

## Prophecy Update

### Antisemitism

<https://www.politico.com/news/2024/05/05/pro-palestinian-protests-columbia-university-funding-donors-00156135>

Pro-Palestinian protesters are backed by a surprising source: Biden’s biggest donors. Some of the most outspoken groups against Biden and Israel get funding from foundations attached to some of the biggest names in Democratic circles.

President Joe Biden has been dogged for months by pro-Palestinian protesters calling him “Genocide Joe” — but some of the groups behind the demonstrations receive financial backing from philanthropists pushing hard for his reelection.

The donors include some of the biggest names in Democratic circles: Soros, Rockefeller and Pritzker, according to a POLITICO analysis.

Two of the organizers supporting the protests at Columbia University and on other campuses are Jewish Voice for Peace and IfNotNow. Both are supported by the Tides Foundation, which is seeded by Democratic megadonor George Soros and was previously supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It in turn supports numerous small nonprofits that work for social change.

Soros declined to comment, but a spokesperson with the Open Society Foundations, of which Soros is the founder and chairman, said in a statement that it “has funded a broad spectrum of US groups that have advocated for the rights of Palestinians and Israelis and for peaceful resolution to the conflict in Israel.” The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which has previously funded the Tides Foundation and other groups, said it no longer has active grants to Tides. It also does not support Jewish Voice for Peace or IfNotNow.

Another notable Democratic donor whose philanthropy has helped fund the protest movement is David Rockefeller Jr., who sits on the board of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. It has given nearly \$500,000 directly to Jewish Voice for Peace, which explicitly describes itself as anti-Zionist, over the past five years. Rockefeller Brothers has separately given grants to both the Tides Foundation and the Tides Center.

Several other groups involved in pro-Palestinian protests are backed by a foundation funded by Susan and Nick Pritzker, heir to the Hyatt Hotel empire — and supporters of Biden and numerous Democratic campaigns, including \$6,600 to the Biden Victory Fund a few months ago and more than \$300,000 during the 2020 campaign.

The trail of donations shows a series of blurred lines when it comes to liberal causes and Democratic politics. The money is sometimes, but not always, directed toward specific

issues — even if it is, it contributes to an organization’s larger pool of funds, which could go toward opposing causes. Often, missions between the donors and nonprofits are aligned, but they also sometimes have different and — particularly when it comes to Gaza — conflicting agendas and tactics. And a small group of wealthy heavyweights are often playing an outsize role funding many of them.

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/05/08/politics/joe-biden-interview-cnntv/index.html>

Biden says he will stop sending bombs and artillery shells to Israel if it launches major invasion of Rafah

President Joe Biden said for the first time Wednesday he would halt some shipments of American weapons to Israel – which he acknowledged have been used to kill civilians in Gaza – if Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu orders a major invasion of the city of Rafah.

“Civilians have been killed in Gaza as a consequence of those bombs and other ways in which they go after population centers,” Biden told CNN’s Erin Burnett in an exclusive interview on “Erin Burnett OutFront,” referring to 2,000-pound bombs that Biden paused shipments of last week.

“I made it clear that if they go into Rafah – they haven’t gone in Rafah yet – if they go into Rafah, I’m not supplying the weapons that have been used historically to deal with Rafah, to deal with the cities – that deal with that problem,” Biden said.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/biden-condemn-antisemitism-praise-free-speech-holocaust-remembrance-2024-05-07/>

Biden compares Hamas attack to Holocaust in antisemitism warning

U.S. President Joe Biden warned on Tuesday that the threat of antisemitism is growing in the United States, including on college campuses, as his support for Israel's assault on Gaza divides Democrats and alienates some young voters.

In a speech honoring the 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust, Biden joined a heated American debate about Jewish security, Zionism, free speech and support for Israel, in the country with the largest Jewish population after Israel.

"Now here we are, not 75 years later, but just seven and a half months later, and people are already forgetting ... that Hamas unleashed this terror," he said. "I have not forgotten, nor have you. And we will not forget."

"We know scapegoating and demonizing any minority is a threat to every minority," Biden said. "There is no place on any campus in America for antisemitism, hate speech or threats of violence of any kind."

<https://apnews.com/video/israel-israel-hamas-war-israel-government-joe-biden-middle-east-e21d61531f8a4566a9ad4c8f91877be8>

Netanyahu vows Israel will 'stand alone' if it has to after Biden comments on Rafah invasion

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday vowed that Israel will “stand alone” if it has to, brushing off comments by US President Joe Biden that he would not supply offensive weapons that Israel could use to launch an all-out assault on Rafah.

