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3 takeaways from Saturday's No Kings nationwide protests

One of the biggest days of protest against the Trump administration's policies happened on Saturday in cities around the U.S. The overriding theme of the marches was the accusation that President Trump is behaving more like a monarch than an elected official.

It marked the second massive wave of protests organized by No Kings – a network of progressive organizations fighting against Trump's agenda.

Organizers said about 2,600 No Kings events were planned across nearly every state, and that it projected a bigger turnout than the 5 million it said attended its previous nationwide action in June.

Energized by a slew of actions taken by the administration since the summer protests, the group cited widespread immigration detentions carried out by often-masked Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, the administration's aggressive slashing of federal education resources and environmental protections, gerrymandering and other concerns.

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Crowds gather to listen to Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., during a No Kings protest, Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025, in Washington. Allison Robbert/AP

After clergy arrests, religious pushback to ICE expands in Chicago

Last Friday (Oct. 17), the Rev. Hannah Kardon, a United Methodist minister in the Chicago area, stood alongside other protesters demonstrating outside the Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facility in Broadview, Illinois. As a line of Illinois State Police began marching toward her and other demonstrators, gripping wooden batons, footage shows the pastor with her hands raised in prayer.

Officers then pushed into the protesters, forcing them back. One officer shifted his stance, reared back and began shoving his baton like a battering ram — jamming it repeatedly, Kardon says, into her leg. A few seconds later, the pastor was pulled from the crowd and thrown to the ground.

All the while, Kardon says, she never stopped praying. When officers began to arrest her, they tied her arms behind her back and placed her along the curb.

"I said, 'God, please help these people to know that what they're doing is wrong, and help them to turn around,'" Kardon, who leads United Church of Rogers Park in Chicago, said in an interview. Her leg, she said, has developed visible bruises.

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The Rev. Hannah Kardon, left, is pulled from a group of demonstrators by Illinois State Police outside the Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facility in Broadview, Illinois, Oct. 17, 2025. (Video screen grab)

Key facts about U.S. Latinos

Latinos are among the fastest-growing racial or ethnic groups in the United States. Between 2000 and 2024, the Latino population nearly doubled, rising from 35.3 million to 68 million. Latinos accounted for more than half of all U.S. population growth during that period.

Today, Latinos are the country's second-largest racial or ethnic group, making up one-in-five Americans. They are also strikingly diverse, relatively young, mostly U.S. born and increasingly dispersed across the country.

Here are some key facts about today's U.S. Latino population (click on each to learn more):

- [Latinos have played a major role in U.S. population growth.](#)
- [The sources of Hispanic population growth have changed in recent years.](#)
- [Latinos are younger than other racial and ethnic groups.](#)
- [Immigrants have declined as a share of the U.S. Hispanic population since 2000.](#)
- [Most Latinos are U.S. citizens.](#)
- [U.S. Latinos trace their roots to many countries.](#)
- [Puerto Rico's population continues to decline.](#)
- [California and Texas have the nation's largest Hispanic populations.](#)
- [Hispanic populations in U.S. metropolitan areas vary widely.](#)
- [The religious affiliation of U.S. Latinos is changing.](#)
- [The share of U.S. Hispanics who speak English proficiently is growing.](#)
- [The share of U.S. Hispanics with college experience is rising.](#)

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Growing Share of U.S. Adults Say Religion Is Gaining Influence in American Life



Americans' views about religion in public life are shifting. From February 2024 to February 2025, there was a sharp rise in the share of U.S. adults who say religion is gaining influence in American life.

While this remains a minority view, it is increasingly held by adults across several demographic groups – with gains of at least 10 percentage points among Democrats and Republicans, adults in every age category and in most large religious groups.

The new survey also finds that in recent years, a growing share of the public takes a positive view of religion's role in society.

In a [February 2024 Pew Research Center poll](#), 18% of U.S. adults said religion was gaining influence in American life. That was the lowest level we had seen in more than two decades.

