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## Is Donald Trump a lame duck president?

New polling data indicates the American people are increasingly frustrated with Donald Trump's Israel First approach to the Middle East.

A Gallup survey [released](#) Tuesday revealed that only 32 percent of Americans approve Israel's war on Gaza. This is a 10 percent drop from last September. <sup>[1]</sup>

The survey also found that 60 percent of Americans disapprove of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is now viewed negatively by 52 percent of Americans, the highest since the late 1990s.

Gallup additionally discovered that only 9 percent of Americans under 35 approve of Israel's actions in Gaza.

This historic shift is confirmed by a [study](#) released by Pew in April that showed half of Republicans under 50 held unfavorable views of Israel. <sup>[2]</sup>

The Zionist lobby in the US should be alarmed, very alarmed, by these numbers. The indoctrination tactics it has used on Evangelicals for decades aren't having the same effect on Millennials and Zoomers.

So while GOP Senator Ted Cruz recently told Tucker Carlson that he was "taught in Sunday School" that the Bible commands him to "bless Israel," younger Americans aren't buying that flawed theology.

The further Trump digs his heels in on his pro-Zionist policies, the more at risk he is of becoming not just a lame duck president right now but especially following the mid-terms, as he is on the verge of losing his base altogether.



Credit: Daniel Torok/Official White House photo.

### **Bi-partisan opposition to the war**

Democrats and even a few Republicans are starting to speak out against Israel's barbaric cleansing of civilians in Gaza.

Rep. Marjorie Taylor-Greene recently became the first GOP lawmaker in Congress to call it a genocide.

"It's the most truthful and easiest thing to say that Oct 7th in Israel was horrific and all hostages must be returned, but so is the genocide, humanitarian crisis, and starvation happening in Gaza," she [said](#) in an X post. <sup>[3]</sup>

Democrats are condemning Netanyahu's campaign, too.

Now, whether they have suddenly grown a spine and are concerned about the massacring of innocent life, or if they are merely sensing they have a campaign issue to run on for the upcoming midterms, Democrats and their allies in Washington D.C. appear to be fed up with

the situation.

“The tide is turning. The American people do not want to spend billions to starve children in Gaza,” socialist Bernie Sanders rightly [said](#). “The Democrats are moving forward on this issue, and I look forward to Republican support in the near future.” [\[4\]](#)

Earlier this week 27 Senate Democrats banded together to [block](#) the sale of assault rifles to Israel. A similar number voted to halt the sale of bombs and other weapons. [\[5\]](#)

Sanders, who is ethnically Jewish but does not practice any religion, brought the measures to the Senate floor.

Ahead of the vote the Trump administration issued a [statement](#) saying it “strongly opposes” the passage of the resolution. [\[6\]](#)



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### An Israel First policy

Trump has sided with Israel in other ways, causing many to speculate that he is doing so because he's implicated in the Epstein files.

“Canada has just announced that it is backing statehood for Palestine. That will make it very

hard for us to make a Trade Deal with them. Oh’ Canada!!!” Trump [said](#) in a recent Truth Social post. [\[7\]](#)

Trump also [approved](#) sanctions on officials of the Palestinian Authority for filing paperwork against Israel with the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice. [\[8\]](#)

If Trump continues to threaten every country that endorses Palestinian statehood he is going to have very few allies left, as France and the UK have also [signaled](#) support for the move. [\[9\]](#)

### **Growing resentment of Israel**

To his credit, Trump seems to be aware that his fealty to the Netanyahu regime is having a negative impact politically.

“My people are starting to hate Israel,” he [reportedly](#) told a Jewish donor recently. [\[10\]](#)

Yes they are, Mr. President.

Perhaps this is why Evangelical Zionist Charlie Kirk emphatically [said](#) on a recent podcast that Israel is “not” starving Palestinians. [\[11\]](#)

Warmonger GOP Senator Tom Cotton has asserted the same thing.

“Children in Gaza aren’t going hungry because of Israel. They’re suffering because Hamas uses food and aid as a weapon to stay in power,” Cotton [said](#) in an X post. [\[12\]](#)

But the cat is out of the bag. Dozens of prominent public figures who are not ideologically aligned are blowing the whistle on the crimes being committed in Gaza.

