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8/24/2007--I am happy to say that American Religious Democracy made Pittsburgh Post-Gazette columnist Tony Norman's recommended non-fiction reading list today. Here is what he had to say about the book that began the movement toward Hallowed Secularism: "American Religious Democracy: Coming to Terms with the End of Secular Politics" by Bruce Ledewitz. This contrarian, but nuanced take on the rise of "religious democracy" in America after the 2004 election will raise a few hackles among secular progressives until they give the Duquesne University law professor's argument some thought. Mr. Ledewitz doesn't believe a greater civic accommodation to religion will necessarily lead to a theocracy. His thesis won't convince everyone, but it is more than worth the arguments it will stimulate, especially in liberal circles. While on the point, there also was a favorable review of the book by in The New York Post by Pam Winnick on July 22. This is for those of you who do not want to wait for the book Hallowed Secularism.