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Bentele, K. (2013). Breaking Down the Wall between Church and State: State Adoption of Religious Inclusion Legislation, 1995-2009. *Journal of Church and State*, Web. 11 Apr. 2016.

This journal discussed about the adoption of religious inclusion legislation in the united states in the period of 1995 to 2009. The author did very detailed research on the leading factors of some states to pass Religious Inclusion Laws, that erode or challenge barriers between church and state. The variables were well controlled in the research, which were count of religious inclusion laws, state political context, population and so on. The research was well concluded and discussed, and it looked at different models. The journal reached the conclusion that states with more conservative state politicians, larger proportions of evangelical congregations, and a stronger influence of the Christian Right in state Republican Parties are more likely to pass legislation increasing the inclusion of religious considerations and practices into public life. In addition, it gave strong evidence that argued the gradually unifying relationship between the church and state in some regions.

Key terms: Religious inclusion laws, Church and state, State political context.

Questions:

Why do people want to include religion in legislation?

Why do people prefer church and state are not separated?

Are the states really following the idea of separation of church and state?