

## Religion Re-Established

In the bad old days, we were oppressed by religion: if you said or did anything that was offensive to whatever religion was established in your country, you were in trouble. And of course *they* got to decide what was offensive.

But at least it was only one religion. Today it's all of them.

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## Hmm

Well yes, but it's not exactly the same scale of trouble as having your head chopped off, or whatever. And it's not the same scale of having to agree- we don't have to spend one day a week each attending mosque, church, chapel, temple and synagogue and dancing round a totem pole in the nude, or get arrested.

And there are strategies for dealing with and avoiding the kind of situation where one might offend others, such as not working in the public sector (ahem) and learning target ideas-marketing. Also it's quite possible to find ways of strongly criticising religions without getting in trouble at all, just like it's possible to find ways to smoke marijuana without getting prosecuted.

(Or maybe I just missed the joke?)

Alice

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## nah

That's not true. People offend Jews all the time without getting in trouble.

It's more like: the official religion is now The Religion Of Tolerance. unless you're a white male, or a jew.

- Elliot

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