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Antisemitic and Anti-Israel Conspiracy Theories Follow Fatal Shooting of Charlie Kirk

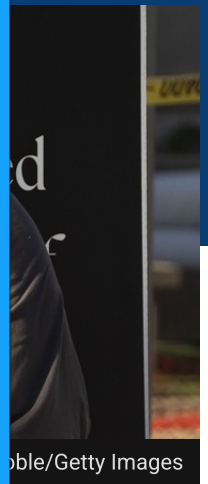
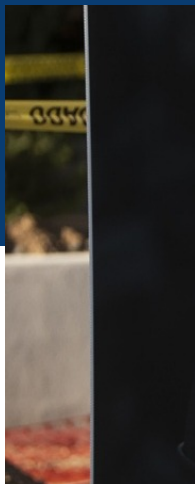


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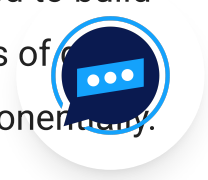
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Anti-Israel Activity • Antisemitism in the US

From: Center on Extremism

Antisemitic conspiracy theories frequently emerge surrounding high-profile tragedies, particularly in the absence of official answers about who committed a violent act and why. When a public that is increasingly inundated with messages designed to build distrust in institutions and each other encounters such narratives in times of confusion and anger, the potential damage they can cause increases exponentially.



Given the unprecedented threat level against the Jewish community, the rapid proliferation of antisemitic conspiracy theories spread by those who wish to exploit the moment of panic and uncertainty is even more alarming.

The longer the public is left with unanswered questions about this shooting, the more damage conspiracy theories about Jews and Israel being responsible can cause.

Charlie Kirk Murder

On September 10, Charlie Kirk, conservative political commentator and president of Turning Point USA, was fatally shot while speaking at his organization's event at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. The horrifying murder is part of a disturbing trend of violent actions against public figures and elected officials.

Within hours, and before a suspect had been identified, antisemites and promoters of false narratives seized the moment to attribute the incident to Israel or to blame Jews generally—a common example of how bad actors take advantage of breaking news events and tragedies to advance their own hateful agendas.

The ADL Center on Extremism is tracking discussion of the event in real-time. Below are some of the most troubling trends that have emerged:

Allegations That Israel Carried Out False Flag Assassination

One of the most popular unfounded narratives promoted a "false flag" conspiracy theory, suggesting Israel or Jewish organizations colluded to have Kirk killed because he had supposedly become more critical of Israel, or that Israel suspected he would eventually "turn on them." Since September 10, there have been over 10,000 posts on X that include the phrase, "Israel killed Charlie Kirk."



Paul miller



We are at war... Charlie Kirk worked tirelessly against the movement on behalf of Israel. What did it get him? A bullet, because jews radicalized people in America and across Europe. The question i think should be asked is. Did Israel plot to have Charlie killed Because he might turn on them?

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641

2.2K

31K

2.1K

(Screenshot/X)

Goyim Defense League (GDL) associate Paul Miller suggests Jews radicalized America and that Israel plotted Kirk's murder.

Some known accounts with histories of peddling anti-Israel and antisemitic conspiracy theories immediately and baselessly alleged that Israel was behind Kirk's assassination.

"Pretty obvious that Israel ordered the hit after Charlie started noticing," claimed far-right conspiracy theorist and prolific antisemite Stew Peters, in an X post, using the antisemitic "noticing" trope. In another post, he lamented that Kirk became a "martyr for the JQ," or Jewish Question, a term from the 1800s used by modern antisemites to state their antisemitic bona fides and indicate that Jewish presence in society is a problem.

Ian Carroll, an anti-Zionist X influencer with over a million followers who has spread antisemitic conspiracy theories, also directly accused Israel of the assassination. In a post with over 10 million views and 100,000 likes, he claimed that the killing would be a "turning point of US Israel relations" because "he was their friend" and "they murdered him in front of his family." He added, "Israel just shot themselves."



