Record Nr. UNINA9910818779803321 Autore Weiler-Harwell Nina <1963-> Titolo Discrimination against atheists: a new legal hierarchy among religious beliefs / / Nina Weiler-Harwell El Paso, : LFB Scholarly Pub., 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-59332-675-0 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (204 p.) Collana Law and society, recent scholarship Disciplina 342.7308/52 Atheists - Legal status, laws, etc - United States Soggetti Religious discrimination - Law and legislation - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto CONTENTS; Acknowledgments; Chapter 1: Introduction; Chapter 2: Atheists and America's Civil Religion; Chapter 3: The Boy Scouts and Atheist Exclusion; Chapter 4: Michael Newdow and the Pledge of Allegiance: Is Participation in Civil Religion Truly Voluntary?; Chapter 5: Prospects for Future Action; Bibliography; Cases Cited; Index Sommario/riassunto Weiler-Harwell examines continuing, legal, discrimination against atheists, as made clear in two cases: Boy Scouts of America v. Dale (2000) and Elk Grove Unified School District v. Newdow (2004). These rulings created a new, discriminatory level of distinction for believers versus non-believers that is ahistorical in light of previous Supreme Court precedent. Both cases created new standards for analyzing equality under the law for non-conformists such as atheists, shaping a

new hierarchy of protected and unprotected forms of religious belief.

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