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Luke 21:34-36–"But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man" (Weymouth New Testament).

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An article by Staff titled "Islam Forecast to Soon Exceed Christianity as World Biggest Faith" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

Islam is expected to surpass Christianity as the world's biggest religion by the middle of the next decade as the birth rate among Muslims outpaces the number of babies born to women of any other faith, the Pew Research Center projected on Wednesday.

While Christianity has ranked as humanity's largest religion for centuries, the global Muslim population has grown much faster and is forecast to reach 2.57 billion by 2035, compared with a projected tally of 2.52 billion Christians in that year, the Pew study found.

If recent trends hold, Muslims will outnumber Christians 3.6 billion to 3 billion worldwide by 2070, and Islam will also then account for the largest portion of the global population, 37%, up from 26% in 2020, Pew said. Christianity, meanwhile, is expected to hold steady at around 29%, ranking No. 2 globally.

The study attributes the shift mostly to higher fertility rates in the Islamic world, averaging 3.1 children for each Muslim woman, compared with 2.5 children per Christian woman during the period 2020-2025.

In all other religious categories combined, the birth rate in that period averaged 1.6 children per woman, below the minimum rate of 2.1 considered necessary for a generation to replace itself.

While natural population growth, births exceeding deaths, remains the biggest factor in the changing face of Muslim and Christian demographics, religious switching will also play a role, said Pew, a non-partisan, Washington-based think tank.

Switching faiths

Based on past trends, according to Pew, both Islam and Christianity will lose more adherents from switching than they gain, but Muslims are expected to lose far fewer, 8 million between 2020 and 2070, compared with 105 million for Christians.

The world's overall population is projected to increase 29% between 2020 and 2070, with Islam and Christianity the only two religious groups forecast to keep pace with or exceed that growth rate, expanding by 80% and 30%, respectively.

Hindus are growing in absolute numbers but are expected to shrink slightly as a share of the world's population (13.6% in 2070), with Jews projected to follow a similar pattern (0.17% in 2070). Buddhists, meanwhile, are forecast to decline in numbers and as a percentage of the global population (2.5% in 2070).

Smaller faiths, non-believers

All other faiths combined, including Baha'is, Daoists, Jains, Sikhs and followers of various folk religions, are expected to see a modest rise in numbers, while collectively slipping below 2% of all humanity by 2070, according to Pew.

Moreover, people with no religious affiliation, a category that includes those identifying as atheist or agnostic, are expected to decline sharply as a proportion of the global whole, from 24% in 2020 to 17% in 2070, the study found.

The geographic distribution among religions is also shifting dramatically.

By 2070, for instance, Christianity will rank as the largest religion in the United States but not its majority faith, and the Democratic Republic of Congo will surpass the US as the country with the greatest concentration of Christians.

The numbers of religiously unaffiliated people will grow in most countries in the coming decades, but those increases will be entirely outweighed by the dwindling population forecast for China, where most of the world's non-believers currently reside.

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An article by Tzvi Jasper titled “Iran Still Has Up to 2,500 Missiles, Capable of Major Assault Even After Rounds of Strikes” was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 15, 2026.

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Iran is still believed to possess between 1,500 and 2,500 missiles, US officials told The Wall Street Journal on Saturday, citing US intelligence assessments, with even the lower assessment being over half of its estimated pre-war stockpile.

The officials said that it was difficult to track the exact number of missiles Iran possesses, including both those in storage and those ready for immediate launch, but that it was clear that it still had the capability to launch substantial attacks.

Jim Lamson, a visiting research fellow at King’s College London and former CIA analyst who specialized in the Iranian military, told WSJ that even before the war, estimating Iran's exact military capabilities was complicated.

“Having done this work for the government, I know it can be extremely low confidence even with all the classified information,” he said.

Iran's restoration of much of its military capabilities has also affected US President Donald Trump's decision-making on whether to launch more strikes alongside Israel, officials told the WSJ.