<https://watch.org/content/koenig>

Israel 'Eye to Eye' Connections: Record Floods and Tornadoes - Bill Koenig

U.S. President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Anthony Blinken have been applying significant pressure on Israel, especially in April and May. They have been calling for an Israeli cease fire and hostage deal with Hamas.

Moreover, Blinken has been working on continuing the U.S.-backed Israel-Saudi normalization agreement with the Saudis and preparing for two-state talks between Israel and the Palestinians. Furthermore, the Biden administration has held up the delivery of precision equipment and ammunition to Israel (JNS).

While the U.S. effort was happening in Israel, the U.S. experienced the second-largest April tornado outbreak in history with 300 tornadoes. There were 929 severe weather events in the United States from April 2 to May 2, 2024.

There were 757 tornadoes in April 2011. U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice had stated publicly at the U.N. that February that the United States rejected the legitimacy of Israeli communities in Judea and Samaria.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton had previously said on ABC that these Israeli communities were illegitimate and called for a two-state plan—and hosted the U.S.-Islamic World Forum in Washington, D.C., April 12, 2011, which once again called for a two-state solution in Israel. She said, “Neither Israel’s future as a Jewish democratic state, nor the legitimate aspirations of Palestinians can be secured without a negotiated two state solution.”

Rice and Clinton’s illegitimacy claims set the stage and became the mantra for the Obama administration. National Security Advisor Tommy Vietor said on April 4, “Not only are continued Israeli communities illegitimate; they run counter to efforts to resume direct negotiations” (Eye to Eye, 290–92).

On May 1–2, 2024, while Blinken was in Israel, the Houston area (The Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA covers 9,444 square miles, larger than New Jersey) experienced massive rains and subsequent floods, the largest floods since August 2017 and June 2001.

<https://weather.com/storms/tornado/news/2024-05-02-severe-weather-tornado-forecast-plains-midwest-south-may>

Severe Weather Outbreak Packs Tornado, Wind, Hail, Flood Threats In South, East

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/severe-weather/live-news/live-tornadoes-storms-leave-behind-damage-amid-latest-episode-of-severe-weather/1647920>

At least 3 deaths reported after severe weather Wednesday, more storms on the way  
At least 3 deaths have been reported amid another round of destructive thunderstorms and tornadoes on Wednesday and more storms are on the way.

Another death as a result of severe weather that roared across the U.S. Wednesday night has been reported, bringing the fatalities from yesterday to three and the total from this week to at least four.

Tornado watches from Texas to Tennessee, big power outages in North Carolina

Grapefruit-sized hail fell during Wednesday's storms and 330,000 lost power

2 deaths reported, rescue efforts underway amid third straight day of severe weather

Epic shelf clouds roll over Illinois

Damage reported after rare tornado emergency issued near Columbia, Tennessee

Tennessee storm spins up twister as severe weather gets underway

Michigan Governor declares state of emergency over tornado damage

More than 500 severe reports so far in May; Texas takes tornado lead

<https://www.newsweek.com/solar-storm-geomagnetic-cme-hitting-earth-1898763>

Sun Fires 'Solar Storm Train' at Earth—Three Direct Hits for Weekend

A particularly volatile sunspot has sent a series of solar storms surging toward the Earth, many of which are due to hit in the next few days.

This could lead to "strong" geomagnetic storms in our magnetic field and atmosphere, which could result in auroras being seen as far south as Illinois and Oregon.

"It's a #solarstorm train! We now have FIVE storms headed towards Earth! Storm 2, 3, and 5 will be direct hits as seen in the coronagraph imagery. Impacts start around midday May 10 and will continue through late May 12 at least. G3-level conditions & extended #aurora possible," space weather physicist Tamitha Skov posted to X, formerly known as Twitter, early on Thursday morning.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/sacramento/news/sacramento-school-newspaper-hitler-quote-controversy/>

Sacramento school newspaper quote draws controversy: "Hitler's got some good ideas."

A controversial quote in a student newspaper has Sacramento Jewish leaders speaking out and a school principal sending voice messages to parents.

The quote printed in the C.K. McClatchy High School paper, The Prospector, reads: "Hitler's got some good ideas."

