### THIS WEEK IN CONSCIENCE & JUSTICE



Friday, February 07, 2025



#### **Christian Nationalism Across All 50 States**

In 2024, PRRI released a groundbreaking national survey that provided for the first time the ability to estimate support for Christian nationalism in all 50 states. Building on that work throughout 2024, PRRI interviewed more than 22,000 adults as part of the PRRI American Values Atlas to continue monitoring the spread of support for Christian nationalism and the factors driving such views. Three in ten Americans continue to qualify as Christian nationalism Adherents or Sympathizers.

- In 2024, three in ten Americans qualified as Christian nationalism Adherents (10%) or Sympathizers (20%), compared with twothirds who qualified as Skeptics (37%) or Rejecters (29%).
- These percentages have remained stable since PRRI first asked these questions in late 2022.

Partisanship, media habits, age, and education levels are all linked to Christian nationalism support.

- A majority of Republicans qualify as either Christian nationalism Adherents (20%) or Sympathizers (33%), compared with about two in ten or fewer independents (6% Adherents and 16% Sympathizers) and Democrats (5% Adherents and 11% Sympathizers).
- Two-thirds of Americans who most trust most far-right TV news sources qualify as Christian nationalism Adherents (26%) or Sympathizers (40%), as does a majority of those who most trust Fox News (18% Adherents and 34% Sympathizers).
- Support for Christian nationalism is positively associated with lower education levels and higher age. ppri.org

### Christian Nationalism Across All

- Trump signs executive orders targeting ICC and 'anti-Christian
- DC judge gives control of Proud Boys' trademark to Black church attacked by far-right group
- 24% Indians identify as religious nationalists, 57% Hindus feel religious texts should shape laws
- Refugee aid groups face furloughs after Trump halts program, refuses to reimburse work



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## Trump signs executive orders targeting ICC and 'anti-Christian bias'



<u>President Donald Trump</u> signed a pair of executive orders Thursday, one targeting the International Criminal Court and a second on "anti-Christian bias."

The ICC action places financial and visa sanctions on "individuals and their family members who assist in ICC investigations of US citizens or our allies," according to a fact sheet obtained by CNN, an effort to punish the body for issuing arrest warrants for top Israeli officials, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.

The Hague-based court condemned Trump's executive order, which it said seeks "to impose sanctions on its officials and harm its independence and impartial judicial work."

"The Court stands firmly by its personnel and pledges to continue providing justice and hope to millions of innocent victims of atrocities across the world, in all Situations before it," the ICC said in a statement Friday.

President Donald Trump, alongside Howard Lutnick, his nominee for Commerce Secretary, speaks to reporters in the Oval Office of the White House on February 3, 2025, in Washington. Anna Moneymaker/Getty Images

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#### DC judge gives control of Proud Boys' trademark to Black church attacked by far-right group

The Proud Boys lost control of their trademarked name on Monday after a judge in Washington, DC, ruled that it be handed over to a Black church that was attacked by members of the far-right group four years ago.

The decision from Judge Tanya M. Jones Bosier is meant to fulfill a \$2.8 million default judgment entered against the Proud Boys by a different judge in DC in 2023 to get back damages incurred by the church during the December 2020 attack.

The two-page ruling says that all the group's interests in the "Proud Boys" trademark will be transferred to the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church and that the organization and people associated with it must first get consent from the DC church to use the mark or sell any merchandise containing it.

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People in middle-income countries are more likely to identify as 'religious nationalists' than those in high-income countries, but 'religious nationalists' do not make up a majority of the population in any of the countries surveyed, according to a new Pew Research Center report.

The study conducted by the Washington D.C.-based think tank, titled <u>Comparing Levels of Religious Nationalism</u>

<u>Around the World</u>, surveyed nearly 55,000 people in three dozen countries across the Asia-Pacific region, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North Africa region, North America and sub-Saharan Africa from January to May 2024.

It explores how people view the role of religion in national identity and policymaking. The survey covered various predominant religions, including Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism.

theprint.in

#### Refugee aid groups face furloughs after Trump halts program, refuses to reimburse work

Faith-based groups that partner with the federal government to resettle refugees are facing widespread layoffs and furloughs after President Donald Trump's administration suspended the refugee program and, according to one of the faith groups, refuses to reimburse the organizations for humanitarian work performed before the president assumed office.

Matthew Soerens, vice president of advocacy and policy at World Relief, an evangelical Christian group that resettles refugees, said his organization continues to reel from several actions taken by Trump over the past two weeks. The president all but froze the U.S. refugee program save for rare exceptions in an executive order shortly after taking office, a move that <u>outraged</u> the 10 groups that help the government resettle refugees — <u>seven of which</u> are faith-based.

Soerens said his office also received communication from the government on Jan. 24 stating that World Relief would no would no longer be reimbursed for any work beyond that day.



A World Relief moving truck with furnishings for a refugee resettlement home in Spokane, Washington. (Photo by Viktoriya Aleksandrov/World Relief Spokane)





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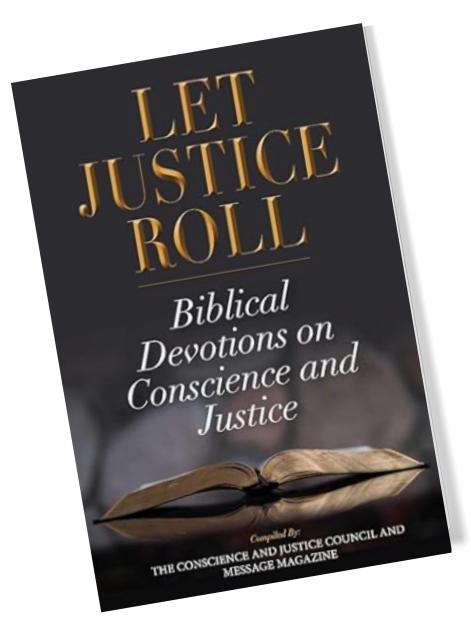


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FRIDAY, FEB. 14

DEI: **Money Talks** 

**GUESTS:** Joseph McCoy **Norman Miles Sharon Stone** Cynthia Chea Penn



FRIDAY, FEB. 21

TALKING or WALKING: The State of the Black Church

> **GUESTS:** Jason O'Rourke Carlton Byrd Linda Ammons Joan Justiss Tynes



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