Iran capable of building around 50 missiles per month

Last week, Bloomberg reported that an intelligence estimate has determined that Iran has the capacity to build approximately 50 ballistic missiles per month despite damage to its industrial capacity in the recent war.

“There could also be thousands of Shahed-type strike weapons remaining in its arsenal,” Jim Lamson, a research fellow at the Department of War Studies at King’s College London and former CIA analyst for the Middle East, told Bloomberg.

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An article by Ronny Reyes titled “Iranians Are Excalating Attacks on Strait of Hormuz Because They Believe They Can Force Trump Into a Deal: Experts” was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

Iran is escalating its attacks in the Middle East as a means to reclaim its control over the Strait of Hormuz and force the US into action for a conclusive end to the war, according to multiple reports.

With about 8 million barrels of oil still exiting through the strait every day under a US naval escort, Iran has stepped up its attacks on tankers to try and stop the flow.

At least six strikes have been confirmed by the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations in the past week, with Iran claiming even more attacks at a pace not seen since the war first began.

Tehran has repeatedly stated that it would not allow ships to undermine its claim to the oil chokehold, with Iran specifically targeting the busiest ships that have been making the dangerous back-and-forth trips, according to the Vortexa maritime firm.

The Islamic Republic has also targeted US bases in Bahrain and Kuwait in recent days, a clear escalation meant to challenge the current status quo.

While Trump has signaled that he is content with allowing the war to remain cold as America's economic pressure campaign squeezes Iran, the Islamic Republic does not have the luxury to wait around.

"The two sides have very different calculations about the costs of prolonging the confrontation," Hamidreza Azizi, senior Iran analyst at the International Crisis Group, told Al Jazeera. "As economic pressure mounts, Iran may become increasingly willing to take military risks to break the deadlock."

Lead Iranian negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf signaled this very stance during his address to parliament on Sunday, warning the US that lawmakers were told by Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei to end the current stalemate.

"We will not remain in a state of 'neither war nor peace,'" Ghalibaf said. "It makes absolutely no difference to us whether the United States wants negotiations or war."

The attacks also serve as a way for Iran to show the US and its allies that Tehran has rebuilt its missile and drone launchers and is prepared for all-out war to resume, Kristian Coates Ulrichsen, a Middle East expert at Rice University's Baker Institute, told the *Wall Street Journal*.

"The attacks on Kuwait and Bahrain are a signal that Iran retains both the capability and the intent to target US partners across the Gulf and are a reminder to leaders in the Gulf states that they remain vulnerable to retaliation for U.S. actions in the Strait of Hormuz," Coates Ulrichsen said.

"As the Trump administration continues its buildup of force in the region, the attacks are a reminder that the US does not have a monopoly on the escalation ladder," he added.

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An article by Eric Utter titled "And No One Stopped Them: How We Got to Now" was posted at americanthinker.com on Nov. 18, 2026.

For much of the 1930s, Winston Churchill begged and pleaded for England and its allies to do something to stop Hitler and Germany from becoming a fearsome military power threatening the rest of Europe.

No one did.

Neville Chamberlain signed the Munich Agreement, a "peace pact" that was, in fact, the proximate cause of World War II … and the deaths of millions. As the decade — and then the war – progressed, a growing number of people realized that millions of Jews were being persecuted … and worse. No one did anything substantive about it until well more than 3 million Jews had been slaughtered in Dachau, Buchenwald, Auschwitz, and all the other Nazi death camps and concentration camps.

Fast forward several decades.

On Nov. 17, 1980, the Supreme Court of the United States (via Stone v. Graham) effectively booted the Ten Commandments from classrooms and public areas.

