

Shooting the Messenger

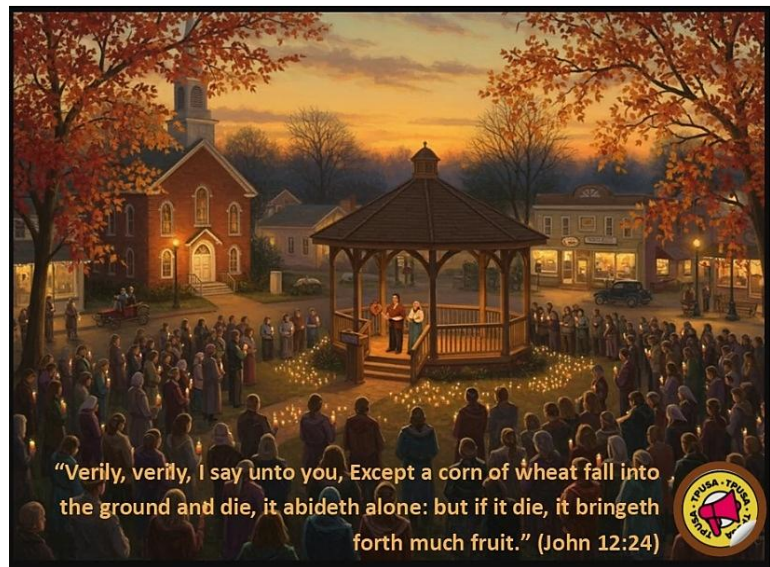
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The world was shocked recently with the horrific assassination of Charlie Kirk, the founder of Turning Point USA, on September 10, 2025. Only 31 years old, the outspoken, conservative father of two small children was silenced by a sniper's bullet.

Or was he?

In the following days, Erika Kirk, Charlie's grieving widow, spoke out about the loss of her husband, telling the world that his voice would live on. September 12, on Fox News, she said to her husband's killer, "If you thought my husband's mission was powerful before, you have no idea. You have no idea what you just have unleashed across this entire country, and this world." And, indeed, inquiries about starting new Turning Point USA chapters across America and around the world began pouring in in record numbers as thousands of young people voiced their desire to carry on Charlie's vision.



Contrast the reaction of Charlie Kirk's family, friends, fellow patriots, conservatives, and Christians on the right with the rampaging, senseless, rioting that typically follows the death of some Leftist activist. Spontaneous prayer vigils quickly sprung up, filling town squares and public spaces across America. No rioting. No smashing store windows. No looting. No setting fire to police cars. No pallets of frozen water bottles and bricks. No blocking streets. Calm. Peaceful. Respectful. Prayerful. Civil. They even cleaned up after themselves.

Imagine if Charlie had been a leftist agitator and his assassin a right wing MAGA supporter.

So why was Charlie killed?

Well, we could try to get inside the head of his alleged killer, who told his trans boyfriend, "Why did I do it? ... I had enough of his hatred. Some hate can't be negotiated out." However, I don't think that will provide the real reason for the killing. To do that we need to get to the heart of the issue – literally – because it is a heart issue, not a head issue.

In Jeremiah 17:9, the Bible tells us that, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” The Bible further tells us in Proverbs 6:18 that the “heart...deviseth wicked imaginations”. These two passages reveal the real motivation for Charlie Kirk’s murder: evil.

Consider Genesis 6:5, for instance:

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Now, this was written to describe the degenerate condition of mankind just before God destroyed the world with a flood. However, Jesus, in Matthew 24:37-39, said that we would see a resurgence of similar evil conditions in the latter days:

But as the days of Noe [Noah] were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

The killing of Charlie Kirk, as well as the surge in violent attacks, murders, and mass shootings, reflects a return to the wicked conditions plaguing the world in Noah’s day. We are living in a day when “...the wicked boasteth of his heart’s desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth (Psalm 10:3)” and “...the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart (Psalm 11:2)”. It also indicates that we are edging ever closer to the return of Jesus Christ.

Along with the increase of violence in the world, there has also been a steady rejection of biblical morality. Jesus foretold that as well in Luke 17:28-30:

²⁸Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; ²⁹But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. ³⁰Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

In fact, polls indicate a troubling trend in this regard. Percentages of people identifying as LGBT have been increasing. Consider the following chart illustrating the increase of those identifying as LGBT from our oldest generation, the Silent Generation, to our youngest generation, Gen Z:

Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity, by Generation, 2022

	Silent Pre-1946	Baby Boomers 1946-1964	Gen X (Busters) 1965-1980	Millennials 1981-1996	Gen Z 1997-2012
Total LGBT	1.7	2.7	3.3	11.2	19.7
Lesbian	0.2	0.7	0.5	1.5	2.2
Gay	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.9	3.4
Bisexual	0.6	0.7	1.6	6.9	13.1
Transgender	<0.05	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.9
Other LGBT	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.5

Sum of categories may exceed the total because respondents can choose multiple identities.

