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- Most Americans support some goals of the 2020 racial reckoning
- Supreme Court spurns Native American religious claim over copper mine on sacred land
- After deadly shooting, Jewish organizations are again scrutinizing security
- A headscarf ban in basketball is benching players in France. A new bill could make it law
- Supreme Court deadlocks 4-4, preserving ban on nation's first religious charter school

Most Americans support some goals of the 2020 racial reckoning

Most Americans say they still support goals of the 2020 racial reckoning, including increasing diversity in the workplace and school curricula and recognizing the legacy of enslavement, per a recent survey.

The big picture: Five years after George Floyd's death led to global protests, many of the corporate and institutional pledges inspired by them have fizzled under Trump 2.0. But the survey found glimmers of support for the ideas the protests helped make more mainstream.

- Broadly, support for the Black Lives Matter movement is down, and President Trump made rolling back DEI and cracking down on immigration a second-term priority.
- While much of the 2020 protests focused on policing, they also targeted a lack of diversity in corporate boards, universities built on slave labor, Confederate monuments and stolen Indigenous lands.

See more: axios.com



Men on a Protest (opens in a new tab or window. By Antonio Milian from Pexels)

30% of Americans Consult Astrology, Tarot Cards or Fortune Tellers

The Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected a last-minute plea from Native Americans seeking to challenge a massive copper mining project in Arizona that would destroy a sacred site used for tribal ceremonies, a weighty dispute that pitted religious rights against business interests.

The court turned away an appeal brought by the nonprofit group Apache Stronghold asserting that its members' religious rights will be violated if the Resolution Copper mine goes forward because it would obliterate Oak Flat, the site in question.

The Trump administration recently announced its backing of the project, which is now set to move forward. Vicky Peacey, general manager at Resolution Copper, said in a statement that "extensive consultation" with tribes has already led to significant changes to the project. Peacey added that the "ongoing dialogue will continue to shape the project."

Wendsler Nosie Sr., a member of Apache Stronghold, said in a statement the fight would continue.

"While this decision is a heavy blow, our struggle is far from over. We urge Congress to take decisive action to stop this injustice while we press forward in the courts," he said.

See more: [nbcnews.com](https://www.nbcnews.com)



Resolution Copper's West Plant wants to exact copper from Oak Flat, a campground that is part of Tonto National Forest in Miami, Ariz., as seen in 2021. Michael Chow / Imagn file

After deadly shooting, Jewish organizations are again scrutinizing security

American Jewish communities are rushing to bolster already heightened security around their institutions and businesses after the May 21 killings of two Israeli Embassy staffers outside the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C.

The attack in Washington "solidifies that we cannot be lax" about security, said Avram Klein, general manager of Seasons, a popular kosher supermarket in Queens, New York.

"When you go food shopping you shouldn't have to worry about your safety and whether to bring your kids with you," Klein said.

Since the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas massacre that triggered the Israel-Hamas war and a sharp rise in antisemitic incidents worldwide, the store has installed additional surveillance cameras and hired onsite security guards, Klein said.

Sarah Milgrim, 26, an American Jew, and Yaron Lischinsky, 30, an Israeli Christian, were gunned down in the street outside the museum, where they had just attended an event sponsored by the American Jewish Committee about ways to increase humanitarian aid to Palestinian civilians in Gaza. The suspect, Elias Rodriguez, was caught on film shouting "Free, Free Palestine," while he was being arrested, and said he killed the couple "for Gaza," according to media reports. Israel has been accused of committing genocide against Palestinians, which Israel vehemently denies.

See more: [religionnews.com](https://www.religionnews.com)



People gather to light candles in a makeshift memorial during a vigil May 22, 2025, outside the White House in Washington to honor Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim, who were killed as they left an event the night before at the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

A headscarf ban in basketball is benching players in France. A new bill could make it law



Thousands of young Muslim women in France are side-lined from competitive sport because of rules in several disciplines, including basketball, that ban kits and clothing carrying a religious or political significance - rules critics say disproportionately target hijab-wearing Muslim athletes. Now, a contentious bill backed by right-wing politicians that would ban headscarves in all sporting competitions has cleared its first legislative hurdle in the Senate.

Salimata Sylla was about to lead her team onto the basketball court, as she had done many times before.

On that Sunday morning, she and her teammates had completed a three-hour bus trip from the Paris suburb of Aubervilliers to a rival club in northern France. They had changed and warmed up, and Sylla, the team captain, was ready to go.

More than two years later, Sylla is still barred from competing under the French basketball federation's jurisdiction.

The 27-year-old former point guard is among thousands of young Muslim women in France who are sidelined from competitive sport because of bans on uniforms and other clothing that have religious or political significance. These rules, critics say, disproportionately target hijab-wearing Muslim athletes.

