

“I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute, where no Catholic prelate would tell the President... how to act, and no Protestant minister would tell his parishioners for whom to vote — where no church or church school is granted any public funds or political preference ...

WHY IS THE POPE PREACHING TO CONGRESS?



Unfortunately, Congressional leaders John Boehner and Nancy Pelosi, both Roman Catholics, appear not to share JFK’s vision of a secular America. Instead they invited the leader of their own aggressively homophobic, patriarchal and undemocratic religion to address a joint session of Congress today — the first time in our history that a religious leader has been handed such a government-endorsed pulpit.

The framers of our godless Constitution wisely envisioned a government free from theocratic control.

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— John F. Kennedy
Address to Greater Houston Ministerial Association,
Sept. 12, 1960

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