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The assassination attempt on Donald Trump, as well as his debate with Joe Biden in June, reminded me of a scene from *The Godfather: Part II*.

Michael Corleone (played by Al Pacino) was in Cuba visiting Jewish gangster Hyman Roth (played by Lee Strasburg). Roth had become a sort of mentor to him after his father's passing. But Michael, who was upset over the attempted murder of Corleone family capo Frank Pantangelli, confronted him.

"Who gave the go ahead? I know I didn't," he emphatically asked.

Roth, immediately aware that Michael probably knew he was the one who approved it, denounced the daring question with a monologue about his former friend Moe Greene, who Michael assassinated for standing in the way of his business dealings in Las Vegas.

"No one knows who gave the order. When I heard it, I wasn't angry. I knew Moe, I knew he was head-strong, talking loud, saying stupid things. So when he turned up dead, I let it go," Roth sternly replied. "And I said to myself, this is the business we've chosen! I didn't ask who gave the order, because it had nothing to do with business!"

After watching what unfolded this past month, I was left wondering: "Who gave the order for the media to turn on Joe Biden, the man they have been covering up for since 2016? Who gave the go-ahead to assassinate President Trump? Who, in other words, directed them to implode the Democratic Party and then follow it up with an attempt on the life of the man most likely to be the next president? More importantly, *why* did they do this?"

There are many layers to this year's presidential election. It's not easy to understand all of the complexities and shifting alliances taking place, especially in light of the attack on President Trump. In order to put at least some of it into context, it's important to first address the obvious flip-flopping of Donald Trump on several key issues that the ruling class in this country strongly supports. I'll then discuss some of the reasons why he was shot at.

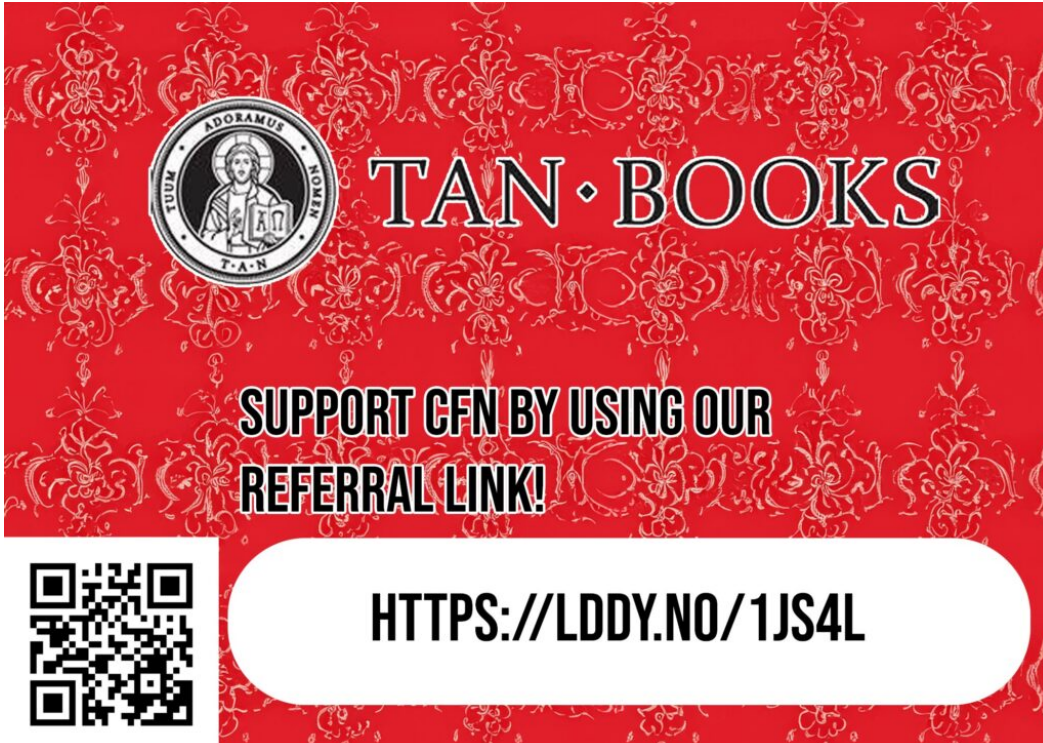
Business Billionaires Back Trump

In 2016, Trump's top two campaign items were draining the swamp and building a wall across the U.S.-Mexico border. He also promised to bring back American jobs and renegotiate trade deals. While he accomplished [some of those things](#), two policies he did put into place were enacting tariffs and [restricting](#) companies' hiring of foreign workers with H-1B visas.

