The Continuous Role of Religion on Public Policy
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What complicating factors come into play when a religious leader acts as a head of state? It is imperative that the general public be aware of the significance of the role that religion continues to play in contemporary American public policy. This research will examine possible conflicts between the demands imposed by religion and mandates of law on American voting Catholics, conflicts that are made particularly complex in light of the Pope’s status as both a religious and political leader who heads the largest and most centralized religious organization in the world. This research will examine liberation theology, a Christian movement that promotes dialogue with society with the goal of promoting social and political freedom to prove the secularization theory that emphasizes the vitality of religion in modern society.