Fast forward again to Sept. 11, 2001. Nineteen jihadis hijacked commercial airliners and flew them into the Twin Towers, killing thousands of men, women, and children. Another plane hit the Pentagon, and another went down in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Today, New York City has a Muslim mayor, one who surrounds himself with terrorist sympathizers. And more Muslims have been elected to serve in Washington, D.C., than ever before. Proving Americans are forgiving, tolerant, welcoming … and incredibly naïve, ignorant, and stupid.

Then, in 2008 — and, incredibly, again in 2012 — Americans elected Barack Hussein Obama to be president of the (soon to be less) United States. Obama brought back racial tension and class hatred and promised to "fundamentally transform" America. Not only wasn't he prevented from doing so, he was rewarded and placed in power. Twice.

Many — if not most — reasonable people believed that the presidential election of 2020 was, shall we say, not entirely on the up-and-up.

A relative handful of folks were baited/invited into the Capitol building in protest. They did not cause widespread damage and did not initiate any person-to-person violence. Trump, after all, had told them to go protest "peacefully." One of them — an unarmed, diminutive female vet — was shot and killed. Many were subsequently arrested, some placed in solitary confinement based on made-up or no charges. They were — forcibly — stopped, but no one stepped up to effectively help them out. Jan. 6 is a dark day in American history, but not for the reasons the lying left wants you and me to believe.

On Sept. 1, 2022, then President Joe Biden took to a stage perfectly fit for a Nazi — dark with ominous deep red lighting and military men in the background — to tell Americans that anyone who didn't agree with his and his party's platform was a threat to democracy. Essentially a Nazi, you see.

The Obama-Biden administration tried to take down a duly elected president through hoax after hoax. No one stopped them. To this day, no one has held them accountable.

On July 13, 2024, a young punk -- purportedly acting alone — nearly assassinated then presidential candidate Donald Trump, hitting him in the right ear, and killing a man behind him. The Secret Service 'A' team was unavailable as they were in a nearby town protecting Jill Biden. No one stopped the "man on the roof," despite the shouts of attendees, until it was too late. Long story short, it is preposterous to believe that the many errors, shortcomings, and failures on this day were innocent coincidences. Make that impossible to believe.

On Sept. 10, 2025, Charlie Kirk was assassinated, for having the temerity to respectfully state his opinions at an outdoor campus debate. Kirk's death has since been celebrated — and mocked -- by far-left, pure-evil unworthies.

On and before Nov. 3, 2026, Republican governors, representatives, and senators were wiped out in what was allegedly a blue wave. A blue tidal wave. A tsunami of epic proportions. Republicans deserved a bit of a rebuke in some respects. And yet, a forensic review of election data yields all sorts of red flags, anomalies, wildly improbable results … and virtual impossibilities, statistically and logically.

But no one will press the matter. How can they?

Fraud is rampant, ubiquitous. From the tragicomic Somali day care fraud in Minnesota to the similarly stunning hospice fraud in California to the Medicare, trucking, and assorted other frauds being perpetrated across the fruited plain on the American taxpayer, primarily at the hands of Muslim immigrants, it appears that a large percentage of the money government takes from us is used by Democrats as bribes to illegal aliens to secure their future votes. This is the only

reason why Democrats are so opposed to deporting them, despite the fact that a large majority of Americans are in favor of this.

And no one really cares. In fact, voters allegedly rewarded Democrats for disregarding their opinions on this — and several other matters.

Rep. Ilhan Omar may have married her brother, and, more importantly, is almost certainly deeply involved in Somali fraud in her home state … and possibly elsewhere. And may well have entered the country illegally. And may never have become a U.S. citizen.

No one stopped her. To this day, she hasn't been held accountable. Neither have any of the other Democrats who have eagerly aided and abetted fraud. And this past midterm election, the Big Blue Wave, occurred in part because voters were sick of "corruption?"

Democrats — or should I say Democratic Socialists — have taken control of academia, the mainstream media, (anti)social media, Hollywood, entertainment, and corporate boardrooms. No one stopped them.

