

XXV. SPAIN

Population: 39,513,630

Religious make-up:

Constitutionally Recognized Church

Roman Catholicism: about 80%

Churches and Religious Communities with Social and Historical Rooting

Islam: about 400,000

Protestantism: about 200,000 – 300,000

Judaism: about 20,000

Churches and Religious Communities without Social and Historical Rooting

Jehovah's Witnesses: about 105,000 (166,000 church-goers)

Mormons: about 20,000

etc.

Churches and Religious Communities Registered under Private Law

Several hundreds of so-called "cults"

Secular Humanism: 10%

Membership OSCE: Original - Helsinki Final Act: Original - Charter of Paris: Original

Membership Council of Europe: 24/11/77 - Membership U.N.: 14/12/55 - Member of the European Union

A. CONSTITUTION

1978: Adoption of the Spanish Constitution.

Article 10. Section 1: The dignity of the person, the inviolable rights which are inherent, the free development of the personality, respect for the law and the rights of others, are the foundation of the political order and the social peace.

Section 2: The norms relative to basic rights and liberties which are recognized by the Constitution shall be interpreted in conformity with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the international treaties and agreements on those matters ratified by Spain.

Article 14: Spaniards are equal before the law, without any discrimination for reasons of birth, race, sex, religion, opinion or any other personal or social condition or circumstance.

Article 16. Section 1: Freedom of ideology, religion and cult of individuals and communities is guaranteed without an limitation in their demonstrations other than that which is necessary for the maintenance of public order protected by law.

Section 2: No one may be obliged to make a declaration on his ideology, religion or beliefs.

Section 3: No religion shall have a state character. The public powers shall take into account the religious beliefs of Spanish society and maintain the appropriate relations of cooperation with the Catholic Church and other denominations. - **Constitutions of the Countries of the World, Dobbs Ferry.**

Article 27 [Education]

(3) The public authorities guarantee the right which will assist parents to have their children receive the religious and moral formation which is in keeping with their own convictions.

Article 30 [Military, Civilian, Emergency Duties]

(2) The law shall determine the military obligations of Spaniards and shall regulate, with all due guarantees, conscientious objection as well as other causes for exemption from compulsory military service, and it may, when appropriate, impose a substitute social

service.

B. LEGISLATION

http://www.mju.es/asuntos_religiosos/ar_n00_i.htm

C. CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION

Law 1679 - 7.07.1998

Royal Decree 266/1995

Law 7/1998

Law 8/1984

Law 62/1978