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Historic first: New gate opened for Jewish pilgrims entering Temple Mount (israel365news.com)

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This morning marked Rosh Chodesh (the new month) of Elul, an auspicious day, [so hundreds of Jew ascended the Temple Mount](#). Usually, Jews are restricted to one entrance to the site, but today, through a strange string of events, the Israeli police led a group of Jews through a different gate. One Temple Mount advocate believes the incident is hugely significant, establishing a precedent that exposes the lies of the “status quo.” More significantly, the incident presented a possible solution to a dangerous situation that has been ignored by authorities.

This morning, several hundred Jews lined up along the covered wood ramp that leads up to the Mughrabi Gate leading into the Temple Mount Compound. While one group of about fifty people toured the compound, six of the participants performed the Biblical mitzvah of prostrating themselves before God, which can only be performed on the Temple Mount. This violates the guideline set out by the Israeli police who stepped in to remove the entire group from the Temple Mount.

Normally, non-Muslims are only permitted to enter via the Mughrabi Gate and leave via the Chain Gate after following a strictly enforced route. Usually, when violators must be removed quickly from the site, they are led out through the Chain Gate. In some cases, they are taken out through the Chain Gate.

For unknown reasons, the police chose to lead the group through the Gate of the Tribes in the northeastern corner of the Temple Mount. Even more surprising was the police’s decision to return many of the people from the group through the same gate rather than prohibit their return or lead them back onto the site via the Mughrabi Gate.

[Akiva Yoel Ariel](#), the Director of Community Relations for Beyadenu, a Temple Mount activist group, noted that this was the first time ever that a Jewish group entered by any other than the Mughrabi Gate. But, he noted, the most significant aspect of the event was what *didn’t* happen.

“There were many Arabs who witnessed this, and they did not react,” Ariel told Israel365. “The gates are all the same for the Muslims. There is no reason why we should be required to use only or specifically the Mughrabi Gate.”

Ariel noted that entering by the Mughrabi Gate poses a real and imminent threat to the public. Experts have [long claimed the bridge leading up to the gate was unsafe](#). The wooden bridge connecting the Western Wall Plaza with the Mughrabi Gate was built in 2007 as a temporary replacement for an ancient stone and earth ramp that collapsed in

2004. Due to complaints by the Waqf, the bridge was never replaced. Last year, a structural engineer wrote an official letter to the Western Wall Heritage Foundation after finding “extreme dryness” and “many longitudinal cracks,” warning that the bridge was in danger of collapse.

“When visitors are forced to wait on the bridge, we can feel it swaying under our feet,” Ariel said.

“If we can leave by the Chain Gate, then why can’t we enter by the Chain Gate,” Ariel said. “We should be able to use the Iron Gate. Today we saw that the Gate of the Tribes is also available for entrance and exit. Lives are at stake here.”

The Temple Mount has twelve gates, one of which, Bab as-Sarai, is now closed to the public but was open during Ottoman rule. There are also six other sealed gates. Until now, only one, the Mughrabi Gate, was open to non-Muslims. The Mughrabi Gate was renamed the [Hallel Gate](#) by the Jews who are active in the Temple Mount in memory of Hallel Ariel, a teenage girl who was [stabbed](#) to death by a Palestinian in 2016.

[Iran-Russia axis grows as new energy deal on track to dominate world market \(israel365news.com\)](#)

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Last month, Gazprom, a Russian state-owned multinational energy corporation, and the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) signed a \$40 billion memorandum of understanding (MoU) that would enable the two countries to dominate the world market for natural gas and set the prices.

As of 2019, with sales over \$120,000,000,000 representing twelve percent of the global output of natural gas, Gazprom was ranked as the world's largest publicly listed natural gas company and the largest company in Russia by revenue.

According to the Iran Petroleum Ministry, Iran's proved natural gas reserves represent about 17.8% of the world's total reserves, the world's second-largest reserves after Russia. Iran still has enormous potential for new significant gas discoveries.