Based on aggregated data from 2022 Gallup telephone polls.

Source: <https://news.gallup.com/poll/470708/lgbt-identification-steady.aspx>

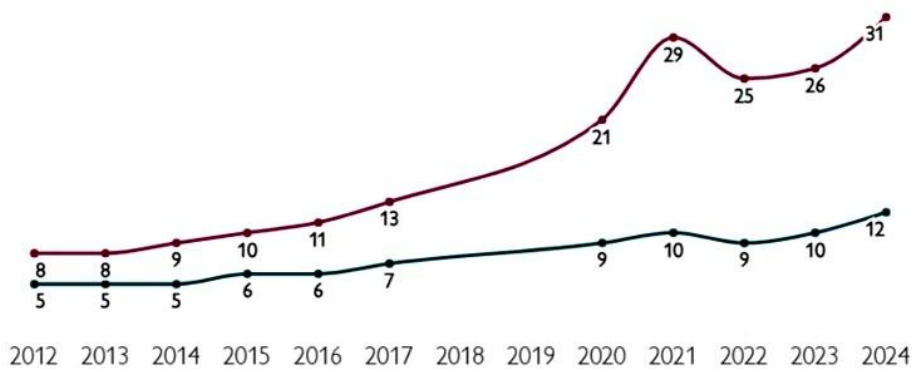
As you can see, the percent of those identifying as LGBT increased steadily with each generation, surging from 1.7% of the Silent Generation to a staggering 19.7% of Gen Z.

Taking a closer look at Gen Z, the numbers reveal that the drift from biblical morality is growing worse each year, especially among young women. Gen Z males who identify as LGBTQ have risen from 5% in 2012 to 12% in 2024. However, in the same time frame, the number of Gen Z women who identify as LGBTQ has risen from 8% to 31%.

Nearly One in Three Young Women Identifies as LGBTQ

Percentage of Americans ages 18-29 who identify as LGBTQ

■ Young Men ■ Young Women



Source: Gallup U.S. Daily Polls; Gallup Demographic Trends

Beginning in 2022, Gallup asked about non-binary gender identity. The results presented here do not include respondents who identify as "non-binary"

Source: <https://www.americansurveycenter.org/newsletter/whats-behind-the-rapid-rise-in-lgbtq-identity/>



Reflecting on these troubling statistics brings us back to our question as to why Charlie Kirk was killed. Charlie Kirk directly confronted Gen Z's headlong rush into hedonism by heading into the belly

of the beast, our nation's high schools, colleges, and universities, challenging young people to return to conservative, biblical values and to follow Jesus Christ as their Saviour. And this set Charlie directly in the Devil's crosshairs.

Consider what Paul writes in 2 Timothy 3:12:

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

You see, when you begin to make a difference for Christ, you become a threat to Satan's plans. And, when you become a threat to Satan's plans, he moves to shut you down. First, he tries to distract you with unimportant, immaterial, or even foolish pursuits. If that does not work, he moves on to threats and intimidation. When those fail, he ups the ante using personal attacks, bodily harm, and even death.

Consequently, you can see how Charlie Kirk was a direct threat to Satan's plans for our young people. He could not be diverted away from his call for biblical morality and a return to God and His Word. Charlie Kirk was becoming way too effective reaching America's youth, and his influence was spreading to other countries and other age groups as well. He could not be distracted, he could not be intimidated, he could not be muzzled, so the Devil determined to kill him. Charlie was too great a threat; he had to be silenced. If it wasn't that warped young man in Utah, it would have been someone or something else somewhere else.

Knowing why Charlie Kirk was assassinated is one thing. But, seeing that he was making such a difference for Christ, why did God allow his life to be snuffed out?

Well, I cannot fully answer that question. Nevertheless, I think Jesus gives us an indication in John 12:24, where He says:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

As I mentioned earlier, applications to start new Turning Point USA chapters across the country and around the world have surged to unprecedented numbers. The State of Oklahoma even announced that every public high school in the state was going to have a TPUSA chapter. Young people – and not so young people – are standing up in droves, vowing to take up his mantle. The Charlie Kirk Memorial Service, which was carried on all major networks and broadcast platforms, carried a clear presentation of the Gospel message to an estimated 100+ million to over 200 million viewers worldwide. Maybe, just maybe, we are beginning to see a fulfillment of what Joseph said to his brothers in Genesis 50:20:

But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

And, just maybe, the Devil is beginning to regret his decision to shoot God's messenger.

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