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Entanglement between religion and politics in Denmark

If politicians make decisions they must base them on a combination of investigations of the facts and attitudes. The attitudes are formed by a mixture of ideology and religion. It is normally assumed that ideology plays a dominating role in relation to politics while religion is related to church and individual moral. But the exact definition of neither ideology nor religion is simple, and many have participated in political debates with a religious starting point. In the paper is the relation between politics and religion in Denmark discussed. It is investigated how often and with which statements Christian spokesmen participate in the political debate, and how declared Christian politicians

act in the political system. How is the relation between religious and political attitudes? Do the declared Christians join specific political parties? Is it possible to document any effect of the politicians' religion on their political position?