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# [‘Blinded by blood and hatred’ – Erdoğan renews belligerent rhetoric against Israel, Netanyahu | All Israel News.com](#)

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Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan continued his sharp rhetoric against Israel and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over the past couple of days, comparing the prime minister to Hitler, and saying he is “blinded by blood and hatred.”

Erdoğan’s remarks came during the International Conference of Asia Political Parties (ICAPP) Women’s branch in Istanbul over the weekend, where he repeated previous claims that Israel is a “genocidal” entity while addressing the delegates.

One claim he repeated at the conference, as he spoke about the treatment of women, is that casualties from the Oct. 7 Gaza War were primarily women and children, saying that “the vast majority of the more than 72,000 civilians brutally murdered by Israel in Gaza were women and children.”

The Gaza Health Ministry estimates that 72,000 people in total died during the conflict. In its death tolls during the Gaza war, the ministry does not distinguish between deaths due to the war or deaths from other causes, such as existing medical conditions, illness, or other reasons. Additionally, the GHM does not distinguish between civilians and militants in its figures.

Independent analyses of the GHM figures show that, along with widespread discrepancies, around half of all deaths are men, the majority of whom are combat-age men.

Erdoğan also accused Israel of crimes in Lebanon, saying, “On the day the ceasefire was declared, Israel brutally murdered 254 Lebanese. This genocidal network, blinded by blood and hatred, continues to kill innocent children, women, and civilians, disregarding all human values and ignoring all rules and principles.

He continued his attack by claiming that the recently approved death penalty law for terrorism in Israel is “only for Palestinian prisoners,” calling it a form of “apartheid” and asking, “is there a fundamental difference between Hitler’s monstrous policies towards Jews and the decision taken by the Israeli parliament?”

Erdoğan’s comments come as Turkish prosecutors are reportedly seeking almost [4,600 years](#) of prison time for 35 Israeli officials, including Prime Minister Netanyahu, Defense Minister Israel Katz, and others, over the interception of the anti-Israel [October 2025 “Sumud” Flotilla](#).

On Saturday evening, Prime Minister Netanyahu made his own criticism of Erdoğan on social media, writing, "Israel under my leadership will continue to fight Iran's terror regime and its proxies, unlike Erdogan who accommodates them and massacred his own Kurdish citizens."

Netanyahu was apparently referring to Turkey's hosting of several Hamas leaders, its statements of support for Iran since the start of the war, and its repeated attacks on Kurdish civilians, both inside Turkey and in northern Syria.

On Sunday, Erdoğan responded with more belligerent rhetoric, saying that Turkey could decide to confront Israel militarily, according to reports in several news outlets, including *The Jerusalem Post*.

"We must be strong to prevent Israel from doing this to Palestine," Erdogan was reported to have told reporters on Sunday, again accusing Israel of war crimes.

"Just as we entered Karabakh, just as we entered Libya, we will do the same to them," he added. "There is nothing to prevent us from doing it. We just need to be strong so that we can take these steps. There is no reason not to do it."

Israeli Heritage Minister Amichai Eliyahu responded to the Turkish provocation on social media, writing, "Turkey, which conquered Northern Cyprus and controls Kurdish territories in the east, dares to lecture us on morality."

"Turkey, which built its economy on the Armenian Genocide, dares to accuse us of genocide," he continued. He went on to note that Jews have been falsely accused of many crimes throughout history, saying, "Always after every 'trial,' we came back stronger."

"And so it will be against this megalomaniacal dictator with imperialist ambitions who thinks to be an Ottoman Sultan, while he is no more than a pathetic tyrant of a country with a collapsing economy and a dead democracy," Eliyahu wrote, saying that he would "demand from the Foreign Minister and the Prime Minister to close the (Turkish) embassy and consulate immediately."

# [Silence in the pews: What comes from Finland's hate-speech ruling? | MSN.com](#)

#bibleprophecy, #christian, #persecution, #finland, #hate speech

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In a 3-2 vote last week, Finland's Supreme Court found a parliamentarian and her Lutheran bishop guilty of hate speech for "making and keeping available to the public a text that insults a group of people."

The court fined her 1,800 euros (\$2,077) and ordered her passages to be destroyed and taken down.

The text in question was a pamphlet that the member of parliament, Päivi Räsänen, wrote in 2004. It said, "The Church is in great peril where it is tempted to demonstrate its approval of homosexual relationships."