Although the [recently re-written Republican Party platform](#) promises to “stop the migrant invasion” and “carry out the largest deportation operation in American history,” Trump [told](#) a Silicon Valley podcast last month that he now supports “stapling a green card” to college diplomas of non-U.S. students so Big Tech companies can have “the most skilled” workers — a [complete reversal](#) from his [previous stance](#).

A “green card” is a document that allows foreigners to live and work in the U.S. without officially being a citizen. The pro-open borders U.S. Chamber of Commerce loves this policy. But conservatives like [Tucker Carlson](#) and Turning Point USA founder Charlie Kirk (who previously [supported](#) it) have [denounced](#) it as being bad for native-born workers seeking to provide for their families. Catholic conservative writer Michelle Malkin has likewise published a [book](#) exposing how it hurts American citizens.

Multiple media outlets have reported on Trump’s about-face. The Associated Press rightly [noted](#) his remarks were “a sharp departure from the anti-immigrant rhetoric he typically uses on the campaign trail.” MSNBC [observed](#) — correctly, I would add — that Trump’s comments were an attempt to “compromise on the issue and dangle a carrot” in hopes that he would provide “people in the tech world with an incentive to give him some extra cash.”



The graphic features a red background with a white floral pattern. In the top left is a circular seal with a figure and the text 'ADORAMUS TUUM NIKON T.A.N'. To the right, 'TAN BOOKS' is written in large, white, serif font. Below this, the text 'SUPPORT CFN BY USING OUR REFERRAL LINK!' is written in bold, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom left is a QR code, and at the bottom right, the URL 'HTTPS://LDDY.NO/1JS4L' is displayed in bold, black, sans-serif font inside a white rounded rectangle.

Trump’s overtures to the business community have lured corporate titans perhaps sensing that Biden is a sinking ship to move into his corner. Blackstone Group CEO Steve

Schwarzman recently said he is backing Trump despite having previously [condemned](#) him for January 6. Schwarzman, who is Jewish, [cited](#) the “dramatic rise of antisemitism” for why he reconsidered his position. Presumably Joe Biden, whose [cabinet](#) is [chock full](#) of Jewish Americans, isn’t doing enough on the issue.

Other Big Business types [have followed](#) suite, including long-time [Democratic donor](#) Bill Ackman. Ackman, also Jewish, endorsed Trump in an X [post](#). “The abortion issue has been a critical one for many Americans. Trump’s message tonight on abortion should be comforting to many of these voters,” he said, referring to [Trump’s remarks](#) during his debate with Biden in June.

Some commentators have [suggested](#) Ohio GOP Senator J.D. Vance, Trump’s Vice Presidential running mate who is bankrolled by homosexual billionaire Peter Thiel, is the reason why Big Tech is shifting toward Trump. That seems to be true, especially with [news](#) that Elon Musk is now going to make concurrent \$45 million dollar donations to a pro-Trump Super PAC each month from here on out.

Although one can’t fault Trump for casting as wide a net as possible to ensure he is re-elected, I can’t help but wonder what happened to the 2016 Trump, who, in the face of jeers from elite GOP donors at a primary debate, [declared](#), “I want to do the right thing for the American public. I don’t want their money; I don’t need their money. I am the only one up here that can say that.” One hopes that his [welcoming](#) of Sean O’Brien, the president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, to speak at the RNC was a sign he isn’t going to allow himself to be ruled by big money donors. After all, O’Brien’s remark that elites “have no party” and “have no nation” is undoubtedly true.

Culture Warrior No More?

Perhaps Trump’s brush with death will make him re-assess his recent softening on abortion and other culture war policies near and dear to religious conservatives.

