

Religion and Globalization

Objective:

- 1) Introduce students to the study of religion and globalization
- 2) Outline the effects of globalization on religion, especially in the United States
- 3) Familiarize students with online research tools

Activity:

As a class, go to the [National Profiles](#) page on The ARDA and explore national and [regional profiles](#). Then, [compare nations](#) and [regions](#).

As a class, use The ARDA's [QuickLists](#) feature to investigate the [World Religions](#). Examine the prevalence of each religion in various world regions by clicking on each link.

As a class, use the [Map](#) feature on The ARDA to graphically display each country's [political organization](#), [gender inequality index](#), [government regulation of religion](#), [social regulation of religion](#), or [religious persecution](#). Compare and contrast these and other measures and their relationship to religion.

As a class, use The ARDA's [QuickLists](#) feature to look at the different [World Religions](#) like [Christianity](#), [Islam](#), [Hinduism](#), and [Buddhism](#). Compare the regions of the world that have the highest percentage of each faith, as well as those regions with the greatest number of adherents

Assessment:

Direct students to complete the [International Religious Regulation and Freedom](#) learning module

Direct students to complete the [Exploring International Religion](#) learning module

Drawing on what they now know, direct students to write a response piece to one of the [Ahead of the Trend](#) articles found on the ARDA dealing with [international religion](#)

Suggested readings:

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