It also included a passage that quoted Finnish psychiatrist Asser Stenbäck, who said, "Life contrary to anatomy is unnatural." Räsänen then wrote, "Sexual anomalies do not include the gift of creation, but are developmental disorders that can also be healed."

Finland's highest court ruled that Räsänen's latter statement was incorrect.

In the same ruling, the court acquitted Räsänen of allegations that a 2019 X post, featuring a [photo of scripture \(Romans 1:24-27\)](#), was hate speech. She had directed the post at her church, after they sponsored a Pride event.

Räsänen has been a member of the Finnish Parliament since 1995. She is [reportedly considering](#) an appeal to her conviction in the European Court of Human Rights.

What followed the tweet's initial criminal complaint?

Citizens [filed five](#) criminal complaints against Räsänen between 2019 and 2021. The complaints referenced a tweet, a radio appearance and the pamphlet, and accused her of hate speech.

A prosecutor general filed three charges against her in 2021. Her bishop, Juhana Pohjola, was also charged for publishing the pamphlet. Their alleged crime — "agitation against a minority group" — is listed beneath the "war crimes and crimes against humanity" section of Finnish criminal code.

In the investigation period, Räsänen sat through 13 hours of police interrogations over several months.

During the interrogation, Räsänen [said](#) police asked her, “What is the message of the book of Romans and its first chapter?” and “What do I mean by the words ‘sin’ and ‘shame’?”

The next year, Räsänen and Pohjola sat through two days of trial, and on March 30, 2022, their district court unanimously acquitted them, ruling, “It is not for the district court to interpret biblical concepts.”

In April, the prosecution appealed the district court’s ruling and demanded Räsänen’s pamphlet be censored. The next fall, a court of appeals heard her case and again acquitted her. The prosecution appealed again, resulting in the Supreme Court’s ruling last Thursday, which declared Räsänen guilty.

After the verdict, Räsänen [said](#), “I am shocked and profoundly disappointed that the court has failed to recognize my basic human right to freedom of expression. I stand by the teachings of my Christian faith, and will continue to defend my and every person’s right to share their convictions in the public square.”

Finnish Parliamentary Elections 2015 © Jussi Nukari, Lehtikuva via the Associated Press

Where is the boundary between legal and criminal speech?

During the Finnish Court of Appeals trial, a state prosecutor, Anu Mantila, said, “You can cite the Bible, but it is Räsänen’s interpretation and opinion about the Bible verses that are criminal.”

Human rights lawyer Robert Clarke [responded](#) to the ruling and this sentiment in the magazine First Things, last Friday.

He argued, if judges cannot agree on where the boundary lies between legal and criminal speech, citizens cannot be expected to know either; the result is a chilling effect on expression.

If eleven trained judges cannot agree — after years of argument and hundreds of pages of legal briefs — where the boundary between lawful opinion and criminal insult lies, then no ordinary citizen can be expected to know either. A criminal law that is unclear about what it prohibits is not a law anyone can fairly be expected to obey. Instead, it becomes a tool to be wielded to suppress disfavored speech.

Robert Clarke in First Things

Austria-based executive director of Alliance Defending Freedom International, Paul Coleman, [added](#), “Freedom of speech is a cornerstone of democracy. It is right that the Court has acquitted Päivi Räsänen for her 2019 Bible verse tweet. However, the conviction for a simple church pamphlet published decades ago — before the law under which she has been convicted was even passed — is an outrageous example of state

ensorship. This decision will create a severe chilling effect for everyone’s right to speak freely.”

Graham Linehan, an Irish comedian who was [detained by British police last September](#) over several X posts, recently [testified](#) during a House Judiciary Committee hearing about what he sees as censorship’s chilling effect in Europe.

Responding to a question from Rep. Kevin Kiley, R-Calif., Linehan said, “Who knows what effect it (censorship) has?”

“There’s more than one form of censorship. It’s not just the government being heavy handed,” he said. “It’s a sort of an orthodoxy that has been imposed across British society, especially in certain industries that attract very privileged middle class people — publishing, theatre, the media — all of these institutions have been captured by gender ideology. Just the fact that no one is objecting to it does not mean that people don’t object to it.”