On multiple occasions since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned in 2022, Trump has said he supports “exceptions” for women to kill their pre-born child. He’s also [called](#) Florida’s heartbeat bill “terrible” and [said](#) the Supreme Court in Arizona went “too far” in its near-total ban on abortion.

While repeatedly [encouraging](#) politicians who have strong beliefs about protecting the unborn to “follow their heart,” his many pro-choice statements have effectively twisted their arm to adopt his position, which is basically the same as Bill Clinton’s “safe, legal, and rare” approach in the 1990s.

Whether that is a prudential shift to the middle given the many losses pro-lifers have experienced at the ballot box in recent years is up for debate. What matters is that Trump's influence was felt when the Republican National Committee [re-wrote](#) the party's platform to support his views. The revised text scrapped previous language that explicitly called for a federal abortion ban. In 2016, abortion was mentioned 35 times in the platform. Now, it is mentioned once, and only in reference to late-term abortions, which are extremely rare anyway.

Florida GOP Senator Marco Rubio, a Catholic, has come out in support of the changes. "I think our platform has to reflect our nominee," he [said](#) on CNN. Vance himself, who converted to Catholicism in 2019, has expressed his support for chemical abortion pills. "Donald Trump is the pragmatic leader here. He's saying most abortion policy is going to be decided by the states," Vance [said](#) on *Meet the Press*.

Trump is an LGBT Ally

Beyond abortion, Trump is [fully on board](#) with in-vitro fertilization and the LGBT agenda, two core pillars of the culture of death.

While admirably telling audiences he wants to [keep males out of girls' sports](#) (a position even Bruce "Caitlyn" Jenner [supports](#)), Trump has given his full support to so-called "gay conservatives."

Not only did his wife Melania host a [fundraiser](#) for Log Cabin Republicans (a pro-homosexual group) at Mar-a-Lago in April, she [welcomed](#) them to her private residence at Trump Tower three months later. Trump himself [phoned into](#) one of their meetings in June, having previously [hosted](#) them for a gala at Mar-a-Lago after Biden signed a same-sex "marriage" bill into law in December 2022.

Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, the former Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, [described](#) that event as a "scandal" that indicated "the deep state has contaminated the entire political elite without distinction, even involving Donald Trump, who up until now seemed to be a source of hope for the future of the United States."

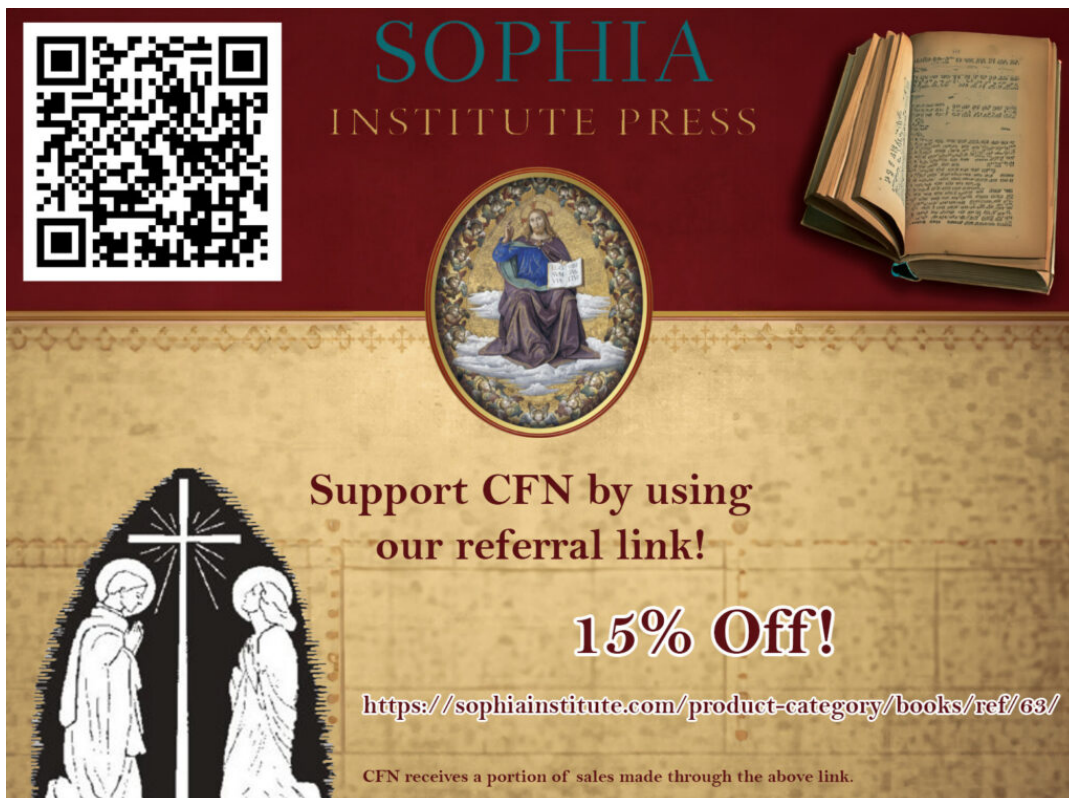
Abortion wasn't the only issue diluted in the GOP's platform. The party also [dropped](#) its opposition to homosexual "marriage," causing the Log Cabin Republicans to [rejoice](#), confirming fears that it has drifted irrevocably leftward under Trump.

