

The Globalization Dynamic

(Christiano et al., chapter 9)

The resurgence of religion as a political force in the world in the last thirty years of the 20th Century caught religion scholars by surprise. E.g., the Iranian Revolution led by Ayatollah Khomeini.

Fundamentalism: (1) 20th Century movement in American Protestantism' (2) contemporary religious movements characterized by "exclusive militancy" or "text without context."

Fundamentalism is a 20th Century phenomenon.

The "Religious Right" in the United States is an example of fundamentalist religion influencing politics.

Dispensationalism is a theological system that has affected politics, including U.S. policies toward Israel.

"Islamization" is used to describe Islamic fundamentalism.

"Ultraorthodoxy" is the Jewish version.

The authors argue that both fundamentalism and secularization theory are unsociological because they treat religion "as something *fixed rather than flexible.*"