# [Millions of people in Sudan surviving on one meal a day as food crisis deepens, NGOs say | The Jerusalem Post.com](#)

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**The United Nations has reported widespread atrocities and waves of ethnically charged violence. In November, the global hunger monitor confirmed famine conditions in al-Fashir and Kadugli.**

Millions of people in Sudan are surviving on just one meal a day, as the country's food crisis deepens and threatens to spread, according to a report published on Monday by a group of non-governmental organizations.

[Sudan's war](#) between the Sudanese army and the paramilitary [Rapid Support Forces](#), which entered its third year on Wednesday, has caused widespread hunger and displaced millions of people amid one of the world's largest humanitarian crises.

"In the two areas worst hit by the conflict - North Darfur and South Kordofan - millions of families can only access one meal a day," the report by Action Against Hunger, CARE International, International Rescue Committee, Mercy Corps, and the Norwegian Refugee Council found.

"Often, they miss meals for entire days," the report stated, adding that many people have resorted to eating leaves and animal feed to survive.

## **Government denies famine**

The army-aligned Sudanese government denies the [existence of famine](#), while the RSF denies responsibility for such conditions in areas under its control.

Some 61.7% of Sudan's population – 28.9 million people – is acutely food-insecure, according to the 2026 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan.

The United Nations has reported [widespread atrocities](#) and waves of ethnically charged violence. In November, the global hunger monitor confirmed, for the first time, famine conditions in al-Fashir, as well as Kadugli.

In February, the UN-backed Integrated Food Security Phase Classification found that famine thresholds for acute malnutrition have been surpassed in Um Baru, where the rate of acutely malnourished children under 5 was nearly double the famine threshold, and Kernei.

The report, based on interviews with farmers, traders, and humanitarian actors in Sudan, details how the war in Sudan is driving communities towards famine conditions - due to disruptions to farming as well as the use of starvation as a weapon of war - including deliberate destruction of farms and markets.

Communal kitchens are increasingly unable to meet rising needs, while major donor funding cuts are impeding aid agencies' abilities to respond, the report said.

Women and girls have been disproportionately affected, as they face a high risk of rape and harassment when going to fields, visiting markets, or collecting water, the report said. Female-headed households are three times more likely to experience food insecurity than male-headed households, it added.

# [Silicon Blasphemy: Tech Company Introduces ‘AI Jesus’ that Charges by the Minute | Breitbart.com](#)

#bibleprophecy, #ai, #jesus, #blasphemy, #anti-christ

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A tech company is leveraging Americans’ desire for a deeper connection with God by offering an AI-generated avatar of Jesus Christ that charges by the minute.

The *New York Post* [reports](#) that the Southern California-based company Just Like Me allows users to join video calls with an AI-generated avatar of Jesus Christ. Like other religious AI tools emerging in the marketplace, the platform offers words of prayer and encouragement across multiple languages. The avatar remembers previous conversations, though its lip movements do not always synchronize perfectly with its speech.

Chris Breed, CEO of Just Like Me, described the attachment users can form with the technology. “You do feel a little accountable to the AI,” he said. “They’re your friend. You’ve made an attachment.”

The surge in faith-based generative AI follows the broader popularity of chatbots designed for therapy, medical advice, companionship, and romance. Religious AI offerings now range from alleged Hindu gurus and Buddhist priests to multiple AI Jesus bots and Catholic alternatives to OpenAI’s ChatGPT. As these tools proliferate, many people are confronting how they shape relationships with faith, authority, and spiritual guidance.

Christian software engineer Cameron Pak has developed criteria to help believers evaluate apps designed for Christians. His standards require that such tools clearly identify themselves as AI and “must not fabricate or misrepresent Scripture.” Pak also insists that “AI cannot pray for you, because the AI is not alive.” He created a website called [faith.tools](#) featuring curated Christian apps he believes meet these standards, including a sermon translator and an AI coach for overcoming lust. “AI, especially if you give it all the tools that it needs, it can be so helpful. But it also can be so dangerous,” Pak said.

Beth Singler, an anthropologist at the University of Zurich who studies religion and AI, noted that some models have been shut down or revised after generating misinformation or raising data privacy concerns. Beyond practical issues, people from many faiths are wrestling with deeper philosophical questions about AI’s appropriate role in religion. Singler pointed out that Islam has “prohibitions against

representations of humanoids,” which has led some Muslims to discuss whether AI should be considered “forbidden.”

# [Your Consciousness Persists After You Die, New Research Suggests—Meaning There Are Hidden Layers to Death | Popular Mechanics.com](#)

#bibleprophecy, #death, #afterlife, #consciousness

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Here's what you'll learn when you read this story...