None of this should be surprising, of course. In 2016, before assuming office, Trump [told 60 Minutes](#) that he's "fine" with homosexual "marriage." "It's irrelevant because it was already

settled. It's law. It was settled in the Supreme Court. I mean, it's done," he told Deep State mouthpiece Leslie Stahl.

What's more, in 2020, Trump loyalist Rick Grenell, who served as his Ambassador to Germany, as well as his Acting Director of National Intelligence, called him "the most pro-gay president in American history." To which Trump [replied](#), "My great honor!!!"

To his credit, Trump has repeatedly drawn [attention](#) to the FBI's "[persecution](#)" of traditional Catholics. He's called for gender ideology to be removed from schools and has accused the Biden regime of having "[weaponized](#)" the intelligence agencies against pro-lifers. He says he will put an end to all that if re-elected. That's great. But Trump has also [quadrupled down](#) on Operation Warp Speed, his pro-COVID 19 vaccination program. As the saying goes, conservatism is just liberalism in slow motion. That's more true today than ever before seeing how under Donald Trump — who never really was a conservative in the first place — the Republican Party has essentially become what the Democratic Party was ten years ago on social issues. One only fears what it will be ten years from now.



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Foreign Policy and Israel

Despite the fact the liberal American and global media empire opposes Trump for many of

his domestic policies, what is most alarming for them this time around — and is what likely motivated the assassination attempt — is his pro-peace stance on the wars in Israel and Ukraine.

It goes without saying that Joe Biden has had a frosty relationship with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Not only has Biden [publicly speculated](#) that Netanyahu is prolonging the war in Gaza to stay in power (which he is), he dragged his feet on giving Israel weapons [out of fear](#) they would end up being used on civilians.

Furious over the decision, Netanyahu recorded a [video](#) complaining about how “it’s inconceivable that in the past few months, the [Biden] administration has been withholding weapons.” He then remarked that “during World War II, Churchill told the United States, ‘Give us the tools, we’ll do the job.’ And I say, give us the tools and we’ll finish the job a lot faster.”

During his debate with Biden, Trump echoed Netanyahu’s talking points by saying Israel needs to “finish the job.” He also disgustingly said Biden has “become like a Palestinian” by not being more supportive of Israel’s demands.

Current [estimates](#) place the Gaza death toll just north of 35,000, with [most](#) of the casualties being women and children. Some reports [claim](#) it is closer to 186,000. Latin Patriarchate Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa has repeatedly [exposed](#) the [war crimes](#) carried out by the Israeli Defense Force, which [raided](#) the Catholic Sacred Family school this month, [killing](#) four.

At first glance, it appears Trump has adopted the Nikki Haley approach, and that he has given his carte blanche support for Israel and Netanyahu. “Support Israel whatever they need whenever they need it, no questions asked,” Haley has [previously](#) said.

