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Although other religions and atheism are on the rise, most Americans still identify as Christians. Religion plays a crucial role within countries and cultures all over the world. In the US, the coming together of many different peoples of different origins has created a diverse religious environment. While the country has followers of every major religion, nearly half (46.5%) of the residents identify as Protestant Christians. Other religions practiced in America include Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam. Islam is among the fastest-growing religious groups; its members were just about 1 percent of the U.S. population in 2001. Native Americans had many religious beliefs, but most groups believed in a world of spirits. These spirits inhabited plants and animals, mountains and rivers, and tribes, clans, and individuals. Religion in the United States is diverse, with Christianity and specifically Protestantism being the majority religion, although declining at rapid pace. Various religious faiths have flourished within the United States. Just over 40% of Americans report that religion plays a very important role in their lives, a proportion unique among developed countries. Freedom of religion in the United States is guaranteed in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.