**ONE NATION UNDER GOD**

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**The beginning of "Christian America" didn't start in the 18th or 19th centuries, but during The Great Depression in response to The New Deal. In order to regain control over the American economy, Plutocrats enlisted the aid of Christian leaders who controlled large, powerful voting blocs. It was called "Spiritual Mobilization."**

**Understanding the origin and motives of these Christians, helps to explain the paradox of why Conservative Christians (usually found in the Republican party) are so different from progressive Christians (usually found in the Democratic party): Conservative Christians worship money first ...**

**God second.**

**Kruse explains in great detail how, under Eisenhower, "Under God" and "In God We Trust" got added to our Pledge of Allegiance and our currency. The Becker Amendment of 1964 represented one of the greatest assaults in history on the First Amendment.**

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**The only reason it was defeated is because progressive Christian churches rallied against it.**

**During the reign of Nixon, religiosity became even more deeply intertwined with conservatism in the Republican party. Republicans needed the devout to provide them 1) the voting power necessary to compete in a democracy, and 2) the moral authority provided by ultra-national patriotism tied to God to counter the social gospel of the Democrats.**

**Evangelicals needed Conservatives to make them ... wealthier.**

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