

The Secularisation Debate

Aim: to understand evidence and measures of secularisation.

Task: Research one of the Five measures of secularisation

- △ Religious Participation
- △ Religious Disengagement, Societalisation, Differentiation
- △ Religious Pluralism
- △ Desacrilisation
- △ Secularisation of religious institutions

In small groups, using a variety of sources, prepare an A4, word-processed, briefing sheeting on the secularisation measure assigned to you.

Structure:

- 1) Clearly use the heading assigned to you.
- 2) Define and outline what the measure means. Make sure that it is clear and understandable.
- 3) Highlight arguments FOR this measure in a series of bullet points. Clearly identify evidence and studies.
- 4) Highlight arguments AGAINST this measure in a series of bullet points. Clearly identify evidence and studies.
- 5) Refer to contemporary examples where possible (THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX)

When you have completed this research email it to your tutor rentonn@colchsfc.ac.uk or palmers@colchsfc.ac.uk. Your work may then be placed on the web.

Future work:

Everyone will then produce an A3 summary grid. I will then give an overall summary of the debate and we will have a secularisation debate in class. Finally, we will look at past questions and complete a timed essay.

NB. *Secularisation is crucial debate area in the Sociology of Religion. Therefore, it usually comes up in the exam. It is crucial that the material you prepare is clear, thorough and succinct.*