Now, a contentious bill backed by right-wing politicians that would ban headscarves in all sporting competitions has cleared its first legislative hurdle in the Senate. If passed by the lower house, it would enshrine into law what has until now been decided by individual sporting federations.

See more: apnews.com

Supreme Court deadlocks 4-4, preserving ban on nation's first religious charter school

Oklahoma will not be able to launch the nation's first religious public charter school after the Supreme Court deadlocked 4-4 Thursday in a major case on the separation of church and state.

The decision by the evenly divided court means a ruling by the Oklahoma Supreme Court that said the proposal to launch St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School violates both the federal Constitution and state law remains in place. St. Isidore would have operated online statewide with a remit to promote the Catholic faith.

Paul Coakley, the archbishop of Oklahoma City, and David Konderla, the bishop of Tulsa, said in a joint statement that they are "exploring other options" to provide an online education statewide.

"Families across the state of Oklahoma deserve the educational opportunities presented by St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School," they added.

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The Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine in Oklahoma City, the largest Catholic church in Oklahoma. Nick Oxford for NBC News

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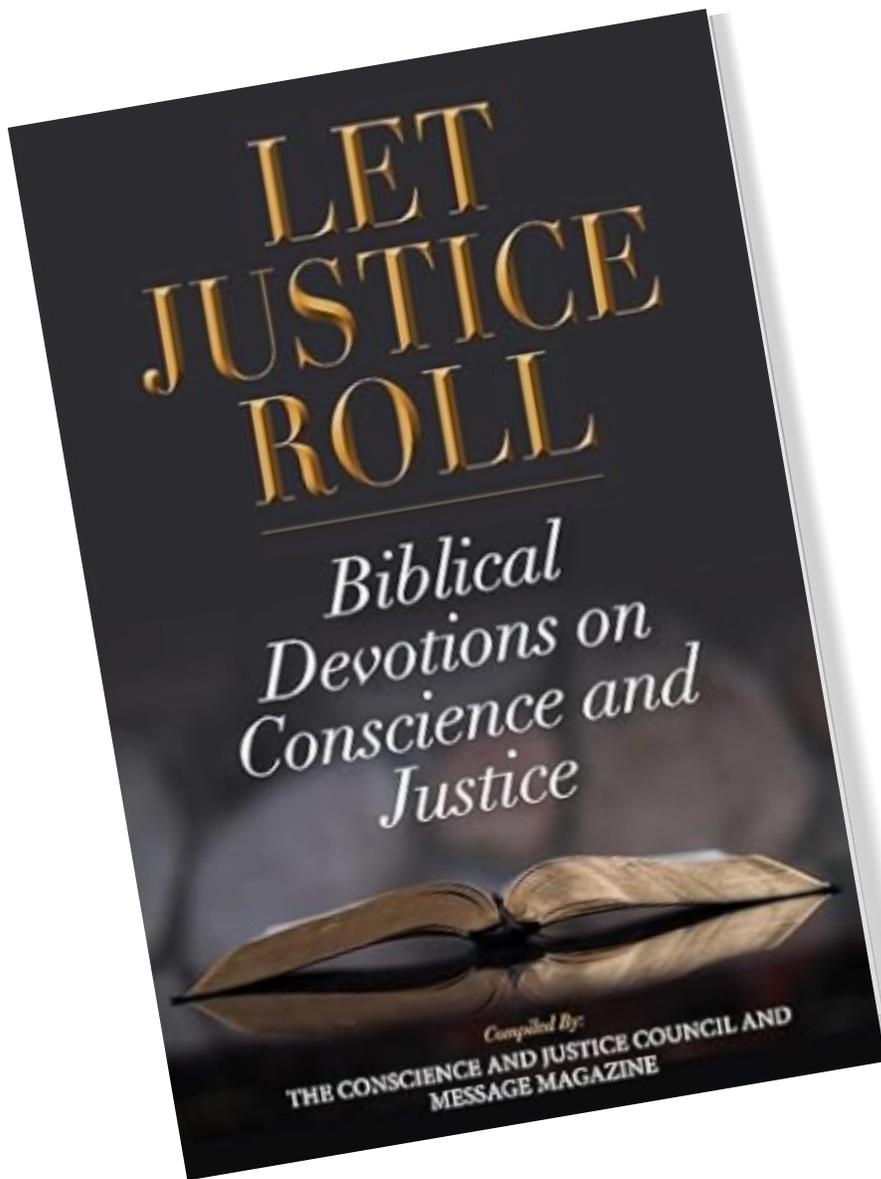
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