To this day, no one has been held accountable. And now they want the military back. The military that they nearly cleansed of patriots and Christians under the Obama-Biden administration.

This is why they view Secretary of War Pete Hegseth as Enemy Number One. If they retake the military along with the House, Senate, and presidency, they will make the French Jacobins circa the 1790s look like sober, rational conservatives. (The Jacobins also believed that their nation had to be rebuilt from its foundations and that old institutions must be utterly repudiated and completed dismantled and destroyed.)

Who will stop them? Who will hold them accountable?

More and more Muslims are in office around the country. More and more Muslims around the country are praying in our streets, demanding halal food, protesting stores selling pork or alcohol, and accosting folks walking their dogs. A few have vandalized churches and some are even already demanding that Sharia law be the law of their the land.

And Jewish people are being harassed and marginalized like its 1938.

Who will stop the new Jacobins? Who will hold them accountable?

Certainly not Democrats. Certainly not white women. And the rest of us seemingly just capitulated.

First, they come for the Jews ...

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Trump, Putin and Xi

• An article by Dorothy Li and Frank Fang titled "Trump Meets Russia's Putin, China's Xi in First Ever Trilateral Summit" was posted at theepochtimes.com on Nov. 19, 2926.

• An article by Ronny Reyes titled "China Sent Its Tallest Official to Tower Over Putin as He Arrived for Trump and Xi Summit" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

Iran war – general news

• An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled "IRGC Unveils Massive Underground 'Missile City' as Iran's Military Chief Warns of Global Response" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 10, 2026.

• An article by Idan Kweller titled "Third US Aircraft Carrier Enters Middle East as Trump Heads to China for Talks With Xi, Putin" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 16, 2026.

• An article by Victor Nava titled "Former Israeli Ambassador to US [Ron Dermer] Lays Out Three Things Trump Can Do to Speed Up 'Inevitable' Collapse of Iranian Regime" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 18, 2926.

1. Credible military threat
2. Crippling sanctions
3. Engage the Iranian people as your partners – "Iran's regime hates America. Iran's leadership hates America . . . Most of the Iranian people love America, and they're your partner."

• An article by Staff titled "Iran Widens Gulf Attacks by Targeting a U.S. Air Base in Kuwait and Sites in Bahrain" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 18, 2026.

• An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled "What Is a 'Dirty Bomb' and Is There Concern Over the Possibility of Iran Using One?" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 18, 2026.

• An article by Idan Kweller titled "Trump: Iran Exploring Chemical, Biological Weapons, Vows to 'Wipe Them Out' If DC Plot Carried Out" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

• An article by Idan Kweller titled “Trump Weighs Renewed Iran Strikes as Netanyahu Pushes for Week-Long Air Campaign” was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

• An article by Staff titled “Trump Pushes Decision on New Iran Strikes Into Next Year: ‘We’ve Got Time’ ” was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 20, 2026.

The Strait of Hormuz

• An article by Amichai Stein titled “Iran Using Deadlier Missiles to Target Ships in Strait of Hormuz” was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 18, 2026.

Houthis in Yemen – and Saudi Arabia

• An article by John Oyewale titled “Saudi Landmark Hit After Houthi Missiles Attack Capital” was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 8, 2026.

• An article by Staff titled “Saudi Crown Prince Meets US CENTOM Chief Amid Escalating Houthi Hostilities” was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

Anti-Semitism – international

• An article by Maayan Jaffe-Hoffman titled “Australian Jews Considering Leaving as Anti-Semitism Rises; Steven Lowy Warns” was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

Articles – Jerusalem Post

• An article by Mathilda Heller titled “Hamas in Britain: How Alleged Terror Operatives Made the UK Their Home” was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 15, 2026.

• An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled “Israel Is Killing Hamas’s Next Generation of Commanders – Can It Break the Cycle?” was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 15, 2026.