- A researcher analyzed papers from more than 20 peer-reviewed journals and found that signs of consciousness persist long after patients are technically declared dead.
- The findings suggest that death may unfold across a series of stages, rather than an instantaneous event.
- This could have major ethical implications for things such as organ donation.

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Death—and what happens when *it* happens—is one of nature's greatest mysteries. Clinical [death](#) is currently understood as an immediate, irreversible event that occurs once circulation stops and brain activity is no longer detectable.

However, new research suggests that [death](#) might not be as black and white as we once believed. In fact, our consciousness may persist long after the time someone is technically declared dead, wildly blurring the lines between living and dying—which could have some major implications for things like organ donation and the possibility of reversing [death](#).

“We once thought death was an instantaneous event where if circulation and oxygen stops there is no brain function. The brain cells die and this is the end of life,” says Anna Fowler, student researcher at Arizona State University. But according to a talk she gave at the American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting about her research, there's a lot more to the story.

Fowler was inspired to explore just what happens when we die or have a near-death experience after attending an event where a speaker shared their experience with [A-fib](#)—an irregular heartbeat that can lead to stroke, heart failure, and other heart complications. Her own mother's experience with A-fib also inspired her work.

In her research—which is currently unpublished, but was overseen by ASU faculty members [Marjon Forouzeshyekta](#), PhD, and [Abigail Gómez-Morales](#), PhD—Fowler analyzed papers from more than 20 peer-reviewed journals, focusing on health events and near-death experiences in cardiac arrest patients, from studies on resuscitation and hypothermia to work on consciousness theories and brain function in coma patients.

Fowler's findings indicate that consciousness during near-death experiences was similar to what the dying brain would experience. When a medical clinician indicates cardiac arrest has occurred—or that a patient has no pulse, no heartbeat, no breathing, and a lack of oxygen to the brain—EEG recordings, a measure of electrical activity in the brain, were similar to that of individuals in a coma. That suggests some level of consciousness persisted.

Fowler's analysis revealed that survivors generally reported the near-death narrative we're familiar with, including a replay of their lives, finding meaning, or feelings of love, after a cardiac arrest event. These experiences suggest organized surges of electrical activity occur in the brain, even during cardiac arrest.

This also suggests that death is not immediate, but a process. For example, in cardiac arrest, if circulation is not restored, the brain begins to shut down. First, activity that can be seen on an EEG will cease; then an ECoG (a more invasive type of EEG) reveals spreading depolarization, which can indicate brain death after a cardiac arrest; and finally death occurs, explains Fowler.

Aside from the physical signs of death, there's also consciousness to consider. According to some theories, consciousness arises from these electrical surges, meaning your brain may still be firing when your heart stops beating. “Knowing that electrons can fire after circulation in the body stops is a huge thing that should be researched more,” Fowler says.

Previous research further supports the idea that consciousness persists after death as well. For instance, a [2023 study](#) published in *Resuscitation* found that consciousness and awareness may occur during cardiac events. Patients recalled memories or dream-like experiences during cardiac arrest or resuscitation that suggest consciousness and cognitive activity occur during near-death experiences.

Some survivors were able to recall what was happening around them even at the time their heart stopped beating. About 40 percent of cardiac arrest survivors whose brains had flatlined reported awareness during the event, 20 percent recalled an experience with death, and 11 percent recalled dreamlike experiences, with consciousness emerging as long as 35 to 60 minutes into CPR.

“In both human and animal studies, we now know brain activity can continue for quite some time,” Fowler says. Studies have shown that, while brain activity might be low, it can still be seen up to 102.5 minutes before terminal death in coma patients, for

example. This could have implications on organ donation, she says, causing us to reconsider timing: Can organs be removed while someone is still conscious—and what are the ethical implications of that? As we learn more, our understanding of exactly when we declare death, and when we begin harvesting organs for donation, may get complicated.

This also raises the question about whether signs of consciousness should be considered when declaring clinical death. Right now, the premise of death is tied to irreversibility, or the point where vital organ functions can no longer be restored, which Fowler says is not clearly defined.

“The term ‘irreversibility’ was always a factor regarding death declaration,” Fowler says. “With newer technologies and methods in resuscitation there is a gray line with what irreversibility truly means.”

