

US-Politics and religion during the Cold War

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According to the conventional narrative, the Soviet Union discovered the bomb and the United States rediscovered God. In order to push back against the atheistic communism of the Soviet Union, Americans re-embraced a religious identity.

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Tasks

- 1. Inform yourself about the situation of the USA and the Soviet Union under President Eisenhower with regard to foreign policy.**
- 2. Study sources (mandatory stations 4 and 6). Explain the function(s) of religion for contemporary Americans.**
- 3. Critically discuss the intended effects on (a) contemporary Americans and (b) the national image of the USA in the 1950s and 1960s.**