The paper published the anonymous student quote in a back page column. The quote was printed as one of nine "favorite" student responses to a question posed by newspaper staff. The question was: "Have you ever heard something while walking in the school hallways and thought 'That is the strangest and weirdest thing I have ever heard in my life?'"

Parent Amanda Banks read the quote.

"Freedom of the press is important, freedom of speech, we want to teach that to our students but I do think there are erratic topics that need to be put in context before they're just put out there," Banks said.

McClatchy Principal Andrea Egan sent a voice recording to parents following the publication, saying, "You are all likely aware of a deeply offensive comment."

Pam Herman is interim CEO of the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region. She is pushing for more education on the Holocaust during this Holocaust Remembrance Week.

"It's a gut punch, honestly. It's a gut punch," Herman said. "I'm sad that anyone would say that, clearly, but to have it out there without any information is horrific."

A 2020 Holocaust Knowledge and Awareness study showed that 63 percent of U.S. millennials and members of Generation Z did not know that 6 million Jewish people were killed in the Holocaust.

<https://www.thejc.com/news/world/revealed-lawyer-pushing-for-netanyahu-arrest-warrant-said-october-7-was-legally-justified-gmntvs4y>

Revealed: Lawyer pushing for Netanyahu arrest warrant said October 7 was legally justified  
The ICC is reportedly close to issuing war crimes indictments against the Israeli PM, Defence Minister and Chief of Staff

Lawyers who claimed the October 7 massacre was legally justified and that Israel had no right to self-defence in Gaza are key figures in the push to have Benjamin Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders prosecuted in the International Criminal Court (ICC), the JC can reveal.

The ICC's chief prosecutor, British barrister Karim Khan KC, is reportedly close to issuing war crimes indictments against the Israeli prime minister, Defence Minister Yoav Gallant and IDF Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi – a move that Netanyahu has said would constitute an “antisemitic hate crime”.

Khaled al-Shouli said in a televised interview screened the day following the October 7 massacre that the attack was justified under international law. Abdelmajid Mrari, a French-Algerian, has referred to the terror group as a “resistance movement”. Both lawyers are key members of a group of some 600 lawyers from around the world who have filed evidence about the current conflict to the ICC.

[https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/389679?utm\\_source=substack&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/389679?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)

Ahead of Independence Day: 9.9 million people living in Israel  
Since last Independence day, Israel's population has grown by 189,000 people; by next Independence Day, Israel's population is expected to reach over 10 million.

On the eve of Israel's 76th Independence Day, the population of Israel was 9.900 million, Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) reported.

Comprising Israel's population are 7.427 million Jews (73.2%), 2.089 million Arabs - Muslims, Arab Christians and Druze (21.1%), and 564,000 others (5.7%). "Others" is defined as non-Arab Christians, other religions, and those registered as not classified by religion.

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-799636>

Hundreds of Jews to fly Israeli flags on Temple Mount on Independence Day

Throughout Passover, a new record of Jewish visitors to the Temple Mount was broken, as over 4,000 people visited despite the limited number of days of the holiday compared to the previous years.

<https://compass.org/israel-can-rebuild-her-temple-now/>

Israel Can Rebuild Her Temple Now!

And as Israeli citizens grow weary of being attacked all the time by Muslims, many Israelis have been more and more vocal that Israel needs to rebuild her Temple and go back to animal sacrifices in order to get back under God's protection.

Regardless, even when (not if) they get back administrative control of the Temple Mount, there is a major problem that has to be solved before they begin building—which is WHERE will they build it?

So the Dome of the Rock is not a hindrance in any way to rebuilding the Jewish Temple. And the Dome of the Rock can even remain next to the Jewish Temple. All of this will probably be worked out in the 7-year peace treaty. But that's a topic for another day.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/un-set-to-vote-on-symbolic-measure-backing-palestine-recognition/>

UN set to vote on symbolic measure backing Palestine recognition

General Assembly motion would recommend the Security Council reconsider its position, after the US vetoed recognition there last month

The United Nations General Assembly could vote on Friday on a draft resolution that would recognize the Palestinians as qualified to become a full UN member and recommend that the UN Security Council “reconsider the matter favorably.”

While unlikely to change the Palestinians' status at the world body, the vote will effectively act as a global survey of how much support Ramallah has for its bid, which was vetoed in the UN Security Council last month by the United States. An application to become a full UN member needs to be approved by the 15-member Security Council and then the General Assembly.