At the same time, Trump’s own relationship with Netanyahu, as well as his official position on the conflict, is not so simple. Just two months into his presidency in 2017, Trump urged Netanyahu at a press conference to [stop erecting](#) settlements. “I’d like you to hold back ... a little bit,” he said.

In a 2021 interview, Trump accused Netanyahu of betraying him after the 2020 election. “There was no one who did more for Netanyahu than me. There was no one who did for Israel more than I did. And the first person to run to greet Joe Biden was Netanyahu,” Trump [exclaimed](#). “I’ve not spoken to [Netanyahu] since. F**k him.”

What’s more, after the October 7 attack in Israel (which Netanyahu [reportedly](#) knew about

beforehand), Trump [criticized](#) him for not being better prepared. Ron DeSantis and Nikki Haley, Trump's main opponents during the primary, [rebuked](#) him for saying that, as clear a sign as any of their fealty to the Zionist lobby.

During an interview with Jewish journalist Barak Ravid in 2021, Trump also said he felt Netanyahu was [leading him along](#) in peace negotiations. He praised Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas as being "almost like a father" figure with whom he "had a great" meeting. "I thought the Palestinians were impossible, and the Israelis would do anything to make peace and a deal," Trump said, frustrating Zionists. "I found that not to be true."

So why does any of this matter? After all, Trump and his son-in-law Jared Kushner put into place many policies that benefitted Israel when he was president, including the United States' recognition of the Golan Heights and Jerusalem as its capitol. Well, big-time Jewish donors were not supporting Trump in the GOP primary in 2024.

An article published by the *Times of Israel* earlier this year [reported](#) that "the [Jewish Republican] establishment" was "pulling their checkbooks out" for Nikki Haley. "They don't want Trump as the nominee," the *Times* said.

Politico likewise [found](#) that Haley's political advocacy group, Stand For America, Inc., received \$250,000 donations in 2019 from former Trump mega-donor Sheldon Adelson (who died in 2021) and his wife Miriam Adelson, both of whom are staunch Zionists. Haley, who met with Miriam while attending a Republican Jewish Coalition event in 2021, [told](#) radio show host Hugh Hewitt last October that she would "give Israel whatever they need" in its war in Gaza. Axios [reported](#) that Mike Pence flew to Israel in 2023 on Adelson's private jet.

This is all crucial to note as it shines light on the dynamics at play with Trump's stance on Israel, which is more transactional than anything. Indeed, Adelson herself has [allegedly pledged](#) to spend more than \$100 million to ensure Trump gets back in the White House. But [according to](#) Jewish website *Haaretz*, she "wants Israeli sovereignty over the West Bank" in return. In other words, she wants complete Israeli hegemony in the region. Netanyahu wants the same, and is seeking to expand his conflict to Lebanon and Iran to create a Greater Israel in order to build the third temple. But Trump already prevented him from annexing the West Bank during his first term. "I got angry and I stopped it, because that was really going too far. That was going way too far," he [said](#) in his interview with Ravid.

Importantly, Trump also [told](#) *Time Magazine* in April he would not rule out withholding aid to ensure the war in Gaza comes to an end. Cell phone footage at an Ultimate Fighting

Championship also showed Trump [telling](#) one of the competitors that he will “stop the war” in Palestine. In March, he [told](#) *Israel Hayom*, an Israeli daily newspaper founded by Adelson, that, “Israel has to be very careful, because you’re losing a lot of the world, you’re losing a lot of support, you have to finish up, you have to get the job done. And you have to get on to peace, to get on to a normal life for Israel, and for everybody else.” These are all clear signs that Trump, unlike Haley, is not willing to go along with whatever Netanyahu wants in an expanded campaign. Netanyahu is obviously aware of this, and knows the clock is running out for him if Trump is re-elected, and that Trump’s victory likely means his ousting from office and a [possible guilty verdict](#) in [his corruption trial](#), which could [land](#) him in [jail](#).

Ukraine and Israel are Connected

It is not unreasonable to think that the attack on Trump’s life on July 13, the date of Our Lady of Fatima’s third appearance in Portugal in 1917, is tied to his resistance to Israel’s desire for a wider conflict.

