

Charlie Kirk

(October 14, 1993 – September 10, 2025)



Charlie Kirk was one of the highest profile conservative activists and media personalities in the US, and a trusted ally of President Donald Trump.

He was shot dead on 10 September at the age of 31 while hosting a college event for Turning Point USA, the organisation he co-founded, in what police are calling a targeted shooting.

President Donald Trump announced the shocking news of Kirk's death, paying tribute on Truth Social: "The Great, and even Legendary, Charlie Kirk, is dead. No one understood or had the Heart of the Youth in the United States of America better than Charlie."

Who was Charlie Kirk?

The son of an architect who grew up in the well-to-do Chicago suburb of Prospect Heights, Kirk attended an Illinois community college before dropping out to devote himself to political activism.

His non-profit organization, Turning Point, which he started at age 18, aimed to spread conservative ideals at liberal-leaning US colleges.

What did Charlie Kirk stand for?

His social media and his daily podcast often offered clips of him debating with students about issues like climate change, abortion, trans-gender, faith and family values.

Kirk's comments on gender, race and politics often drew fierce liberal criticism. His opposition to gun control was among issues he discussed.

The non-profit Kirk founded, Turning Point USA - a large part of his legacy - began in 2012. Its mission, aimed at young people, is to organise students to "promote the principles of fiscal responsibility, free markets, and limited government". It now has chapters at more than 850 colleges.

The relationship between Kirk and Trump grew after Trump's victory, with Kirk attending Trump's inauguration in January in Washington DC. He was a regular visitor at the White House during both Trump terms in office.

In January he travelled with Trump's son, Donald Trump Jr, to Greenland, as the then-incoming president was arguing that the US should own the Arctic territory.

Kirk also addressed the Oxford Union - a debating society at Oxford University - earlier this year, and in 2020, wrote a best-seller, *The Maga Doctrine*, a reference to Trump's "Make America Great Again" campaign.

Who are his family?

Kirk's evangelical Christianity and his young family were front and centre in his politics.

He married Erika Kirk, a businesswoman and former Miss Arizona, in May 2021 and they had two children.

Mrs Kirk made a public statement on September 12, two days after Charlie's death, posting a video where she stood next to her husband's empty podcast chair. She thanked President Trump and said her husband's message will only be amplified after his death.

"If you thought that my husband's mission was powerful before, you have no idea," she said. "You have no idea what you just have unleashed across this entire country. You have no idea the fire that you have ignited within this wife."

"The cries of this widow will echo around the world like a battle cry," she added.

According to her website, Erika Kirk is the founder of Proclaim, a faith-based clothing line, a podcast host and the founder of two non-profit organisations.

She also frequently appeared by Kirk's side at public engagements.

The couple regularly posted on Instagram about their family life, but kept their children's identities private.

Erika Kirk is currently studying for a doctorate in Bible Studies.

On Wednesday, before the event at which her husband was shot, she posted online: "Psalm 46:1 - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cdxqnkwerj7o>

Facebook comment by a young American:

In the last video I saw of him, Charlie was saying that if you want to be the best version of yourself, and you want to live the best life that you could possibly live, you can't do what everybody else does. You can't go to the bars every weekend, get blackout drunk every weekend, and hook up with a random stranger every weekend. That is so unfulfilling.

Charlie was a hard-working individual. He had a purpose that was bigger than himself. He fought for truth and he fought evil. He advocated everyone had kids. And I think the thing that the system fears the most is people thinking for themselves, as Charlie did. But not only thinking for themselves, but having children that also think for themselves. I feel so compelled to talk about this because I don't want his death to be for nothing.

For you to do

1. Do a Google search on "Charlie Kirk" and watch two of his video debates online. For each video, state the Christian value he was debating, the opponent's view, and Charlie's counter argument.
2. It is said by some that Christianity and politics should never mix. But what happens when political parties adopt anti-Christian values? Should we say that it doesn't matter which party we vote for? Or should we make a stand for truth. If Jesus was on earth today, think about what He would say on issues such as marriage, gender, abortion, and religions that are opposed to the Bible. Write your reasoning in 200 - 500 words
3. How should Christians stand for truth? Should we go to church each Sunday and listen to biblical teaching, and keep it to ourselves? Should we aim to keep a quiet and comfortable life, happy because we have Jesus, but not sharing God's truth with others? How do we stand up for truth in our modern world? Write your reasoning in 200-500 words.