Globalism

<https://www.technocracy.news/whos-pandemic-treaty-technocrats-planning-on-total-control-of-everything/>

WHO's Pandemic Treaty: Technocrats Planning On Total Control Of Everything

The WHO Pandemic Treaty has turned out to be a Trojan Horse inside another Trojan Horse. As you pull all the layers apart, you see the hand of global elitists vying for total control over everything on earth, from biologics to inorganic material to all the systems between them. The U.S. should drop-kick the UN and the WHO into the Atlantic Ocean and tell them never to come back, but it's not that easy: Far in advance of this Treaty, the Feds have already implemented One Health as an all-of-government initiative. In other words, the infrastructure for total control is already in place. The WHO Treaty will bring the rest of the world into compliance,

<https://www.biometricupdate.com/202405/clear-begins-biometrics-enrollment-for-tsas-precheck-launches-at-hawaii-airport>

Clear begins biometrics enrollment for TSA's PreCheck, launches at Hawaii airport

Clear has joined Idemia and Telos among active providers of biometric enrollment to the Transportation Security Administration's PreCheck program for expedited airport security checks.

Americans can now enroll for or renew their PreCheck membership with Clear at Orlando, Sacramento and Newark Liberty International Airports. Clear also intends to add more locations for traveller biometrics enrollment over time.

Members can renew with any of the three providers, regardless of which they first enrolled their biometrics with.

"Additional enrollment providers make it easier for the public to enroll and enjoy a seamless travel experience," says TSA Administrator David Pekoske.

<https://www.clearme.com>

CLEAR Plus uses biometrics to replace your I.D. for faster entry at airports. Biometrics are unique biological characteristics that can be used to identify you, including your eyes, fingerprints, and face.

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<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/just-one-human-infected-bird-121130918.html>



## Just One Human Is Infected by Bird Flu in the US. More Cases Are Likely

It's spreading rapidly among cows. It's also infecting skunks, mountain lions and red foxes.

Yet as the highly contagious avian flu affects mammals across the US, just one human case has been reported so far.

But that's probably only because there is extremely limited testing of people underway to detect it. State governments and farm owners have kept Centers for Disease Control and Prevention teams from conducting on-the-ground investigations that would offer a fuller picture of the prevalence of the virus in humans.

That threatens to impair federal officials' response to an outbreak that many experts view as the biggest test for pandemic readiness systems since Covid-19. The recent patient is recovering after experiencing eye redness as their sole symptom. However, avian flu typically kills half the people known to have been infected, hinting at the danger it poses if it were to spread widely.

[https://www.yahoo.com/news/two-possible-bird-flu-vaccines-210209632.html?fr=sycsrp\\_catchall](https://www.yahoo.com/news/two-possible-bird-flu-vaccines-210209632.html?fr=sycsrp_catchall)

Two possible bird flu vaccines could be available within weeks, if needed

The U.S. has two vaccines ready should the strain of bird flu circulating in dairy cows begin spreading easily to people, federal health officials said Wednesday. They could begin shipping doses widely within weeks, if needed.

So far, there's no evidence that H5N1 is spreading person-to-person, although one dairy worker in Texas who worked closely with infected cattle had a mild infection and developed conjunctivitis, or pinkeye, in April.

At a briefing Wednesday, government health officials said they are preparing for a potential scenario of H5N1 jumping from animal to person — or person to person. The virus has taken off in dairy cows, infecting at least 36 herds across nine states, raising concerns that it could acquire mutations that would make it easier to spill over into humans.

O'Connell said the U.S. is also pursuing a third vaccine based on the same mRNA-technology used in Pfizer's and Moderna's Covid vaccines. She added that an mRNA vaccine could be quicker to manufacture because "you can switch in and switch out the genetic sequencing very easily."

<https://qz.com/flock-ai-license-plate-surveillance-startup-cameras-per-1851294024>

An AI license plate surveillance startup installed hundreds of cameras without permission

Flock installed its surveillance cameras without permits, and has now been banned from operating in two states

Flock, a startup which promotes a surveillance state, has installed car tracking cameras in 4,000 cities among 42 states. The company makes its money and shareholder value by delivering AI-based tracking hardware and software to local police departments, which are more than happy to pay Flock's \$3,000 annual fee. The Atlanta-based company has grown nearly 2,700 percent since 2020, and at least some of that growth, according to a new report from Forbes, has come from a willingness to bend the rules to get their cameras installed and tracking your every movement.

