

Examples of Separationist Groups

Group	Founding	Purpose
American Civil Liberties Union	1920	Formed to defend rights and liberties generally; religious establishment litigation is just one of its concerns.
American Jewish Congress	1918	Dedicated to protecting civil rights and liberties of all Americans, particularly Jewish Americans, whom it views as adversely affected by intermingling between church and state.
Americans United for Separation of Church and State	1948	Formed in response to <i>Everson</i> to revitalize the principle of separation between church and state.

Examples of Accommodationist Groups

Group	Founding	Purpose
U.S. Catholic Conference	1966	Formed to speak for the American Catholic bishops on matters of social and educational policy. Litigates to bring about greater accommodation between church and state.
Christian Legal Society	1961	Dedicated to supporting state accommodation of religious beliefs.
COLPA (National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs)	1965	Formed to represent the interests of Orthodox American Jews, whose interests are often divergent from those of other Jewish groups. Litigates to combat separatism.

Sources: Lee Epstein, “Interest Group Litigation during the Rehnquist Court Era,” *Journal of Law and Politics* 4 (1993): 639–717; Frank J. Sorauf, *The Wall of Separation* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1976); and Leo Pfeffer, *Religion, State, and the Burger Court* (Buffalo, NY: Prometheus Books, 1984).