

Quotes in the News

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"No matter how widespread prejudice against candidates of a particular religion may be, it is never respectable."

The Washington Post

In an editorial responding to polls that show one in four Americans would not vote for a Mormon president (RNS)

"If Southern Baptists have a choice between an evangelical candidate, a Catholic and a Mormon, ... they'll vote for the evangelical. If there's no such evangelical (in the) race, they'll vote for the Catholic. But if there's no other candidate who's likely to beat Obama, they'll vote for the Mormon."

Richard Land

President of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, talking about Mitt Romney's challenges with evangelical voters over his Mormon faith (CNN/RNS)

"I'm greatly concerned about the new idolatry in the church of elevating talk radio or Fox News before the word of God and the person of Jesus Christ when it comes to worldview. My friends, our worldview is to be shaped by the written word of God as we understand it and following Jesus Christ."

Bryant Wright

Southern Baptist Convention president (RNS)

"You don't have to travel from New Jersey to Houston to pray. If you're serious about praying, usually that's done most authentically and most persistently alone."

Welton Gaddy

President of the Interfaith Alliance, criticizing plans by Gov. Rick Perry to gather Christians—and governors—in Houston Aug. 6 for a day of prayer and fasting for America (CNN/RNS)

"This isn't a luxury type of disease, where, OK, someone is a little underweight. People die."

Saul Zucker

Orthodox Jewish leader, noting concerns about anorexia among teenage girls (*New York Times*/RNS)