The impact of the alliance is expected to increase as the use of natural gas is on the rise.

"Gas is widely seen as the optimal product in the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy, so controlling as much of the global flow of that will be the key to energy-based power over the next ten to twenty years," according to a statement last week from Hamid Hosseini, chairman of Iran's Oil, Gas, and Petrochemical Products Exporters' Union, in Tehran, after the Gazprom-NIOC MoU had been signed. "Now the Russians have come to the conclusion that the consumption of gas in the world will increase and the tendency towards consumption of LNG has increased, and they alone are not able to meet the world's demand, so there is no room left for gas competition [between Russia and Iran]."

The two countries are focused on opposing the US.

"The winner of the Russia-Ukraine war is the United States, and it will capture the European market, so if Iran and Russia can reduce the influence of the United States in the oil, gas, and product markets by working together, it will benefit both countries," he added.

This anti-American alliance is, of course, a result of Russia's faltering war in Ukraine. Isolated from Western nations by sanctions, Russian President Vladimir Putin has turned to other nations in a similar situation. Iran clearly falls into this category. This was underscored on July 19 when Putin paid official visits to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

In addition to the gas deal, Putin acquired drones for use in Ukraine from Iran. Intelligence organizations in many countries have speculated that, in return, Russia will help facilitate an Iranian nuclear weapons program. As Putin said at the “Army-2022” international military conference, “[We] are ready to offer our allies the most modern types of weapons.”

This was recently emphasized when Belarus’ President Alexander Lukashenko said on Friday that his military’s SU-24 warplanes had been modified to carry nuclear weapons and that he would not hesitate to use them =if the Western nations interfered with Russia’s war in Ukraine.

With the new gas deal, Russia has a powerful interest in a strong, even nuclear-armed, Iran. Given Iran’s aggressive policy of regional expansionism, a nuclear prospect is deeply concerning. Given Iran’s Shiite fanaticism, the targets of their intended aggression are clear. As the ‘little Satan,’ Israel is clearly in the crosshairs. But Saudi Arabia, the leader of the Sunni world, is also an enemy of the Iranian regime.

While Iran’s nuclear weapons program may (or may not) have been hindered by the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, its development of intercontinental ballistic missiles has not. And this should be of grave concern to the “great Satan,” i.e. the United States.

[US: Hezbollah's amassing of weapons on border with Israel must stop - The Jerusalem Post \(jpost.com\)](#)

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The US warned that UNIFIL peacekeepers are being increasingly blocked from fulfilling their mission.

Hezbollah must stop stockpiling weapons on Israel's northern border, deputy US Ambassador Richard Mills told the United Nations Security Council in New York on Wednesday after it voted to renew the mandate of the organization's peacekeepers in that area of southern Lebanon.

"The US shares this council's significant concern about the state of affairs in southern Lebanon, in particular, Hezbollah's threatening activities," he said.

Tensions continue surrounding Lebanon-Israel maritime border demarcation talks

The UNSC vote comes as tensions have increased between Israel and neighboring Lebanon over [their maritime dispute](#).

On Wednesday, a Reuters deputy editor posted a video of two Lebanese ministers symbolically throwing rocks in Israel's direction.

The UN since 1978 has maintained a peacekeeper force along the border between the two countries known as the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). Since 2006, it has been specifically tasked with maintaining the ceasefire agreement that ended the Second Lebanon War and was codified in UNSC Resolution 1701.

UNIFIL at present has a force of 10,500 peacekeepers from 48 UN countries. The patrol focuses on the area between the Blue Line and the Litani River, with an eye to preventing another arms build-up that would lead to another war, particularly by a non-state actor such as Hezbollah.

Israel holds that Hezbollah is an Iranian proxy group.

UN reiterates Lebanese Army should be only armed force in country

The UNIFIL resolution approved Wednesday reiterated the UN position that the Lebanese Army should be the only armed force in the country. It also called for UNIFIL to be given the freedom of movement to complete its mandate.

