

Religious groups challenge contraceptive mandate in Supreme Court brief

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Several religious nonprofits, including GuideStone Financial Resources, claim Obamacare violates their religious liberty. **From BNG**

Americans prize religion freedom for Christians, less for Muslims

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Eight in 10 Americans say it's very or extremely important for people like themselves to be allowed to practice their religion freely. But support for religious freedom plummeted when people were asked about other traditions, a new survey revealed. *From RNS*

Religion reporters name same-sex marriage top story of year

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The Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage made the top slot in the Religion Newswriters Association's annual ranking of the 10 most important religion news stories of the year.

Americans fear terrorism, mass shootings—and often Muslims

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Terrorism and mass shootings trouble an overwhelming number of Americans today, and the religious identity of the killers influences how they are viewed.

Commission calls on U.S. government to designate ISIS

atrocities ‘genocide’

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The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom urged the government to designate religious minorities in Iraq and Syria as “victims of genocide” by ISIS.

NAE and LifeWay Research define evangelical beliefs

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The National Association of Evangelicals and LifeWay Research have developed an accurate and consistent definition of “evangelicals” for researchers attempting to measure evangelical belief.

Bread for the World puts price tag on hunger: \$160 billion in health care

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Widespread hunger and food insecurity in the United States add \$160

billion to national health care spending, a Christian advocacy group reports.

Supreme Court will wade back into abortion debate

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The Supreme Court agreed to re-enter the national debate over abortion by deciding whether stronger restrictions placed on abortion clinics and doctors in Texas constitute an “undue burden” on women seeking legal abortions and should be struck down.

Americans fret about Islam, immigrants & race

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Americans of all faiths and viewpoints are gloomy about the economy, anxious about Islam, bothered by immigrants and mistrustful across racial lines, a new survey finds.

Supreme Court to hear religious challenge to Obamacare

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The U.S. Supreme Court agreed Nov. 6 to hear appeals from religious nonprofits—including East Texas Baptist University, Houston Baptist University and the Southern Baptist Convention’s insurance provider—challenging required coverage of contraceptives under Obamacare, including drugs they believe cause abortions.

Hearing launches push to defund Planned Parenthood

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House Republicans began their effort to defund Planned Parenthood Sept. 9 with the first in a series of hearings intended to show the group illegally harvests and sells tissue from aborted fetuses, a claim the group vehemently denies.

Critics petition Obama to abolish faith-based hiring bias

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Concerned that faith-based groups can discriminate in hiring while receiving federal funds, a coalition of 130 organizations told President Obama the policy will tarnish his legacy of fair and equal treatment for all Americans.