

## Plaintiff in Mojave cross case is Catholic

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As the case of the so-called [?Mojave Cross \[1\]?](#) reached the Supreme Court, I was struck that the plaintiff in the case, Frank Buono, is not the usual atheist-agnostic-humanist who challenges religious symbols on public property. He is a Roman Catholic with crosses in his own home, and -- from my point of view -- the principles of the U.S. Constitution in his mind and heart.

He discovered that a Buddhist group wanted to erect a shrine near the place of the cross, and was refused a number of years ago. He was deeply offended that government would favor one religion over another. And thus the lawsuit.

But you know? that?s the finest of our heritage as Americans, and American Catholics. We were among the first immigrant groups to run up against religious discrimination? this is fitting?

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