Mills said the resolution "reaffirms UNIFIL's authority to operate independently and to conduct both announced and unannounced patrols."

"We urge the Lebanese authorities as the host state to facilitate UNIFIL's full and timely access to UNIFIL's entire area of operations," Mills said.

He echoed a concern raised many times by Israel about the Lebanese failure to ensure that UNIFIL has freedom of movement in its area of operation.

"[UNIFIL peacekeepers are blocked](#) with increasing frequency from conducting their mandated tasks and accessing sites of concern," Mills said.

The area of between the Blue Line and the Litani River "must be free of weapons except for those used by the government of Lebanon and UNIFIL," Mills said.

"With this resolution [renewing UNIFIL's mandate] the security council has made clear that Hezbollah's continued amassing off weapons must stop," Mills said.

He took particular issue with the actions of a non-governmental environment group called Green Without Borders which is believed to be an affiliate of Hezbollah and which operates in Southern Lebanon.

US accuses Hezbollah of obstructing UNIFIL

Mills accused the group of obstructing UNIFIL's actions by placing containers near Israel's border.

"The proliferation of prefabricated containers placed by Green Without Borders obstructs UNIFIL's access to the Blue line and is heightening tension in the area, further demonstrating that this so-called environmental group is acting on Hezbollah's behalf," Mills said.

UNIFIL must also have access to the tunnels, he said, referencing the sites where Israel has documented that Hezbollah dug attack tunnels along its northern border.

[High School Will Allow After School Satan Club: "They Took God Out of School, Now They're Letting Satan In" - LifeNews.com](#)

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A Pennsylvania school district will allow the Satanic Temple to hold a student event at its high school this fall, despite massive opposition from parents and community members.

[Breitbart reports](#) the Northern York County School Board approved the “After School Satan Club” back-to-school event last week. The event will take place after school hours in September at the Northern High School in Dillsburg, southern Pennsylvania.

The Satanic Temple is a pro-abortion advocacy group that considers the killing of unborn babies in abortions to be a religious “ritual.” Now, it is trying to establish children’s clubs in public schools across the country.

[Fox 43 reports](#) the Dillsburg school board did reject another request in April to establish an After School Satan Club in schools in response to widespread outrage. However, the threat of a lawsuit appears to be what prompted it to approve the upcoming event.

[In a statement](#), Superintendent Steve Kirkpatrick said the board was required to approve the request, and the Satanic Temple will pay rental, custodial, security and technology fees to use the facility.

“As a public school district, the use of our school facilities must be permitted without discrimination,” Kirkpatrick said. “We cannot and do not arbitrarily pick and choose which organizations may or may not use our facilities. If we allow one organization, we must allow all organizations, provided they satisfy the conditions and application requirements as set forth in Policy 707.”

Kirkpatrick said they do not endorse the activity.

A Satanic Temple spokesperson defended the event, while hinting that they could have sued the district for violating their First Amendment rights if it had refused their request.

“We’re talking about upholding fundamental pillars of democracy and the First Amendment,” said Lucien Greaves, a co-founder of the group.

According to Fox 43, Greaves pointed to another event that the Northern York school board approved earlier this summer, a Christian prayer night hosted by the Dillsburg Community Worship and Prayer.

“We don’t decry or begrudge anybody having a prayer event or anything like that,” Greaves said. “It does become a problem, a serious problem, when you allow a back-to-school prayer event, but you don’t allow any other religious representation.”

Parents across the country have been urging school officials to reject the Satanic clubs. In January, [The Belleville News-Democrat reported](#) about Illinois parents’ opposition to one such club for elementary students at Jane Addams Elementary School in Moline.

[A club flyer posted online](#) welcomed children in first through fifth grades to the “After School Satan Club” for fun and games, arts and crafts, and nature activities. The Satanic Temple says the club will teach children about “critical thinking, benevolence, empathy, problem solving, creative expression and personal sovereignty.” It claims its club will not attempt to convert children, and its goal is to encourage children to think for themselves.

