

## Russian Priests Protest Law Against Offending 'Religious Believers'

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A group of Russian priests have taken to the streets of St. Petersburg to protest the country's controversial law against "offending religious believers."

Three clerics from Russia's Apostolic Orthodox Church held⊠single-man pickets — the only form of protest which does not⊠legally require government approval — along Nevsky Prospekt.

The protesters claimed that God alone protected the feelings of religious believers, and held signs quoting biblical verse Galatians 6:7: "God cannot be mocked."

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Police were in attendance but did not disrupt the protest, which was <u>a recent backlash</u> from some members of the church. Orthodox protesters held demonstrations on Wednesday after two activists were charged under the law.

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