Geopolitical analyst [John Mearsheimer](#), commentator Piers Morgan, and former Fox News host Megyn Kelly are just a few of the growing number of persons shining a light of the atrocities being carried out there. [\[13\]](#)

“They have lost support amongst their dearest friends. And even the entire Democrat Party here in the United States has turned against them, and they’re losing Republicans by the day here in America, which is their most important ally,” Kelly said of Israel [recently](#). [\[14\]](#)



Charlie Kirk offered up some minor criticisms of Israel in a recent conversation with Gen-Z students

### Christians are also being targeted

Netanyahu is undeterred by the bad publicity, or so it seems. Hell bent on his desire to create “Greater Israel,” he is [reportedly](#) on the verge of launching a campaign to annex the West Bank if Hamas doesn’t agree to a peace deal. [\[15\]](#)

Of course, Netanyahu will likely prolong negotiations to the point where a deal will never be made, and then with Trump’s backing, he’ll send the Israeli military into the region to claim the territory for his own.

Predictably, he too [denied](#) that there is starvation taking place in Gaza. [\[16\]](#)

Christians, meanwhile, are being caught in the crossfire. Not only did Israel bomb Holy Family Catholic Church in Gaza, but illegal Israeli settlers [have terrorized](#) Christians in a village in the West Bank. *LifeSiteNews* has reported that they set cars on fire, threw stones at houses, and spray-painted walls. [\[17\]](#) [\[18\]](#) Sadly, this sort of treatment is [par](#) for the [course](#) for Christians living in the Holy Land these days. [\[19\]](#) [\[20\]](#)

We should pray that President Trump realizes that those with whom he is partnering are enemies of not just Christians but the Church and Christ Himself. If he doesn’t recognize this he will go down in history as an accomplice to genocide, one of the worst things a human being, let alone a president, can be remembered for.



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*"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 13:14)*

## Traditionis Custodes Revelations

### Expose the Folly of a 'Democratized Church'

By Murray Rundus

It is common among both traditionalists and defenders of the post-Conciliar changes to speak of the Second Vatican Council and the subsequent Novus Ordo liturgical reforms as being the "democratization of the Church." To the traditionalist, this is a statement that shows that the post-Conciliar hierarchy has fundamentally acquiesced to Liberal principles, while the Vatican II enthusiasts see this slogan as an emblem of the Church growing closer to the people, the embodiment of the so-called "listening Church." These two things are not actually opposed to one another, but rather the latter is informed by the former and not in the way that many might expect.

While most of us grew up with simplistic notions of the modern Liberal Order being run like a well-oiled machine, with Schoolhouse Rock teaching us "how a bill becomes a law", the actual practice of Liberalism is one predicated on force, lies, and power. This is the eternal problem of Liberalism, as all of the revolutions were themselves based on a violent overturning of a previous regime; the new Liberal regimes have had to justify why their order is somehow better than the one that came before it. The way that this has been achieved is by peddling the myth of "democracy." The reason why this order is better than the last is that the people have the power to choose their leaders and have a say! But, of course, this is nothing more than an illusion of choice as will be



Pope Francis' Traditionis Custodes was fabricated on false pretenses

demonstrated throughout this month's paper in speaking about the current administration and its

advent of disappointments. Our so-called "say" in the affairs of the State is often limited in gerrymandered

territory, decided between two parties, with a small selection of family names, Continued on page 26

## The Epstein Files, Israel, and the MAGA movement

By Stephen Kokx

"I would," then-candidate Donald Trump said during an interview with Fox News in June of last year when asked if he would declassify the Epstein files.

"You don't want to affect people's lives if it's phony stuff in there," he added, "but I think I would."

Trump's comments inspired millions of Americans to vote for him. They — including yours

truly — were expecting transparency on the matter.

But President Trump has proven himself to be somewhat different than candidate Trump.

While speaking to the media in the Cabinet Room last month, Trump complained: "Are you still talking about Jeffrey Epstein? This guy's been talked about for years."

Never mind Trump's campaign promise. Never mind his pledge to "drain

the swamp." This was a mask-off moment for the 45th (and 47th) president, and it has rightly caused America First loyalists to declare that the MAGA movement — and Trump's legacy — has gone down the tubes.

Many are now questioning whether Trump is implicated in the files. He probably is. The likelihood is made all the more apparent in light of the drama that played out between his Zionist FBI Director Kash Patel, Deputy FBI Director Dan Bongino, and Attorney General Pam Bondi.

More fuel has been added to the fire thanks to Epstein's accomplice, Ghislaine Maxwell, stating that she would testify to Congress about what she knows. That won't happen, of course, especially in



President Donald Trump is facing trouble in the first year of his new administration.

light of House Republicans blocking a measure that would have forced the files to be released.

If nothing else, Democrats have been gifted a massive

campaign issue they can run on in the mid-terms. They should consider themselves fortunate, as up until now they were in Continued on page 21

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