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A French Model ?

....destablized

1789 1791

- Freedom of conscience and opinion, *even* religious
 - Equal Civil Rights to Jews (1st non Christian minority)
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1802, 1808: Napoleonian reorganisation of cults

- Formal equality... not immediately for all
 - Only between 4 « authorized » cults
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1880's: Public School: Separation between State and Catholic Church

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1905: Separation between State and the Churches

- Larger formal equality
 - 1907-1923: First accommodation : with the Catholic Church
 - Free constitution of new religious jewish associations, and *de facto* monopoly of the israelite Consistory
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1946, 1958

- « Laïcité » is inscribed in the Constitution
 - Without definition
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1959: The Debré Law

- Confessional Private School can be subsidized by public State
 - With conditions: accepting every pupil (not considered their faith or non-faith) and including the National program in the curriculum.
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The 2000's: New debate on laïcité

- Religious diversity ++, More visible
- A conflictual context, Religions involved in international Politics
- Islam

2002: The Debray Report

- Teaching about religions in public schools
 - Training teachers (in history, arts and Literature)
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2004, 2010 : New laws

- Too visible religious signs are forbidden to pupils at school
 - Integral covered face (veil) is forbidden in public sphere (streets)
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What is neutrality? for whom? where ?

- Who are the « public agents »?
- What is the « public sphere » ?

The Central state destabilized

- General globalization (financial powers, big business corporation: Google, Amazon...)
- Non state armed group
- A weak political Europe

The Central state destabilized

- Municipalities organizing « togetherness » including religious groups