R315r4z0r wroteConsequences for doing something are not one in the same with the freedom allowed to do that something.

You can follow a religion that takes you to kill 100 people, but you would be arrested for breaking the law of killing someone... not following your religion.

Just like how many of my teachers in school used to say "You are allowed to fall asleep in my class, but you are expected to put in just as much effort into everything as everyone else." So you have the freedom to do what you want, but the consequences are still standing.

Like I said before, you are free to kill someone if you wanted to, be it for religion or your own personal gain, but does that mean you are immune to the consequences? No.

So if there is a religion that requires you to kill a bunch of people, you are free to believe in it, however that doesn't mean you wont be punished for it.
Read my post about female genital mutilation. I was somewhat gobsmacked at cheesesoda's lack of response to it, so I very carefully repeated it and highlighted it.

I would rank this practice, which is happening IN THIS COUNTRY, TODAY, as the most awful and barbaric practice currently happening in the world. We overlook it for one reason: religion.

I'll keep repeating this until you notice it, if you like.

cheesesoda wrote on Mon, 13 October 2008 12:13How is it less open to exploitation? I already explained why it would open up the possibility of a LEGAL state religion. Government will exploit whatever loophole it has, and the southern states here in America would be quick to ban evolution from being taught in school, put the Ten Commandments all throughout courthouses and block any and all social progress while doing it under the name of God.
So in a nutshell, your argument is: we should continue to allow freedom of religion despite its massive flaws, because if we don't it'll permit a state religion even though you have one anyway.