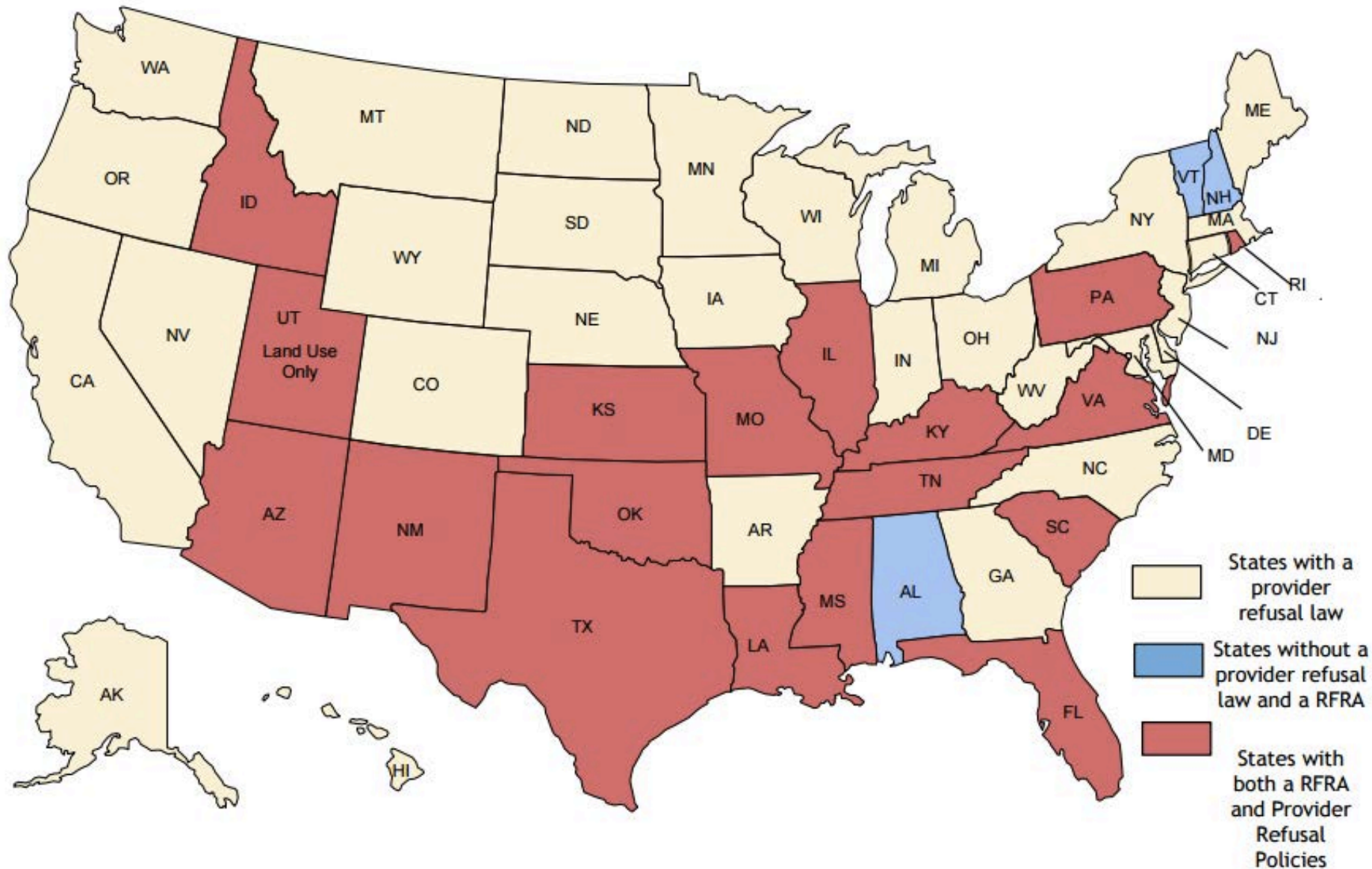
CATHOLIC HOSPITALS CARE FOR 1 IN 6 PATIENTS

ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC HOSPITALS, AS SHARE OF TOTAL



The New York Times

RFRA AND PATIENT PROVIDER LAWS



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A HEALTHCARE PLAN.**



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The National Christian Foundation describes itself as the “largest Christian grant-making foundation in the world” and has made outgoing grants totaling **\$4.3 billion since 1982.**”

“..few issues are more fundamental to our country [than religious freedom]. America was founded as a land of religious freedom and a haven from religious persecution.”

Senator Ted Kenney

“There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle, because we do not live single issue lives.”

Audre Lorde