The Satanic Temple is deeply involved in abortion advocacy, and [Breitbart once described its work](#) as a “pro-abortion crusade to come to the aid of America’s largest abortion provider,” Planned Parenthood.

[The group has filed multiple lawsuits in different states to overturn pro-life laws](#), though [its attempts thus far have failed](#). Many of its lawsuits challenge state informed consent laws that require abortion facilities to provide basic information about abortion risks, an unborn baby’s development and alternatives to abortion to mothers prior to the abortion.

The Satanic Temple claims that an abortion is a “religious right” as well as a “ritual” that it likens to [communion or baptism for Christians](#). In 2020, it even [raffled off an abortion to raise money for its lawsuits](#).

Some of its members also attempt to intimidate peaceful pro-life sidewalk counselors through gruesome protests. In 2016, pro-life advocates outside of a Detroit, Michigan Planned Parenthood faced a disturbing scene when a group from the [Satanic Temple arrived to counter-protest wearing baby masks](#) and carrying whips. They held a similar protest on Good Friday in 2017.

[Newsweek reports](#) several former Satanic Temple members recently accused leaders of sexual harassment, questionable financial dealings, anti-Semitic remarks and ties to neo-Nazis.

[Putin: “Islam is our partner in new world order” \(israel365news.com\)](#)

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Russian President Vladimir Putin with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan After news conference following a meeting of High-Level Russian-Turkish Cooperation Council, Istanbul, Turkey. (Photo: Russian Presidential Press and Information Office www.kremlin.ru)

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On Monday, Russian President Vladimir Putin [sent a message of greetings](#) to the participants and guests of the 2022 Kazan Global Youth Summit as it opened in Kazan. The event was hosted by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

“Islamic states have been our traditional partners in addressing many topical issues on the regional and global agenda, in attempts to build a more just and democratic world order,” Putin said in his short address. “It is significant that young people are getting more actively involved in this constructive and comprehensive cooperation.”

The Kazan Global Youth Summit is organized for young Muslim people to keep them informed and facilitate interaction with other regions and cultures.

Putin is strongly aligned with the Russian Orthodox Church, which supports him in his war in Ukraine. But he has both domestic and foreign interests in allying with Islam. Russia has the largest Muslim population in Europe, numbering approximately 14 million or roughly 10% of the total population. Recognized under the law and by Russian political leaders as one of Russia’s traditional religions, Islam is a part of Russian historical heritage and is subsidized by the Russian government. The position of Islam as a major Russian religion, alongside Orthodox Christianity, dates from the time of Catherine the Great, who sponsored Islamic clerics and scholarship. President Putin consolidated this trend, subsidizing the creation of mosques and Islamic education, which he called an “integral part of Russia’s cultural code,” encouraging immigration from Muslim-majority former Soviet bloc states, and condemning the anti-Muslim hate speech.

Last month, Gazprom, a Russian state-owned multinational energy corporation, and the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) [signed a \\$40 billion memorandum of understanding](#) (MoU) that would enable the two countries to dominate the world market for natural gas and set the prices. In addition to the gas deal, Putin acquired drones for use in Ukraine from Iran. Intelligence organizations in many countries have speculated that, in return, Russia will help facilitate an Iranian nuclear weapons program.

As Europe and America unite in sanctions against Russia, Putin is actively courting allies and trading partners. So when Putin traveled to Iran to finalize the gas and drone deals, he also visited Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

[Pakistan pleads for international help as parts of country 'resemble a small ocean' | CNN](#)

#bibleprophecy, #floods, #pakistan, #disaster

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[Pakistan](#) is racing to prevent further loss of life as it reels from one of its worst climate disasters with floodwater threatening to cover up to a third of the country of 220 million people by the end of the monsoon season.

Climate change minister Sherry Rehman said Sunday the unprecedented rain had created a “climate catastrophe” with floodwaters submerging homes, destroying farmland and displacing millions of people.

