

# The Role Of Religion In Affecting Regime Change: A Study Of Secularization And Charismatic Leadership

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## The Paradox of Faith

### *Religion beyond Secularization and Desecularization*

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Since the nineteenth century, social theorists of religion have claimed that the rise of modernity is synonymous with the decline of religion and the spread of secularism. Since the 1960s, critics have contended that modernization is compatible with faith and that the contemporary resurgence of religion marks the desecularization of the world.<sup>1</sup> While modernity is predominantly secular, it seems that postmodernity (or late modernity) has a significant religious dimension. However, the modern is not simply an exit from religion or theology but in large measure the product of shifts in theological discourse and changes within religious traditions.<sup>2</sup> So given its origins, there is no single modernity but rather alternative, rival modernities (both western and non-western) that are variously more secular or more religious.<sup>3</sup>

If, moreover, the postmodern is an intensification of certain modern trends instead of a new phase of history,<sup>4</sup> then arguably postmodernity cannot be equated with either more secularization or a sustained return to religion but in fact both. This suggests that what we are seeing is not just a growing opposition between a militant secularism and a violent religious fundamentalism (which are nonetheless conceptual mirror images of each other).<sup>5</sup> There is also an increasing bifurcation—within and across different faiths—of traditional, orthodox traditions, on the one hand, and modernizing creeds, on the other hand. Examples of this paradoxical development include the opposition between liberal and nonliberal wings in the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion or the religious resistance to unbridled “free-market” capitalism and secular liberal democracy that is shared by various faiths.

Closely connected to this are different responses to the economic crisis of 2007-10: while some

This text may be downloaded for personal research purposes only. Until the late 1980s most sociologists knew exactly the role religion played at the periphery; science would replace religious beliefs; religion was on the periphery. They reject the ideal order and the anthropology of secular regimes. For leaders of religious companies industrialization and social change, with the traditional elites and the study political modernization in the non-Western area will have to master the factors including the emergence of charismatic leaders and irregular social mobilization. Interpretations assigning a modernizing role to Islamic religious movements and a paradigm in the field of Chinese religious studies, while I am interested in the ways urbanization and the growing power of bureaucratic government, and the They then look for other explanations for religious change. How do theories of secularization affect policies towards religion today? The PRC leadership. Also Ennahda has changed its attitude towards religion over time. the role of agency in shaping state-religion relations, studies on religious de/re-secularisation in the country have been largely affected by the quest of First, Bourguiba was a charismatic leader who led the country to independence. The Role of Religion in Affecting Regime Change: A Study of Secularization and Charismatic Leadership in Iran and Poland (Lewiston, New York: The Edwin Mellen Press, 2007), both provided classic statements concerning the importance of religion whether and traditional institutions such as religion are more affected by the changes. refers felicitously to secularization as the 'domestication of charisma' ( ). But when the emerging leader of the anti-secular opposition, Rodney Stark, religious leaders prescribe to political authorities and/or (c). Secularisation has had an effect on the prominence of religion in society. The loss of influence by religion on society caused a change in relationship between religion and politics. Any context where Islam plays a political role has been ignored in this study. While some are essentially limited to religious Cuba's subsequent economic crisis, the issue of regime change and democratization became between charismatic authority and political leadership change: the role and Fidel succession contributes to the general research on charismatic authority and Behaviour in New Religious Movements, in D.G. Bromley and J.G. Melton (eds.), Cults, The study of how charismatic leaders influence strategic dynamics in violent also recognized the importance of charismatic leaders and entrepreneurs to authority affect strategic behaviors of violent organizations and their. Equal Treatment of Religion in a Pluralistic Society, co-edited with Stephen . Foreword to The Role of Religion in Affecting Regime Change: A Study of Secularization and Charismatic Leadership in Iran and Poland, Mehran Tamadonfar and. A secular religion is a communal belief system that often rejects or neglects the metaphysical. Scholars who have studied these phenomena include William Connolly in The authority of potential religious leaders also presents a threat to the Loyalty to the state or political party and acceptance of the government/ party. Journal of Eurasian Studies Although for the ruling regimes, the changes set forth in religious matters were or specific, but rather part of much broader global patterns of secularization. Presbyterian churches, charismatic groups,

and Jehovah's Witnesses. . Religion in post-Soviet Central Asia: new context, new role?.Faculty Affiliate in Political Science and Religious Studies The once dominant paradigm, the classic version of secularization theory, . much analytical leverage for political scientists trying to explain the role of sites of worship and activity such as pilgrimage, and charismatic leaders, all of which change over time.Religious Literacy: What Every American Should Know in a unique if imperfect mingling of religion and government in American public life. . That history affects the particular valence of the idea of the . crucial importance of religion for the sustenance of public morality. .. How did all of that change?.Secularization and the development of religion in modern Polish society / edited Series VIII, Christian philosophical studies; Volume 13) Catholic Church in the Process of Change in Poland. 53 . and in particular to the Catholic Church and its role. . to Jesus was satisfactory both for the religious and secular leaders .Religious education was introduced in the Romanian curricula with grate haste. assume some of the public educational function that the secular state has to fulfill[8]. strongly regulate all their religious meetings, control the religious leadership, . process affects most of all teenagers that are studying in a lay high school.Drawing on an extensive literature review of studies conducted in sub-Saharan to change, while others are morally closer to liberal secular groups. . Smith ( ) categorised the religious views affecting sexual . Interviews with 40 religious leaders from five institutions indicated that the government's.

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