A year later, in a February 2025 survey, 31% of U.S. adults said religion was gaining influence in American life – the highest figure we've seen in 15 years.

To be sure, most Americans continue to say that religion's role in society is declining. But the share who take this position fell sharply from 80% in 2024 to 68% in 2025.

After answering the question about whether religion is gaining or losing influence, respondents were asked to evaluate the change they identified – for example, those who said that religion's influence is declining were asked whether that decline is a good thing or a bad thing.

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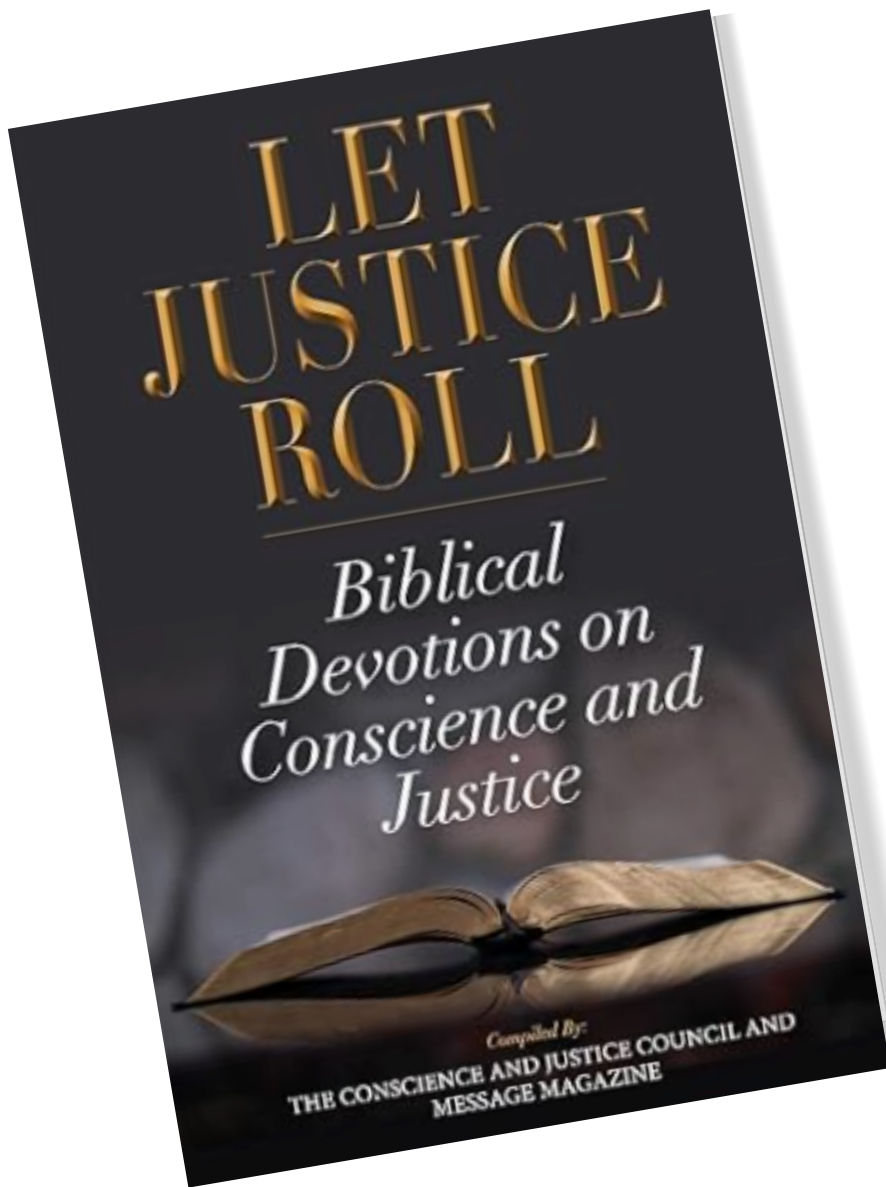
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