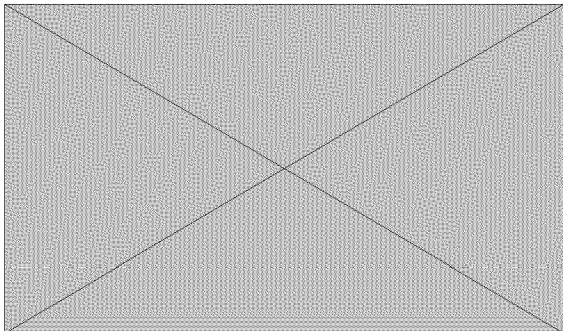


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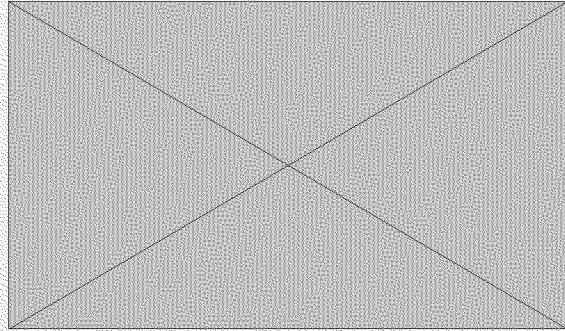
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You might think that current controversies over NFL players refusing to stand for the national anthem, the vandalizing and removal of statues, and the "PC" firestorms erupting across campuses aren't about religion. But you'd be wrong. History's religious conflicts were ultimately about what values and ideas should be imposed on everybody. Traditional religion may be

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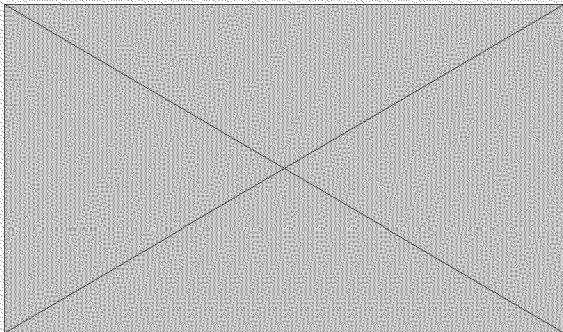
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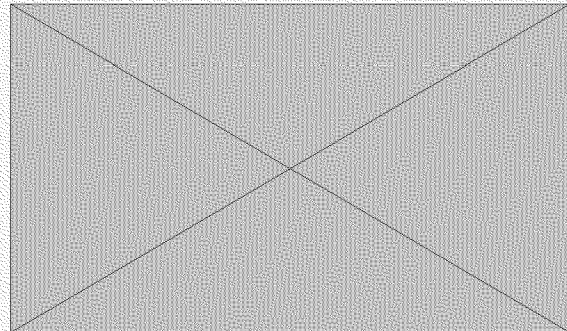


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