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SPECIFIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE AUTHOR:

This article provides a thorough and thought-provoking analysis of the influence of theology and religious values on social policy in American politics. The author effectively argues that although the First Amendment of the US Constitution safeguards religious freedom and prohibits the establishment of religion in government, religion still plays a significant role in shaping public policies. The author provides a historical context for the debate around the place of religion in politics, highlighting significant court cases, such as *Davis V. Beason* and *United States vs. McCintosh*, that demonstrate the struggle between the power of the state and the influence of religion on public policies.

The article is well-structured and logically flows from one idea to the next. The author effectively uses quotes from scholars, such as Gianella and O'Brien, to support the argument and provide evidence for the idea that there is tension between religion and secular society. The addition of personal experience as a pastor adds a personal touch to the argument and makes it relatable to the reader.

Overall, the paper effectively presents its argument and provides a thorough analysis of the role of religion in shaping historical social policies and its relevance to the field of social work. The article could benefit from addressing opposing viewpoints and acknowledging potential counterarguments.