



ARTICLE VI

FAITH ★ POLITICS ★ AMERICA

Welcome

Hello, welcome, and thanks for taking the time to host a house party for ARTICLE VI. You'll be helping friends and neighbors to engage in an important national discussion – that is, faith, and what role it should play in politics.

The film is engaging and informative. It's also fun to watch. It's appropriate for all ages.

We encourage you to watch the film (at least in part) before your party starts. That way, you'll be sure that things will go smoothly when it's "Show Time!"

Look on the website for materials to help you host a successful home screening. If you have any questions at all, send us an email at volunteer@ArticleVItheMovie.com

And please, send us your comments. We want to hear from you about your event.

Again, for all of us here at Living Biography and ARTICLE VI, we thank you for your time and interest in this important topic.

Inviting friends, neighbors, and colleagues

ARTICLE VI is an informative, fun, and interesting film. It's an intense debate about the role of faith in politics, but it's not dry, and it's not angry. Anyone who is interested in politics will find the film engaging. Invite folks from the right, the left, and everywhere in between. People who are deeply religious, spiritual but not religious, and not religious at all will find the film thought-provoking. All stripes and colors are welcome, and we hope that no one will find the film hurtful. We've screened it for folks from many different religious and political backgrounds, and the feedback has been positive from all.

So invite your friends, neighbors, and colleagues. A diverse audience or not, you'll find that the film stimulates discussion and dialog.

Send a brief email like the one below, and ask for an RSVP so you can plan your event and your audience will be comfortable:

Sample Email



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Dear Friends,

We're hosting a screening of the new documentary **ARTICLE VI: Faith. Politics. America**. The film is an intense debate about the role of faith in American politics. Let's join the debate – I'm inviting friends over to watch the film and talk about it.

ARTICLE VI: Faith. Politics. America

Date:

Arrive:

Showtime:

Address:

Please RSVP by *[insert date]* to *[insert your contact information]* so we can plan for you!

We look forward to seeing you there!

[Insert your name]

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Introducing the film

When your audience is settled and ready to watch, you might introduce the film with the following:

ARTICLE VI is an intense discussion of the role of faith in politics. In response to Americans' concerns about his Catholicism in the 1960 presidential campaign, JFK said "an act against one religion is an act against all." Today, the debate rages on as the faith today's candidates fall under the same scrutiny. **ARTICLE VI** examines the Founding Fathers' vision of religious freedom and captures an important national debate that spans politics, religious bigotry, and intolerance in America.

Q&A / Discussions After the Film

After the film, your audience may immediately want to start talking about what they've experienced. If not, you can kick off the discussion by asking the audience a few questions yourself. For example:

- How many felt that their views were represented?
- Did you feel like the film was unfair to any particular group or perspective?
- Were you surprised by any of the viewpoints that were expressed?
- What or who did you agree with? Disagree with?
- Do you think that we as a society are putting too much emphasis on the religion of our candidates?
- Do you think we are ready for a president or other leader from a minority religion? If not, why not?

Remember to thank your audience for their participation, and offer them a very sincere "Thank You" from all of us at ARTICLE VI.

Collecting Feedback

We really do want to hear from you and your audience. There are several ways you can share with us.

- [Write us an email](#) summarizing your party and your audience reaction (text only, please – no attachments please!)
- Upload your video to our community site (coming soon) – if you have a video camera, and you or your audience feel inclined, you can film your discussion and send us some of the best discussions. If selected, we might post snips from your party on the ARTICLE VI website.

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Thanks again for helping your friends and neighbors engage in this important national discussion. We hope you find the film worthwhile, and we thank you for your support.

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