Read the *Letter to the Danbury Baptists* on the assignments page on the course Web site prior to addressing the questions below.

**Wall of Separation Between Church and State**

1. Which viewpoint do you most Americans hold most dearly: the establishment clause (meaning the government cannot officially establish a religion) OR he free exercise clause (meaning citizens may worship or not worship any religion if they choose)? Explain.
2. Is it possible that one’s *private* religious beliefs can be left behind when they enter the *public* sphere (work, school, etc) without compromising their identity? Explain.
3. Do you think secular humanism, the belief that humanity is capable of morality and self-fulfillment without belief in God, has become the de-facto public religion of the U.S.? Explain.
4. Do you think that political attitudes towards religion have changed in the 21st Century? How? Explain.