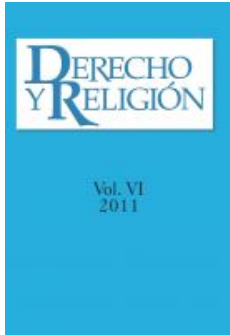


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Descripción

Civil religion is a sociological reality in every society. Non-American readers of this issue of Derecho y Religion will find distinct

differences in their own civil religious traditions from that in America. Those who have contributed to this issue are all Americans, but none attempt to offer the United States' system as the perfect exemplar for all other nations. Every nation is unique and has certain historical practices and traditions that define the nation and its character. What works in one nation might not be fully transferrable to another, due to ideology and historical practice and tradition. The contributors to this volume, for better or worse, simply attempt to describe the distinctly American form of civil religion. If this essay makes it possible for those outside the American tradition to understand civil religious practice in the United States, however imperfect in theory and practice it might be, then the editors of Derecho y Religion, as well as those who contributed this volume, shall have succeeded in their aims.

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