Think back to the JFK assassination. The same group of people who gave the order for his death seems to be the same people who tried to take out Trump. They wanted to send the same message they did with President Kennedy by using the same method of execution — blowing the president’s head off on live television.

And who was it that Kennedy was standing up to? Well, the CIA wanted him to invade Cuba, and he wouldn’t. But he and his brother, then-Attorney General Robert Kennedy, had also [taken steps](#) to have the American Zionist Council register as a foreign entity. Doing so would have limited its influence on political affairs. Their failure to do so has resulted in the Council’s successor, the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, sending “babysitters” to monitor lawmakers to ensure they vote the way they want them to, or so Kentucky GOP Congressman Thomas Massie [told](#) Tucker Carlson recently.

Additionally, Kennedy [opposed](#) Israel’s efforts to build a nuclear weapons program, infuriating then-Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. He insisted that the U.S. conduct regular inspections of their Dimona facility. It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to conclude that Israel had the most to gain from Kennedy no longer being president.

It doesn’t seem unreasonable, therefore, to believe that the Zionist-controlled Western media apparatus threw Joe Biden overboard after the debate in order to bolster Trump’s candidacy. Then, with Trump being the frontrunner, he would be taken out and replaced by the unapologetically pro-Israel Nikki Haley, who would be named the GOP’s nominee by the party’s wealthiest donors — folks like Miriam Adelson — at its convention in Milwaukee, thereby handing Netanyahu a controllable asset in his desire for a world war.

The reason why that possibility seems even more probable to me is the fact that Haley herself is 100% supportive of more bombs being dropped in the Middle East — and in Ukraine. But Trump has been opposed to war in Ukraine for years. Recall that during a CNN town hall in May 2023, Trump [called for peace](#) in the country so that people will “stop dying.” After rejecting the moderator’s repeated attempts for him to call Putin a “war criminal,” Trump replied by noting, “Russians and Ukrainians, I want them to stop dying. And I’ll have that done in 24 hours. You need the power of the presidency to do it.”

Trump’s desire for peace in Ukraine — which is really just a money laundering scheme for Satan-worshipping, corrupt politicians in the West at this point — has drawn the ire of pro-Israeli commentators as well.

“Ukraine and Israel are the military frontlines of this struggle — autocracies versus democracies,” Andrew Fox has [said](#) on X. “The Iranian regime is ... providing Russia with artillery shells and drones to fight in Ukraine.” Fox [remarked](#) that Iran “will have more rockets to fire at you when they no longer need to provide them to Russia for the war in Ukraine.”

Shaiel Ben-Ephraim has also [explained](#) that “the only way Israel wins is if Ukraine wins and vice versa. We have to stop this multi-headed hydra at the source: the Kremlin.”

One curious development that makes one pause and think about who may have given the order is that U.S. intelligence communities are now [claiming](#) that Iran has been caught working on a plan to kill Trump. In my eyes, this is an obvious attempt to deflect any and all attention from Israel. It also lays the groundwork for the media to blame any future assassination they carry out on Trump (which is very likely) on Iran. Doing that would make it easy to shift public opinion of patriotic Americans away from Trump’s pro-peace policy to a 9/11 level of support for the U.S. to get more heavily involved in the region, which is exactly what Netanyahu wants. As influencer Michael Cernovich [said](#) in an X post, “The Deep State wants war with Iran. What better way than for them to ‘kill two birds with one stone’ by removing Trump and leaving the body on Iran? That’s what they want. Beware!”

A Pro-Peace Alternative to the NWO

If Donald Trump had been killed on July 13, what would have happened? One possibility is that CIA-backed “patriot” groups would have started a pseudo “insurrection” and burned the country down Black Lives Matter style. In response, Joe Biden would have activated the National Guard, invoked Martial Law, and perhaps cancelled the election altogether.

Whatever might have taken place, God spared us from it by protecting Trump on that stage.

Only He knows where things go from here. The media — and those who gave the order to take Trump out — did not have a Plan B. They are in uncharted territory.