“We’ve had to deploy the navy for the first time to operate in Indo-Pakistan, because much of it resembles a small ocean,” she told German broadcaster Deutsche Welle.

Flooding and severe rains has killed at least 1,136 people, including 386 children, and left 1,634 more injured since mid-June, the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) said Monday, as the unrelenting rain raised fears of more fatalities to come.

“By the time this is over, we could well have one quarter or one third of Pakistan under water,” Rehman told Turkish news outlet TRT World on Thursday.

On Monday, new satellite images from Maxar Technologies showed the scale of the disaster – homes and fields completely submerged along the Indus River, as well as the cities of Rajanpur and Rojhan in Punjab, Pakistan’s most populous province.

Rapid flash floods have destroyed more than 3,000 kilometers (1,864 miles) of road, 130 bridges and 495,000 homes have been damaged, according to NDMA’s latest situation report, making access to flooded areas even more difficult.

Foreign Minister Bilawal Butto-Zardari said Sunday this year’s monsoon season had been “absolutely devastating.”

“I haven’t seen any destruction or devastation of this scale,” said Butto-Zardari. “I find it very difficult to put into words the phraseologies that we are used to, whether it’s monsoon rains or flooding, doesn’t quite seem to encapsulate the ongoing devastation and disaster that we are still witnessing.”

A national calamity

Pakistani Prime Minister [Shehbaz Sharif](#) joined in relief efforts over the weekend, dropping off supplies from a helicopter in areas difficult to reach by boat or land, according to videos from his office.

“Visiting flood affected areas and meeting people. The magnitude of the calamity is bigger than estimated,” Sharif said in a [tweet](#) on Saturday. “Times demand that we come together as one nation in support of our people facing this calamity. Let us rise above our differences and stand by our people who need us today.”

After meeting with ambassadors and diplomats in Islamabad on Friday, he called for help from the international community.

On Monday, Peter Ophoff, the IFRC head delegate in Pakistan said the aid network had appealed for more than \$25 million to provide urgent relief for an estimated 324,000 people in the country.

“Looking at the incredible damage the floods have caused, it slowly becoming clear to us that relief efforts are going to take a very long time. It is going to be a long-waterlogged road ahead when the people of Pakistan began their journey back to what is remaining of their homes,” Ophoff said.

More than 3.1 million people had been displaced by the “sea-like” flood waters that have damaged more than half a million homes in multiple districts across the country, according to a statement Saturday from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

Abrar ul Haq, chairman of the aid network in Pakistan, said Friday that water wasn’t the only challenge for humanitarian workers in the region.

“These torrential floods have severely restricted transportation and mobility. The threat of Covid-19 and damage to vehicles, infrastructure and connectivity are further making our emergency relief works almost impossible. Most of those affected are also immobile or marooned making us hard to reach them,” he said.

‘Monster monsoon of the decade’

Pakistan is already battling through its eighth cycle of monsoon rains, Rehman said Thursday, an anomaly in a country that typically sees three or four such rainy periods per year.

“Pakistan is living through one of the most serious climate catastrophes of the world,” Rehman said in a video statement.

“We are at this point ground zero of the front line of extreme weather events, which we have seen from early this year from an unrelenting cascade of heat waves, forest fires, flash floods, multiple glacier lake outburst events and now the monster monsoon of the decade.”

In his comments Sunday, Butto-Zardari said Pakistan was bearing the brunt of climate change as other countries with bigger carbon footprints do little to reduce their emissions.

“Pakistan contributes negligible amounts to the overall carbon footprint, but we are devastated by climate disasters such as these time and time again, and we have to adapt within our limited resources,” he said.

[Democrats Making California ‘Refuge’ Hub for Teen Sex Surgery \(breitbart.com\)](#)

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California Democrats in the State Assembly and State Senate have advanced legislation that would make the state a sanctuary where out-of-state parents can take their children to undergo sex change procedures.