Flock uses fallible artificial intelligence software to "fingerprint" a car, matching its make, model, and appearance to a license plate number in the DOT database. Cops love Flock because they say it is less expensive than competitive systems from Motorola, while allegedly providing more accurate tracking of potential suspects.

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/05/05/within-a-few-years-generative-ai-will-design-new-drugs-on-its-own.html>

Generative AI will be designing new drugs all on its own in the near future

Eli Lilly chief information and digital officer Diogo Rau was recently involved in some experiments in the office, but not the typical drug research work that you might expect to be among the lab tinkering inside a major pharmaceutical company.

Lilly has been using generative AI to search through millions of molecules. With AI able to move at a speed of discovery which in five minutes can generate as many molecules as Lilly could synthesize in an entire year in traditional wet labs, it make sense to test the limits of artificial intelligence in medicine. But there's no way to know if the abundance of AI-generated designs will work in the real world, and that's something skeptical company executives wanted to learn more about.

[https://www.independent.co.uk/tech/ai-chatgpt-gpt2-sam-altman-openai-b2537934.html?utm\\_source=substack&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.independent.co.uk/tech/ai-chatgpt-gpt2-sam-altman-openai-b2537934.html?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)

Mysterious, incredibly powerful AI system appears on the internet – and then disappears again

Brief outing of new model could be an early release of new OpenAI system, some speculate

A mysterious, astonishing powerful chatbot appears to have been briefly released to the world – before being hidden again.

It is not known what the artificial intelligence system is, or where it came from. But what is clear is that it is among the most powerful systems in the world.

The system was first spotted on LMSYS Org, a website that benchmarks AI systems and ranks them. Users saw that the tool, named gpt2-chatbot, was briefly available to use.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-startup-gets-eu-backing-to-help-bring-lab-grown-meat-cuts-to-table/>

Israel startup gets EU backing to help bring lab-grown meat cuts to table  
Profuse says the €2.4m grant will be used to get regulatory approval for its small molecule-based cocktail that catalyzes muscle tissue growth for cultivated meat production

There was much buzz around the world's first regulatory approval for the sale of cultivated beef, which was granted in Israel early last year. Cultivated meat, which is made from animal cells grown in a lab, has been gaining traction, but the high costs and lengthy production process remain key obstacles to bringing a whole cut of meat to diners.

An Israeli foodtech startup recently received funding from the European Union to seek regulatory approval for technology that it says can help cultivated meat startups produce more meat in a shorter time period, thereby cutting the cost of production by some 50 percent.

[https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2024/05/07/boy-scout-movement-becomes-trans-friendly-authentic-self-group/?utm\\_source=substack&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2024/05/07/boy-scout-movement-becomes-trans-friendly-authentic-self-group/?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)

Boy Scouts of America Changes Name, Advertises Itself as Trans-Friendly 'Authentic Self' Group

The Boy Scouts of America is changing its 114-year-old name, according to a statement from the tech sector CEO who runs the fabled organization, in what seems to be a bid to deny the reality that boys are different from girls.

The new sexually-neutral name –“Scouting America” — will send “a really strong message to everyone in America that they can come to this program, they can bring their authentic self,” said Roger Krone, the organization's president and CEO.

Krone's “authentic self” phrase matches language used by transgender activists who oppose the public recognition that boys and girls, women and men, have different needs and desires. The pro-transgender activists insist that young children can create their individual sexual persona and “gender,” regardless of their male or female nature.

“They can be who they are, and they will be welcomed here,” added Krone, who until recently was the chief of Leidos, a consulting company in defense and healthcare. The scouting organization’s National Executive Board also includes other business leaders.

[https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2024/05/sign-times-drag-queens-take-national-mall-create/?utm\\_source=substack&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2024/05/sign-times-drag-queens-take-national-mall-create/?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)

Sign of the Times: Drag Queens Take Over National Mall, Create Spectacle at Lincoln Memorial and White House

As our country barrels heedlessly towards the uttermost bounds of depravity, even the country’s hallowed national monuments are no longer safe from those promoting this degeneracy.

From Joe Biden inviting transgender influencer Dylan Mulvaney to speak with him at the White House to inviting other transgender influencers who took off their shirts on the White House lawn, the Biden administration has ensured that nation’s capital would become a hotbed of this increasing degeneracy.