The questions now being asked are whether a real or false flag attempt will be made on the life of Joe Biden if he doesn't step aside. Many are also wondering if there will be another effort made on Trump's life. Some are speculating that cyber attacks and energy grid outages might occur on the American homeland.

While we do not know if any of that will happen, what is for certain is that the liberal democratic world order, what my *LifeSiteNews* colleague Frank Wright [calls](#) the “long 20th century,” is coming to an end. It is not a question of when, but how. Trump was merely the latest target in its last desperate attempt to cling to power. Recall that in recent months, Slovakia's [Robert Fico](#) and Hungary's [Viktor Orbán](#), both of whom have been calling for peace in Ukraine, were victims of assassination plots as well. Hopefully, Trump, who [welcomed](#) Orbán to Mar-a-Lago to discuss a peaceful solution in Ukraine, will not be put under the bullseye again.

Unsurprisingly, Zelensky [said](#) just two days after the Trump assassination attempt that he hopes a representative from Russia will attend his planned November peace summit. This is the first time he has said something to that effect. Is he seeing the writing on the wall and looking for an off-ramp to save his own life?

Archbishop Viganò recognized the connection between Fico, Orbán, and Trump in an X post calling for prayers while noting the sinister attacks made on each of them.

“Adding to the previous criminal attacks against avowedly anti-globalist political leaders, is now this terrible attempt to eliminate President Donald J. Trump, the leading opponent of the radical globalist Left,” His Excellency [said](#). “Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico and Hungarian Prime Minister Victor Orbán have escaped similar criminal attacks. Their staunch opposition to the New World Order and their defense of national sovereignty unite them with President Trump.” The “subversive diabolical power of the international deep state is evident, is there for all to see. Its crimes against God and humanity can no longer be hidden.”



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Leading America Back to God?

It is no small thing what happened to Donald Trump on July 13. He should not be alive. Despite his personal flaws and his policy failures on social issues he is a historic figure who has escaped death by a miracle. He seems to be a vessel (albeit flawed and far from ideal) chosen by Our Lord for this moment in history. As atheist Jewish author Yuval Harari [said](#) earlier this year, “If [Donald Trump is elected again], it is likely to be ... the death blow to what remains of the global order.” We should pray he accomplishes that.

While it is right to be critical of Trump, it cannot be [forgotten](#) that Catholic layman Tom Zimmer, the famous “hermit of Loreto,” [prophesied in the 1980s](#) that Trump would “lead America back to God.” Private revelation is not binding on Catholics, but it is certainly worth reflecting on his vision more.

Archbishop Viganò’s assessment of Trump is likely what many Catholics have thought about him over the past several years. In October 2020, Viganò [described](#) Trump as a “*kathèkon*” who was standing in the way of the New World Order. In December 2022, His Excellency [rebuked](#) Trump for hosting the Log Cabin Republicans at Mar-a-Lago. He said that the event was a sign that “the deep state has contaminated the entire political elite without distinction, even involving Donald Trump, who up until now seemed to be a source of hope for the future of the United States.” Then, Viganò [clarified](#) to *Catholic Family News*’ Matt

Gaspers in August 2023 that Trump “can be a sort of *katechon* if he is clear about the global *coup d’état* perpetrated by the deep state.” Finally, after Trump’s assassination attempt last weekend, Viganò [heralded](#) Trump as “the leading opponent of the radical globalist Left” and one of the few remaining “avowedly anti-globalist political leaders” in the West.

Trump is representative of the contradiction of the modern age we live in. He is a non-Catholic, seemingly on a righteous crusade, but without being particularly close to Christ. Yet he also appears to have a justified anger towards the global ruling class, a class he was part of for decades. He now wants to fight against them by undoing their policies and bringing peace to war-torn nations, all while simultaneously looking the other way on abortion, but also pledging to defend the rights of Christians to live without being harassed by their government. In some ways, this mimics all of us in the spiritual life, does it not? Some days, we are saints. Others, sinners. When we fall, we go to Confession and promise to do better the next time. Hopefully Mr. Trump, having been given a second chance at life, will do that in the years he has left on this earth. Our prayers can certainly help him in that regard.