On Monday, the legislative body passed Senate Bill (SB) 107 along party lines, with all 19 Republican assemblymembers [voting](#) against it and 60 Democrats supporting it. State Senator Scott Weiner introduced the bill, and a release from his office [asserted](#) it would “provide refuge for trans kids and their families.”

On Wednesday, Weiner announced it had passed the State Senate and “was on its way to” Gov. Gavin Newsom’s (D) office. It passed the senate by a 30-9 margin, the *Sacramento Bee* [reported](#).

Our trans state of refuge bill is on its way to the Governor after just receiving final Senate approval!

SB 107 sends a crystal clear message to the nation that no matter what vile anti-LGBTQ hate laws right-wing politicians think of, California will stand with our community.

— Senator Scott Wiener (@Scott_Wiener) [August 31, 2022](#)

“California must stand with LGBTQ kids and their families, especially when they’re under attack across the country,” said the Democrat senator in the release, adding:

SB 107 ensures that California is a refuge state for trans kids and their parents, so they can be safe here. Parents should never be separated from their kids or criminalized for simply allowing them to be who they are. We need to hold firm in our support for the LGBTQ community and stand with LGBTQ youth.

The legislation would shield parents who take their children to California for sex-changing procedures from prosecution and criminal penalties in their home states where such practices are illegal. It [aims](#) to:

- “prohibit a provider of health care, a health care service plan, or a contractor from releasing medical information related to a person or entity allowing a child to receive gender-affirming health care or gender-affirming mental health care in response to a criminal or civil action, including a foreign subpoena, based on another state’s law that authorizes a person to bring a civil or criminal action against a person or entity that allows a child to receive gender-affirming health care or gender-affirming mental health care.”

- “prohibit law enforcement agencies from knowingly making or participating in the arrest or extradition of an individual pursuant to an out-of-state arrest warrant based on another state’s law against providing, receiving, or allowing a child to receive gender-affirming health care or gender-affirming mental health care in this state, as specified.”
- “prohibit the enforcement of an order based on another state’s law authorizing a child to be removed from their parent or guardian based on that parent or guardian allowing their child to receive gender-affirming health care or gender-affirming mental health care.”
- “prohibit a court from finding that it is an inconvenient forum where the law or policy of another state that may take jurisdiction limits the ability of a parent to obtain gender-affirming health care or gender-affirming mental health care, as defined, and the provision of such care is at issue in the case before the court.”

It comes as a response to Gov. Greg Abbott’s (R-TX) February order to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to investigate certain sex change procedures on children as child abuse, Weiner’s office noted. The directive was [issued](#) after the Office of the Attorney General in Texas determined that “a number of so-called ‘sex change’ procedures constitute child abuse under existing Texas law,” as Abbott [wrote](#) in his letter to the DFPS.

Abbott stated that Texas law opens up “all licensed professionals who have direct contact with children who may be subject to such abuse, including doctors, nurses, and teachers,” to “criminal penalties for failure to report such child abuse.”

“Texas law also imposes a duty on DFPS to investigate the parents of a child who is subjected to these abusive gender-transitioning procedures, and on other state agencies to investigate licensed facilities where such procedures may occur,” he added.

His directive has temporarily been blocked, as Fox News [noted](#).

The California bill has advanced despite outcry from a 17-year-old girl named Chloe Cole. The teen underwent sex-change procedures, including a double mastectomy, but now regrets her decision. She testified before the assembly in June, as late Breitbart News reporter Penny Starr [wrote](#):

At 15, Cole asked to have her breasts removed. She attended a class with other teen girls who said they wanted to be boys.

“None of us were going to be men,” Cole said. “We were fleeing from the uncomfortable feeling of becoming women.”

“I was unknowingly physically cutting off my true self from my body irreversibly and painfully. ... Our trans identities were not questioned,” she said.

Chloe Cole @puddingpandan, is an incredibly courageous 17-year-old who testified today in Sacramento against Scott Wiener's so-called "Gender-affirming health care" S.B. 107

Absolutely everyone needs to hear her story of detransitioning.

