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Subject: Re: Why did you vote for Obama?  
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Sat, 06 Dec 2008 22:55:19 GMT  
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cheesesoda wrote Washington and Jefferson were deists. I don't know about any other president, but those two were deists.

more importantly, they were secularists. As for being deists, that's not so surprising considering the stranglehold religion has had on every aspect of life, most importantly education, for so long... which we're only just now beginning to shake off and which is being desperately opposed (see: creationism).

I can't help but chuckle when religious apologists (not that you are one) say things like: "insert-scientist-or-human-rights-trailblazer-here was religious". Firstly, like I said, religion has had a stranglehold on education for centuries. Secondly, back then it was pretty fucking dangerous not to be religious, so it was probably wise to make an outward show of belief even if you were bright enough to see through the veil. Now it's not quite so harmful to your personal safety to be the wrong religion (unless you live in the more Islamic countries, obviously) but it can still be rather perilous to your career.

(Thirdly, religion can usually be trusted to stand firmly in the way of said scientific and humanitarian developments, but as the saying goes... if you can't beat them, pretend they joined you)

u6795 wrote on Wed, 03 December 2008 15:41 Christianity is a little more lenient in many aspects than Islam (I'm in no way denying its violent past) and many of its ideals are aligned with the ideals of American politics. Probably explains why almost all (or all, I forget) of our Presidents so far have been Christian.

I would argue otherwise; see my reply to cheesesoda. I very much doubt that every American politician who professes to be a Christian actually is; they just suspect (probably correctly) that it would be political suicide to point out that the Emperor's naked.

I shake my head sadly at the endless whining about how America can finally progress to the point where they might have a black (or woman) President. Who knows, one of these days you might be able to elect secular politicians.

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