And now, members of the infamous show “RuPaul’s Drag Race All Stars” have disgraced the Washington Mall and the Lincoln Memorial by promoting the show and parading themselves in patriotic-themed, provocative outfits across these national landmarks.

Per The Hill, eight alumni of “Drag Race” took to the Washington Mall on Monday to both promote the ninth-season of the show and pose for pictures.

[https://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent\\_news\\_id=6884](https://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent_news_id=6884)

Is The American Church Prepared For Persecution?

At the 2024 March for the Martyrs, held in Washington, D.C. in honor of persecuted Christians, a unique perspective was raised. If not unique, then certainly something seemingly underdiscussed. While considering global Christian persecution, event speaker Christian Trimino asked the question: What about the American church? Are we prepared, should persecution come our way?

About making tough decisions, Trimino raised a prominent point. Overseas, where being a Christian can be a death sentence, believers face one of the most complex decisions almost daily: To be spared from torture by renouncing the faith, or to choose to follow Christ no matter the cost. But before looking deeper at this concept in America and what Trimino had to say, let’s look at some facts and statistics.

The number of persecuted Christians is increasing rapidly. In four short years, the persecuted went from roughly 265 million in 2020 to 365 million in 2024. That's a lot of people murdered, imprisoned, tortured, and beaten for their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

According to Open Doors US, one believer is killed for their faith every two hours, which equates to roughly 5,000 Christians per year. For those who aren't killed, Open Doors reports, so far in 2024: "4,125 Christians were detained without trial, arrested, sentenced or imprisoned, 3,906 believers were abducted, more than 3,200 Christians were raped, sexually harassed or forced to marry non-Christians, 42,849 followers of Jesus were physically or mentally abused, and nearly 300,000 Christians were forced to leave their homes, go into hiding or flee their country of origin."

These statistics are truly staggering.

Can you imagine how excruciatingly painful it must be to decide to follow Christ while being held at gunpoint by a terrorist? How about if your family got kidnapped, and the only way to freedom was to renounce your faith? How would you be able to think if your church is ransacked by angry God-haters killing anyone who refuses to back down from their faith?

And yet, when you hear the testimonies of those who suffer unimaginable persecution, it's a death sentence they bear with joy because of the glorious beauty of their eternal reward. For believers who have nothing, it's all the more blatant that with Christ, one has everything.

Christians, no matter where, need to be able to make this kind of tough decision. But what Trimino said got me thinking. As he put it, Americans seem to be in a position where we're decreasing opportunities to make tough decisions. The young influencer emphasized our society has seen numerous technological advances in recent years.

From the comfort of our homes, we can order food, groceries, and just about anything you can think of. Our phones allow us to get in touch with people next door or across the world in an instant as well as consistent access to all kinds of information. We've created these easy pathways while increasingly losing the practice of making hard choices. But perhaps some clarification is in order.

We do make tough decisions here in America. The difference is, we often associate tough decisions with temporary, worldly outcomes. Take job prospects, for instance. What we're going to eat, wear, or do the next day will often occupy our conscience. What school will we or our children attend after high school? What's the best way to manage our finances? These are all reasonable, thought-worthy quandaries that require decision making. But these are First World problems, ultimately affecting our life on earth. What I want to discuss are the tough decisions of faith, affecting us into eternity.

Really, when observing the harsh persecution around the world, we shouldn't merely be overcome with grief but understand their reality, at any moment, could be ours as well. Of course, the American church is being attacked, and I can't help but wonder if we are prepared to stand up for Christ no matter the cost.

While the average American Christian is not being imprisoned for their faith or worrying if they'll survive until tomorrow, we do have tough decisions to make that carry immense weight. I wonder, have you thought about your response to someone coming to you saying they're going to undergo gender transition surgery? What about the woman who's convinced babies in the womb have no value and plans to seek an abortion? What about the person from high school who's on the verge of committing suicide because they see no point in life?

I could list several additional circumstances in which we would have an incredibly difficult decision to make. It's easy to think, "I would just share the gospel with them!" But then my question is, are you ready to follow through on that? Are you committed and equipped to tell this person caught up in LGBT ideology that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life?

Are you ready to share with the expecting mother her baby is made in the image of God with inherent dignity and value? Are you ready to tell that former classmate their life has purpose in Christ? Beloved, are you ready to share all the reasons Scripture gives for why these things are true, and do so in love?