Ian Carroll

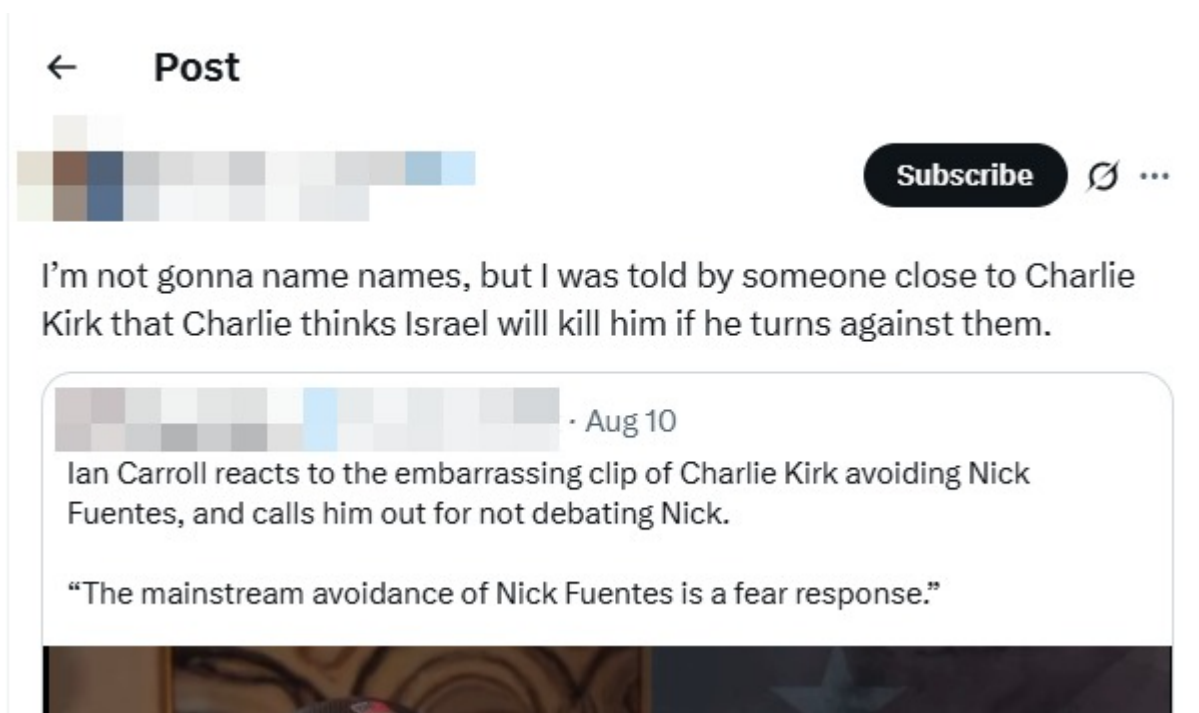


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An X post by Ian Carroll accusing Israel of Kirk's killing.

Some X commentators have cited an August 13, 2025, post with over 10 million views that alleges Kirk believed Israel would “kill him if he turns against them” as evidence of this false claim. The post itself did not include any evidence of Kirk having made that statement.





3:00 PM · Aug 13, 2025 · 10.3M Views

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An X post alleging Israel would “kill” Kirk without supporting evidence of the claim.

Others have also cited Kirk’s platforming of Dave Smith, a comedian and commentator who is highly critical of Israel, as Israel’s supposed rationale for killing Kirk. Charlie Kirk moderated a July 13, 2025, debate between Smith and Josh Hammer at TPUSA’s Student Action Summit.



People that know Charlie Kirk say he was afraid he would be killed if he changed his position on Israel.

He also recently platformed Dave smith.



4:43 PM · Sep 10, 2025 · 144.7K Views

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645

3K

300



(Screenshot/X)

An X post claiming that Kirk's platforming of Dave Smith was somehow related to Kirk's assassination.

Anti-Zionist influencer account Syrian Girl seized on this narrative, alleging in a since-deleted X post that Kirk was "changing his views" about Israel and that "the Israelis would kill him before they let that happen." In another X post, she claimed that "targeting the neck is very IDF coded," in reference to the Israel Defense Forces.

Far-right influencer Jackson Hinkle, a purveyor of conspiracy theories related to Israel who often shares extensive anti-Israel and anti-Zionist rhetoric, also published a series of posts suggesting Israeli involvement. In one, he speculated that Kirk was targeted for "*mildly* criticizing Israel" after previously being an "Israel loyalist." Hinkle also cited Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's quick public mourning on X as suspicious.



Jackson Hinkle  

@jacksonhinkle



- > He used to be an Israel loyalist
- > He feared 'Israel would kill him'
- > He started *mildly* criticizing Israel
- > He said Epstein was Mossad
- > He let anti-Zionists speak at his events
- > Zionist media started attacking him
- > Someone shot his jugular 200 yards away
- > Netanyahu tweets within minutes
- > Patsy gets arrested & acts guilty
- > Assassin escapes without a trace
- > Netanyahu tweets longer message

Something tells me they're not going to tell us the truth about who killed Charlie Kirk...

5:22 PM · Sep 10, 2025 · 10.1M Views

2.6K

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202K

33K

(Screenshot/X)

An X post by Jackson Hinkle with over 10 million views and 200,000 likes, baselessly alleging Israeli involvement in Kirk's killing.



Israel or Jews Assassinated Kirk to Sow Fear Against Muslims

Some anti-Israel conspiracy theorists suggested that Israel worked with the U.S. government to have Kirk assassinated with the goal of framing or fueling existing biases against Muslim people.



Fuck you. We all know who did it now.

Blaming the Charlie Kirk shooter on a Muslim the day before 9/11 isn't going to work this time

 **Prime Minister of Israel**  @IsraeliPM · Sep 10

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu:

“Tomorrow is September 11th. We remember September 11th. On that day, Islamist terrorists committed the worst savagery on American soil since the founding of the United States.





6:13 PM · Sep 10, 2025 · 4M Views

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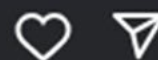
An X post with 4 million views suggesting Israel's involvement, and that they would try to blame the shooting on Muslims.

Several posts noted the fact that the shooting occurred one day before the anniversary of the September 11 terror attacks.

CK was an inside job. They executed him the day before 9/11 to revive the energy of this "never forget" day that was also an inside job by the US/Israel. Don't forget that people are waking up to all the lies through the extremes being used. Extreme absolutes will shock people out of brainwashing and cults. And so the US / Israel knows that to get people back, they need another extreme. And this is how they pull you away from your growing empathy towards Palestinians, and pull you away from your hatred for the pedophile Epstein list they won't release.

By reviving this energy and hatred, they can now re energize the support for Israel who claims that October 7th was their 9/11. CK was fuel for their fire. And that is sad to me. And we should learn from that exactly all the reasons why this is the moment to be truth-tellers and brave about it. If people continue to normalize, the people who see things for what they are will not be able to trust you. We can't build real things with normalizers. CK was betrayed by the devil he chose to worship. This shit got to his head with the fame & money but if it's true he was beginning to question things, well, you can't once you sellout. They will JFK you. And now CK you.

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An anti-Israel user suggests the murder of Charlie Kirk "was an inside job."

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