Animal studies also further support this, suggesting our cells don’t die immediately, and that intervention may be possible to restore some function. One [study](#) suggests organs can be revived hours after death, and additional animal research found that some brain cells can be regenerated hours after death—though the electrical activity never matched pre-death levels.

According to Fowler, what we consider to be a conscious state, like wakefulness or certain levels of functioning, we can see and observe; however, these things visibly disappear after clinical death. What can’t be seen, but still may be happening, is a firing of neurons in the brain happening once the waking state has diminished. “The fact that neurons can still fire after circulation has stopped is amazing,” Fowler says, adding that there is currently no single study that defines this phenomenon.

These findings suggest that dying may unfold across stages rather than occur as a single instantaneous event, meaning how we define death may need to change. For now, we at least know that death isn’t as simple as “on” and “off,” raising even more questions as scientists continue to unravel one of nature’s greatest mysteries.

# [Meta reportedly building an AI version of Mark Zuckerberg to interact with company employees | Foxnews.com](#)

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Meta is reportedly developing an artificial intelligence (AI) version of CEO [Mark Zuckerberg](#) as part of the company's AI integration.

According to a report from [the Financial Times \(FT\)](#), Meta has been developing photorealistic, interactive characters for a while but have recently begun prioritizing an AI-powered version of Zuckerberg to interact with employees. The AI character is allegedly being trained on Zuckerberg's mannerisms and company strategies to help employees connect with the CEO.

Zuckerberg has been "increasingly hands-on" with training the AI characters, according to the FT, spending five to 10 hours per week working on different AI projects for the company. A person familiar with the matter told the FT that if the program is successful, it could also expand to influencers and content creators.

[Fox News Digital](#) reached out to Meta for comment.

The Facebook and Instagram parent company first introduced the use of [AI characters in 2023](#), creating dozens of AI-generated profiles for user interactions. However, Meta soon faced backlash over privacy concerns and safety issues regarding children.

Last year, [internal documents](#) revealed that Meta's legal, policy, and engineering teams allowed AI chatbots to engage in inappropriate interactions with children.

After facing backlash, Meta announced in October that it would install [new parental controls](#) that would allow parents to block specific AI characters and even disable private chats on their children's accounts without completely turning off the AI process.

[Meta also announced](#) later in January that teenage users will no longer be able to access AI characters across its apps.

Zuckerberg has invested heavily in developing new artificial intelligence systems within Meta with the goal of providing a "[personal superintelligence](#)" for everyone.

"A lot has been written about the scientific and economic advances that AI can bring, and I'm really optimistic about this," Zuckerberg explained in 2025. "But I think an even more meaningful impact in our lives is going to come from everyone having a

personal superintelligence that helps you achieve your goals, create what you want to see in the world, be a better friend, and grow to become the person that you aspire to be."

# [Powell, Bessent discussed Anthropic's Mythos AI cyber threat with major U.S. banks | CNBC.com](#)

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Federal Reserve Chairman [Jerome Powell](#) and Treasury Secretary [Scott Bessent](#) met with major U.S. bank CEOs this week to discuss the possible cyber risks raised by [Anthropic's Mythos](#) model, CNBC confirmed Friday.

The bank heads were already in Washington, D.C., for a Financial Services Forum board meeting when a special gathering was called on Tuesday to discuss Mythos, according to people familiar with the matter, who asked not to be named in order to share information about a confidential matter.

The CEOs had a dinner early in the week when they were called to meet at the Treasury Department, one of the people said. [JPMorgan's Jamie Dimon](#) was the only major banking CEO who could not attend the meeting, they added.

[Bank of America's](#) Brian Moynihan, [Citigroup's](#) Jane Fraser, [Goldman Sachs](#) CEO David Solomon, [Morgan Stanley's](#) Ted Pick and [Wells Fargo](#) CEO Charlie Scharf were all in attendance, Bloomberg reported, citing people familiar with the meeting.

[Bloomberg](#) and the [Financial Times](#) were the first to report the meeting with bank executives.

The Federal Reserve declined to comment to CNBC. The Treasury Department did not respond to a request for comment.

The surprise meeting between the bank chiefs and the two most powerful federal monetary regulators was a signal that the advanced capabilities of AI are a top concern in the Trump administration and could threaten the foundation of the U.S. financial system.

Earlier this week, Anthropic rolled out the new artificial intelligence model, Claude Mythos Preview, in a limited capacity due to concerns that hackers could exploit its capabilities.

