

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.

White House expands religious objections to birth control

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The Obama administration released rules July 10 allowing “closely held” for-profit corporations to claim a religious objection to mandated coverage of contraceptives under Obamacare.

Survey: American evangelicals stand behind Israel

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American evangelicals remain among the strongest supporters of Israel. Most believe God has plans for that nation—now and in the future. And

many of America's preachers say Christians need to support Israel.

Black churches debate the best ways to protect themselves

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Officials of predominantly black denominations are taking different—and sometimes contradictory—approaches in the wake of the shootings in Charleston, S.C., and the burning of more than a half-dozen black churches.

BJC says same-sex marriage ruling unlikely to affect tax-exemption

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A Baptist group specializing in church/state issues says the threat of churches and other religious organizations losing their tax-exempt status if they oppose same-sex marriage has been “highly exaggerated.”

Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage sparks strong response

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In a landmark decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 the Constitution does not allow the government to deny same-sex couples marital benefits available to married couples of the opposite sex.

Supreme Court sides with Muslim woman in hijab dispute

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The U.S. Supreme Court ruled June 1 retailer Abercrombie & Fitch violated the civil rights of a Muslim woman not hired because of her religious head covering.

Memorial Day remembrances in their own words

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For Memorial Day, here are three stories of ordinary Christians—in their own words—who faced extraordinary situations and still celebrate the hope found in Christ in times of crisis and loss.