Chloe is a hero. <https://t.co/4XdDCNMIflpic.twitter.com/3co1rma5Mh>

— Kelly S. (@kellyske) [June 28, 2022](#)

Cole told the assembly that she “will never be able to breastfeed a child” and that she does “not yet know if [she is] capable of carrying a child to full term.”

[Vatican Chief Praises Italy's Abortion Law as a 'Pillar of Society' \(breitbart.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #vatican, #church, #apostasy

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ROME, Italy — The president of the Pontifical Academy for Life called Italy's notorious Law 194 legalizing abortion "a pillar of society" this weekend, insisting that no one is looking to overturn it.

Interviewed by Italian state television Rai Tre, Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia lauded the 1978 law allowing abortion in Italy, a move that critics [called](#) a new "ground zero of morality."

"I believe that at this point the Law 194 is a pillar of our social life," the archbishop [stated](#). "In my opinion, and I have written as much, I would like to see more emphasis on the part that is hardly spoken of, namely the right to motherhood, to see our country grow, in the face of the drama of a generational imbalance that is quite dramatic."

"I would exhort to look with trust upon a country that wishes to live in liberty, in development and progress, and I think that the crisis in natality is a problem on which we have unfortunately not reflected and it is already late," he said.

At this point, Giorgia Rombolà, the host of the program, summed up the archbishop's words, saying, "So, the Law 194 is not up for debate," to which he replied, "No, absolutely not."

In response to Paglia's words, Jacopo Coghe, spokesman for the pro-life NGO "Pro Vita & Famiglia" [declared](#) that even a thoughtful attempt to promote an open, non-confessional debate about abortion and the birthrate, emphasizing the importance of maternity, cannot deny "the intrinsic evil of the Law 194."

"We do not understand how a law that suppresses defenseless and innocent human lives can be a 'pillar' of society," Coghe added.

"It is as if the president of the Jewish Anti-Defamation League declared itself in favor of the holocaust," [wrote](#) Tommaso Scandroglio, in a piece for *La Nuova Bussola Quotidiana*.

Since its passage in 1978, the Law 194 has allowed for the legal killing of more than 6 million children in Italy, a country that is suffering from a severe drop in birthrate far below replacement levels.

Archbishop Paglia's words were spoken against the backdrop of the June 24 ruling by the United States Supreme Court overturning the 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade* that mandated legal abortion for all 50 U.S. states.

In 2016, Pope Francis [named](#) Paglia President of the Pontifical Academy for Life, which was founded by Saint John Paul II in 1994 for the express [purpose](#) of combatting a growing “culture of death” in contemporary society.

Central to the culture of death, according to John Paul, is the promotion of a putative right to abortion, which Italy’s Law 194 does.

“To claim the right to abortion...,” John Paul [wrote](#), “and to recognize that right in law, means to attribute to human freedom a perverse and evil significance: that of an absolute power over others and against others. This is the death of true freedom.”

UFOs have landed in Congress, where legislation addressing them will be considered | Fox News

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Lawmakers want to know exactly what threat 'unidentified aerial phenomena' may pose

Masked in turgid language deep inside next year's [Senate intelligence authorization](#) bill lies the following sentence: "Cross-domain transmedium threats to United States' national security are expanding exponentially."

You may shrug.

But let me run this through the universal translator for a moment. You know. Like the one they use on "Star Trek."

What if I decoded that sentence to tell you that lawmakers are petrified about growing threats to the U.S. from UFOs?

Now do I have your attention?

HOUSE VOTES TO MAKE REPORTING UFO SIGHTINGS EASIER

For the first time in history, [Congress is recognizing that unidentified aerial phenomena](#) — or "UAPs" as they're now called — may exist. And, if Congress approves the intelligence bill, lawmakers will mandate the creation of a special government office to determine what's terrestrial — and what's extraterrestrial.

The truth may be out there. But you can't find it without first filleting the otherworldly, legislative bill text.