• An article by Mathilda Heller titled “Nearly Two-Thirds of Jewish Population Projected to Live in Israel by 2070; Pew Predicts” was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

• An article by Anri Amir David titled “Fighting Anti-Semitism Requires More Than Conferences, It Requires Action” was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

Russia-Ukraine war – general news

• An article by Gabrielle Fahmy titled “Russia Lifts Ban on Killing Zelensky and Decaptiating Ukraine’s Leadership” was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 14, 2026.

• An artice by Isaac Schorr titled “President Trump Needs to Get It Through His Head: Putin Isn’t His ‘Friend’ ” was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 19, 2926.

• An article by Staff titled “Putin’s Prized Bridge to Occupied Crimea Has Been Hit for the Third Time This Week” was posted at cnn.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

• An article by Staff titled “European Troops From 11 Countries Drill in Poland for a Potential Postwar Ukraine Mission” was posted at union-bulletin.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

• An article by David Ignatius titled “In Ukraine, the Drones Are Flying Faster Than the Diplomacy” was posted at washingtonpost.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

NATO

• An article by Staff titled “Kushner Says He Believes Russia Is ‘Comfortable’ With NATO-Like Security Guarantees for Ukraine” was posted at apnews.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

Ebola

• An article by Noah Smith titled “Direct Relief Delivers 53 Tons of Medical Aid to Combat Record Democratic Republic of the Congo Ebola Outbreak” was posted at directrelief.org on Nov. 19, 2026.

• An article by Staff titled “Kasai [Province in the Democratic Republic of the Congo] Ebola Outbreak Contained After 64 Cases and 45 Deaths” was posted at bioengineering.org on Nov. 19, 2026.

International news – miscellaneous

• An article by Simon Kent titled “U.N. Bows Down to Iran: Appoints It to Key Committee Overseeing Women’s Rights and Counter-Terrorism” was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 12, 2026.

• An article by Staff titled “Poland Expects to Sign $50 Billion Nuclear Plant Deal With Westinghouse, Bechtel Early Next Year” was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 20, 2026.

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Illegal immigration – general comments

• An article by John Binder titled "Democrats Introduce Amnesty for Illegal Aliens With Final Deportation Orders" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

• An article by Bob Price titled "35 Illegal Aliens Found Locked in Generator Box Near Border in Texas" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

When was the last time the Democrats had a primary that was actually Democratic?

• Looking back to October 2024, an article by Nick Hart titled "When Was the Last Time the Democrats Had a Primary That Was Actually Democratic?" was posted at medium.com on Oct. 5, 2024. (For at least the last 3 general elections, Democrats haven't allowed their own base to choose their candidate.)

In 2016, the Democrat elites convinced Bernie Sanders to step aside.
In 2020, the Democrat elites convinced opponents to Joe Biden to step aside.
In 2024, the Democrat elites forced Joe Biden to withdraw.
In 2024, the Democrat elites picked Kamala Harris without a single vote.

Comments – about defunding the police

• Looking back to June 2020, an article by Paige Fernandez titled "Defunding the Police Will Actually Make Us Safer" was posted at aclu.org on June 11, 2020.

General interest – news

• Looking back to Brendan Rascius titled "Many Republicans Want to Lose the Midterms So They Don't Have to Pass Trump-Backed Bills; Laura Ingraham Claims" was posted at independent.com on Sept. 18, 2026.

• An editorial by Staff titled "Exposing Anthony Fauci's Legacy of Deceit Is Key to Restoring Trust in Science" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

• An article by Betsy McCaughey titled "Democrats' Antics Shame the Senate – to Tear Down Trump's Judge Picks" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

• An article by Samuel Chamberlain titled "Trump Grants Posthumous Pardon to MLB Hit King Pete Rose" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

• An article by Staff titled "Actor Jim Caviezel Rips Christian 'Posers' and Urges Religious Americans to 'Get in the Foxhole' " was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 19, 2026.

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Isaiah 55:6-11–"Seek you the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word by that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."