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The New Secularism – Threat or Promise?

The fastest growing “religious” group in America is the “nones”—those who claim no religious identification. Some of these are skeptical of God, others skeptical only of organized religion. In some parts of the country, such as the Pacific Northwest, the “nones” dominate the cultural landscape. Come engage Dr. Mark Silk as he explores the new secularism and the implications of this fundamental shift in America’s civil religion.

Mark Silk is the Director of the Leonard E. Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life, and a professor of the same subject at Trinity College, Connecticut. He has attracted to Trinity The Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society and Culture. Silk is also a leading figure in the study of religion and the media, and is the founding editor of Religion in the News, the major publication in America for journalists who report on religion. Among other volumes, he is the author of Spiritual Politics: Religion and America Since World War II (1988); Unsecular Media: Making News of Religion in America (1995); and, with Andrew Walsh, One Nation Divisible: Religion and Public Life in America Today (2008). He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in medieval history in 1982.

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