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First Amendment protects Helms' rights

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Our constitutional separation of church and state merely prevents either entity from dominating the other. Neither church nor state may impose upon, or restrict from the people, any specific religious practice. Free religious practice in public does not impair that provision. The First Amendment guarantees freedom to exercise religion unrestricted to or from any venue, public or private. It further guarantees **Steve Helms**, and every other citizen, freedom to express his or her personal religious views in public or in private, including any public office over which he or she has jurisdiction.

His **poster** can be construed as his free speech, for which he cannot be persecuted or prosecuted. In protecting free speech, the First Amendment is unable to prevent any offense, discomfort or feeling of exclusion such speech may engender.
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