

Review of: "Vietnam's Religious Policy: Navigating the Path to Religious Freedom"

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The article needs to be edited by a native speaker/reader of English.

There are lots of unsupported statements – statements that appear in the text without any references or supporting evidence. The article appears to be well-informed and it will be useful to readers, but it needs to be re-written in such a way as to ensure that all major statements and generalisations are supported by evidence. Details to be added include dates, place-names, and names of relevant people and organisations.

Sources cited are web-based materials. The date of last access should be listed in all cases. Also, the author should add information, discussion and references to non-web materials. Reports on actions by the Vietnamese government should be checked and verified wherever possible.

Past and present Vietnamese government policy on religion should be explained, with reference to government documents. What specific changes to the policy framework have there been in recent years? How do these policies compare with those of other eastern-bloc countries, e.g. the former Soviet Union and China?

A distinction needs to be drawn between freedom to practice religious beliefs and disputes about land ownership and land use.

Any national government has a responsibility for its citizens' safety. In recent years, internationally, the internet has been used to purvey large quantities of disinformation. Some of this disinformation has come in the form of what purports to be religious material. This means that religious policy and the issue of religious freedom is bound up with government policy on the internet. So, what is Vietnamese government policy on the internet and on access to the internet? Does it have policies like those of the Chinese government, which restricts access to some foreign internet corporations, such as FaceBook?