Unidentified Flying Objects have stumped military pilots for decades. They defy physics. Perform impossible aerodynamic maneuvers against the wind. They zip around at staggering speeds.

That's why lawmakers are compelling the military to unravel what we don't understand.

"There are unexplained events out there," said former CIA officer and Senate leadership intelligence adviser Ron Marks. "And if you can't explain it, then, as a good intelligence person, you should analyze it to know what's there and what's not."

Lawmakers have long been skeptical of whether the military and intelligence communities were fessing up about what they knew — or conceding what they didn't know — about stuff that could be flying around overhead.

That's why the House Intelligence Committee conducted the first hearing on UFOs in more than 50 years back in May.

"When we spot something we don't understand or can't identify in our airspace, it's the job of those we entrust with our national security to investigate and to report back," said Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif.

But the hearing may have created more questions than answers.

[Military officials](#) played two videos at the hearing. One depicted a UFO event that they were able to explain as a visual anomaly — thanks to night-vision goggles and recording equipment. The other episode remains a mystery. However, the videos shown at the hearing were challenging to decipher.

"Congress is responding to classified data because the unclassified data that we had all seen includes fuzzy images that are not very convincing," said Avi Loeb, a theoretical physicist and cosmologist at Harvard University. "And I wouldn't expect such a bill to be authorized unless there was much more convincing evidence, which I'm sure there is."

There's concern the military may be hiding something.

"I've always felt that it was the military attempting to, to some extent, disguise advanced programs that they were working on," said Marks. "But there are some things that do need to be explained."

Lawmakers also worry that if the technology isn't emanating from the U.S. or outer space it could be the Russians or Chinese. And that could pose an even bigger threat.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., the top GOPer on the Senate Intelligence Committee, suggested as much in 2020 during an interview with CBS.

"Frankly, if it's something outside this planet that might actually be better than the fact that we've seen some sort of technological leap from the Chinese or Russians or some other adversary that allows them to conduct this sort of activity," said Rubio three years ago. "That to me is a national security risk and one we should be looking into."

This is why lawmakers and others who study the cosmos say it's incumbent upon the defense and intelligence communities to identify the unidentifiable.

"The government is the organization that monitors the sky all the time for national security purposes," said Loeb. "So, you would expect those people who have their day job to monitor the sky to find such objects first. We just need to figure out what these objects are."

Loeb said the government isn't a "scientific organization," adding officials are worried about "national security." He says that enhances the onus on the government to try to figure some of this out.

It's one thing to have people in Roswell, N.M., back in 1947 see things or even have sightings in the mid-1970s after the release of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." It's another thing for people to spot things today. Loeb says that's why the government should be able to better explain some of the events.

"I think there is much better data now than there used to be decades ago. So, rather than worry about reports that took place decades ago that were not of high quality and that were anecdotal, now we have excellent instrumentation that was not available," said Loeb.

At the springtime hearing, lawmakers said that there was still a bias inside the military. [Navy and Air Force pilots](#) feared their credibility was on the line when they reported seeing strange things in the skies. Rep. Andre Carson, D-Ind., who led the hearing, said some pilots worried that their superiors would describe them as "kooks."

Ron Marks invoked resistance among government officials to fully investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy or explore the POW/MIA issue. While there's far from anything conclusive, Loeb suspects that people resist possibilities that could shift established paradigms.

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No one believed Nicolaus Copernicus and his idea that the Earth and planets revolved around the sun in the 16th century. He faced trials from the Catholic Church. Galileo was placed under house arrest for his beliefs.

"There is a stigma and there is some ridicule in discussing the possibility of extraterrestrials. But the point is, whatever it is ... we should figure out what it is rather than ignore it," said Loeb. "We should be open-minded because we may not be the smartest kid on our cosmic block."

Congress must first approve the intelligence bill before anything happens. But just the existence of the language in this bill denotes a key shift in thinking about the unexplained.

Perhaps one small step that could become a giant leap when it comes to [UFOs](#).