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### **Charlie Kirk** Oct. 14, 1993 - Sept. 10, 2025

Many may have seen the movie, Tora! Tora! Tora! where Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, regarding the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor by forces of Imperial Japan, stated, "I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve."

Well, a young deviant man has done the same thing to our nation, and the world, after he martyred Charlie Kirk at Utah Valley University last Wednesday. The hate-filled young man chose to use a 30.06 to end the life of a man that realized college students are being mind-controlled by left-leaning professors bent on radicalizing them on life, liberty and Jesus.

I was at work when I received a text that Charlie Kirk had been shot in the neck; at that point, it was a surface wound. The next look on news networks was word that Kirk had died of the bullet wound that destroyed his carotid artery and killed him in seconds.

I don't have to describe to many of you how I felt; the utter hollowness and pain were hard to fathom. Apparently, my desire to go to church was not uncommon as prayer vigils on street corners grew, churches filled and people fell to their knees to cry out to Jesus to help them through the pain.

Charlie Kirk was a human being who loved Jesus with his whole heart; his biggest desire was to be a good and faithful servant to God Almighty – and he accomplished that. He brought thousands of college kids to Christ and opened their minds to what a life of joy could be like, not a life of bondage to whatever liberal, sinful deviant behavior is the weirdness de' jour.

Charlie's funeral has not been held yet; the memorial service is scheduled to be held at the State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., on Sunday, Sept. 21. The stadium holds 60,000 people and President Trump has mentioned he'd like to be there. I foresee standing room only and the parking lot surrounding the stadium full as well.

The shooter thought he was shutting the mouth of a conservative activist that he hated. On the contrary, he awakened millions of people who decided they will not be silenced; rather, they are stepping up to speak out against liberal, left-leaning ideologies and proclaiming Christ as their Lord.

Like touted in the movie and Admiral Yamamoto, the shooter awakened a sleeping giant.

Conservatives were jailed Jan. 6 in the name of a hoax 'insurrection'; they've been targeted by the IRS for their beliefs. The Department of Justice was weaponized against many people, President Trump included, and laws ignored that are for the greater good of our nation.

Evil is being rooted out and like cornered, rabid animals the Left is fighting back with guns. I mentioned this on Facebook the other night – it's interesting that we didn't hear Senators in D.C. crying out for gun control after Kirk was murdered.

Common sense gun control, as AOC states, is not taking our guns away; it's protecting our right to bear firearms as our forefathers intended.

Kirk was martyred as he was proclaiming Christ; the world didn't see our cities burned down, bricks thrown, businesses broken into and looted. The Right doesn't do that sort of thing – what you saw were great numbers of people praying for our nation and crying out to God for justice.

I know, sure as I write this, that there are good Democrats out there – I know some of them. It is time for both the Right and Left to begin calling out the fringe lunatic edges that need mental health help. It is time we stand for what is right, good and Godly; we need to begin saying something if we see something that is evil, wrong or setting up to create chaos and death.

Charlie Kirk founded Turning Point USA; chapters are spread across college campuses. After his death, Turning Point USA chapters went from approximately 25,000 in number to 38,000 in one week. Young people, both Democrat and Republican, realized that their voices were trying to be silenced, and they have decided a different path in expanding a conservative organization that focuses on free speech, freedom of religion and bringing truthful conversation to young people.

Charlie Kirk will go down as a martyr; he died for Christ. And, he will forever be remembered as the one that started the revival among American, and world, young people who don't want to be silenced.

Charlie now walks with Jesus; Charlie's wife, Erika, a force to be reconned with in her own right, has to deal with two young babies and a life without her husband. She knows Jesus, she's smart, and she believes in what Charlie was doing. Turning Point USA will not end with Charlie's death – it's on the precipice of even greater

May God bless their efforts and open even more eyes to the evil that was creeping amongst our young people. God bless Erika Kirk and Turning Point USA; they didn't silence Charlie – they awakened a sleeping giant.

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#### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

### **Those** celebrating martyr of **Charlie Kirk** being rooted out

**Editor:** 

Charlie Kirk's assassination on Sept. 10, 2025, in Utah has started a worldwide backlash against those who are deranged and deluded, those who have spouted hate and lies about anyone they don't agree with. We are no longer complacent and unwilling to speak out against those who are exposing themselves now as evil-minded, hate-filled individuals who have no regard for human lifethose who are celebrating the death of Charlie Kirk are finding themselves out of a job.