Banking giant JPMorgan Chase was among the initial launch partners for the cybersecurity initiative, known as Project Glasswing. Other partners include [Apple](#), [Google](#), [Microsoft](#) and [Nvidia](#).

Ahead of the release, the company briefed senior U.S. government officials on the model and its “offensive and defensive cyber applications.”

An Anthropic official told CNBC that it’s been in “ongoing discussions” with the U.S. government, including the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the Center for AI Standards and Innovation, about Claude Mythos Preview’s cyber capabilities.

“The dangers of getting this wrong are obvious, but if we get it right, there is a real opportunity to create a fundamentally more secure internet and world than we had before the advent of AI-powered cyber capabilities,” CEO [Dario Amodei](#) wrote in a post on X, accompanying Glasswing’s rollout.

The Trump administration’s engagement about the Mythos model comes as Anthropic challenges the Department of Defense over its recent labeling of the AI lab as a supply chain risk to national security.

President [Donald Trump](#) and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth have publicly lambasted the company for insisting on limits to the use of its AI technology in war and the president ordered federal departments to halt use of Anthropic’s platforms.

The DOD has continued to use Claude during the Iran war, CNBC previously reported.

This week, a federal appeals court [denied the company’s request](#) to temporarily block the blacklisting. In March, a federal [judge in San Francisco](#) granted Anthropic’s request for a preliminary injunction in a separate case.

The dual rulings mean Anthropic will remain barred from DOD contracts but can keep working with other government agencies while each legal challenge moves forward.

Late last month, cyber stocks [slumped](#) after Fortune discovered a draft blog post from Anthropic, which revealed the model’s advanced cyber capabilities and possible risks.

Hackers have used Anthropic’s models in the past to orchestrate AI-fueled attacks.

In November, the company [disclosed](#) that a Chinese group used Claude to automate a hack on government and corporate targets.

# [‘God’s Design’: Red State Swaps Pride Month For ‘Nuclear Family Month’ | Daily Wire.com](#)

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Tennessee has had enough of LGBT Pride Month and will now recognize June as “Nuclear Family Month.”

Tennessee Republican Governor Bill Lee signed a [resolution](#) this month that designates June as a month for the state to celebrate the nuclear family, which the resolution defines as a husband, a wife, and any biological or adopted children. The resolution easily passed the Republican-dominated state legislature, clearing the House 72-18 last year and passing the Senate 26-4 last month.

“The nuclear family, consisting of one husband, one wife, and any biological, adopted, or fostered children, is God’s design for familial structure and has been the bedrock of society since the creation of the world,” the resolution states.

“Tennessee’s values do not align with the humanistic, globalist ideologies of the World Health Organization, the United Nations, and like-minded organizations that fight for population control through the means of promoting sterilization and abortion practices,” the Tennessee resolution continues, adding, “The nuclear family is under attack in our beloved State and nation, and it is our responsibility to uplift, protect, and support values that help Tennessee prosper.”

The resolution highlights the devastating results that children often reap from growing up in fatherless homes. It also highlights a 2016 study, which found that of a sample of 56 school shooters, 82% of them “were raised in an unstable family environment or without both biological parents together.”

Leftist organizations expressed outrage after Lee signed the resolution last week. The LGBT activist organization GLAAD called Tennessee lawmakers who passed the resolution “clueless.”

“The strongest families are grounded by love,” a GLAAD spokesman [told](#) the LGBT news outlet The Advocate. “Lawmakers trying to exclude and intentionally harm some families should be recognized as actively harming all by not focusing their time working for an inclusive Tennessee where all are welcome and can succeed.”

June has been nationally recognized as Pride Month since a declaration signed by former President Bill Clinton in 1999. Following the Supreme Court’s landmark decision in favor of gay marriage in 2015, LGBT Pride Month became increasingly

popular, with numerous American organizations and businesses pushing LGBT themes and messages throughout June.

Last year, however, as many Americans pushed back against the Left's constant trumpeting of LGBT talking points and its embrace of transgender procedures for children, some companies dialed back their messaging during Pride Month. The election of President Donald Trump in November 2024 also reflected Americans' growing frustration with the Democratic Party's adoption of LGBT talking points.

Tennessee was among the first states to ban gender procedures on children, prohibit schools from hiding children's gender "transitions" from parents, and crack down on drag queen performances in public or in settings where children are present.