Stephen Miller says, "In recent days we have learned just how many Americans in positions of authority-child services,

law clerks, hospital nurses, teachers, government workers, even DOD employees—have been deeply and violently radicalized. The consequence of a vast, organized ecosystem of indoctrination."

Army Colonel Scott Stephens was suspended for saying Charlie Kirk deserved to be assassinated. Andrew Schweitzer, a pilot for United and Sky West has been removed from service. American Airlines pilot Steve Holmes was removed from service. A public-school teacher in Toronto, Canada, who forced 10-year-olds to repeatedly watch graphic assassination video in class was suspended. He told the children that Charlie Kirk "deserved to be murdered."

Wayne Allyn Root says there are videos online of teachers across America celebrating, laughing, dancing, because they are so happy at the news that Charlie is dead.

Judges, NFL employees, FEMA employees, doctors, college administrators, and even a U.S. Marine and a Secret Service agent were thrilled at Charlie's death.

The idea of a public prayer in Congress for Charlie Kirk led to screaming and booing by Democrats. Root says, "This isn't normal. This is evil." This is "under the spell of Satan."

Leftists on Roblox are uploading sick games for children to watch the shooting.

In March of 2022, Charlie Kirk said that Utah Governor Spencer Cox should be expelled from the Republican Party for "refusing to protect women's sports" and pandering to "the trans lobby to continue the destruction of children. Why? He is likely being paid off by Big

Pharma who make billions off hormone blockers and chemical castration."

Seth Gruber calls the

Trans ideology "demonic," and lists various shooters: Denver Shooter: Trans, Aberdeen Shooter: Trans, Nashville Shooter: Trans, Philadelphia Shooter: Trans, Colorado Springs Shooter: Non-Binary, Iowa Shooter: Gender Fluid, Minneapolis Shooter: Trans, Charlie Kirk Shoot-

Democrat Senator John Fetterman says Democrats need to turn the temperature down and stop calling Republicans fascists.

er: Trans-partner

**President Trump claims** George Soros is behind the funding, training, and radicalization of young people, fueling terror and extremism. Trump says Soros and his entire network will be investigated under RICO charges.

> **Ruth McGrew** Centerville

## Charlie Kirk, RIP

**MAKING SENSE** BY MICHAEL REAGAN

I was obviously a fan of the 31-year-old conservative political activist who captured the hearts and minds of millions of college kids and built Turning Point USA into a potent force that helped put Donald Trump back in

the White House. But my daughter Ashley, 42, was much more familiar than I was with Kirk's political and cultural message that stressed old-fashioned family values, Christian faith and reasoned debate with his ideological enemies.

A mother, a Catholic school teacher and the wife of an LAPD officer, Ashley was hit hard by the murder of a good young man she feels was the conservative voice of her generation – the digital generation.

By Ashley Reagan My generation and I learned a lot about politics from Charlie Kirk.

I was first drawn to the baby-faced conservative during Trump's first election in 2016. I never saw him in person, but I followed him on social media and almost every time he visited a college campus I watched on YouTube.

You could always tell he deeply believed what he was talking about, whether it was the importance of the Second Amendment, the evil of abortion or the absurdity of biological men having babies.

His Christian faith was strong and unapologetic. So were his moral convictions. He lived with such intent, with such purpose, and it showed in everything he did.

When you watch somebody like that, it's almost mesmerizing – which is why I think he had the impact he did on young people.

One of my favorite

things he talked about was his role as a husband and father, and the importance of a husband working hard to take care of his family financially so his wife can stay home and take care of the children.

That traditional position earned him a lot of flak from liberals, but he didn't

Another thing I liked about Kirk was that he

wasn't afraid to talk straight to the college kids who disagreed 180 degrees with him politically.

He debated with them eloquently in front of unfriendly crowds. He was never malicious. He never raised his voice. And he was never disrespectful.

The liberal media made him out to be some radical rightwing extremist, but

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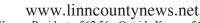
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