

Tucker's Trick: Turning Christian Suffering Into Islamist Propaganda

THE LIE

The United States funds Israel's persecution of Christians while Islamic countries welcome Christianity.

THE TRUTH

The United States provides far more aid to Islamic countries with documented records of Christian persecution than it does to Israel—the only country in the Middle East where indigenous Christians enjoy freedom and are growing in number.

BACKGROUND

- On February 5, 2026, Tucker Carlson released a video featuring interviews he conducted in Jordan, claiming that the "U.S.-funded" Israeli government persecutes Christians.
- In the same video, Tucker attempted to portray Islamic countries—particularly Jordan—as tolerant and welcoming toward Christians by highlighting two Jordanian Christians who criticized Israel while praising Jordan.

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- The U.S. does not "fund" Israel's government. Under a 2016 memorandum of understanding signed by President Barack Obama, the U.S. provides \$3.8 billion annually in **military financing**, not cash aid. Roughly 75% of those funds must be spent on American-made defense products and services, directly supporting U.S. manufacturers and jobs. ([White House](#))
- By contrast, the U.S. provides Jordan approximately \$1.65 billion per year in aid, the majority of it **economic assistance** with no comparable requirement to benefit the U.S. economy. Egypt receives about \$1.3 billion annually in U.S. foreign military financing. The U.S. has sent more than \$18 billion in economic and humanitarian aid to Islamic terror states, including countries like Sudan where Christians are slaughtered. ([Congress](#)), ([Reuters](#)), ([JNS](#)), ([US Embassy](#))
- Many U.S.-funded Islamic countries have well-documented records of persecuting Christians. Open Doors' World Watch List ranks Jordan #49, Egypt #42, Sudan #4, and Somalia #2 among the 50 worst countries for Christian persecution. All have received U.S. aid. None have received sustained criticism from Tucker Carlson. ([Open Doors](#)), ([ECSPE](#))
- Qatar, which hosts the largest U.S. military base in the Middle East and is frequently praised by Tucker, imposes severe restrictions on Christian life. Churches may not display visible crosses, advertise services, or evangelize. Proselytizing is a criminal offense punishable by prison. Public Christian worship is confined. ([US State Department](#))
- Jordan—praised by Tucker as a model of tolerance—has seen its Christian population shrink from roughly 20% in 1930 to just 2% today. Ironically, he uses the same kind of population decline to accuse Israel of persecuting Christians. ([ERLC](#))
- Tucker has shown little to no concern for Islamic countries that routinely persecute, expel, or massacre Christians. In November 2025, he even platformed attorney Robert Amsterdam, who denies that Christians in Nigeria are being systematically slaughtered. ([TCN](#)), ([Mediaite](#)), ([JNS](#)), ([WikiIslam](#)), ([ECSPE](#))
- Tucker's remaining "evidence" consists of isolated social media clips showing anti-Christian harassment in Jerusalem. These fringe incidents are widely condemned by Israeli and Jewish leaders and have resulted in arrests. In Islamic countries, by contrast, persecution of Christians is tolerated or even openly encouraged. ([TOI](#)), ([CNN](#)), ([TOI](#)), ([Open Doors](#))
- Israel, meanwhile, does not appear on lists of countries that persecute Christians. Tucker's claim that there are "far fewer" Christians in Israel today than in 1948 is demonstrably false. The Christian population in Israel proper grew from approximately 34,000 in 1949 to about 181,000 today—an increase of more than 400%. Israel is one of the only countries in the Middle East where the indigenous Christian population is increasing. ([CBS](#)), ([CBS](#)), ([Jerusalem Post](#))
- Surveys show that 84% of Christians in Israel report being satisfied with their lives. ([Algemeiner](#))
- Christians in Israel worship openly, operate churches, schools, charities, and hospitals, publish religious materials, display crosses, ring church bells, and hold public religious processions. ([Honest Reporting](#))

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QUOTES

- “No democracy is perfect, but Israel is definitely worth defending and is a better place for Christians to live than any other Islamic Arab country. If Tucker is a truly honest Christian, I ask him to show the danger of Islam to Eastern & Western Christians, especially the United States. I hope his patron, Qatar, will allow him to do so.” – Shadi Khalloul, Arab Christian in Israel

TAKEAWAY

Tucker Carlson isn't defending Christians—he's laundering the reputations of Islamic regimes that do exactly what he falsely accuses Israel of doing. He attacks the one Middle Eastern country where Christianity is protected, growing, and practiced openly, while running cover for states where churches are restricted, converts are threatened, and Christian populations have collapsed. By scolding Islamic regimes that harass, silence, and drive Christians out.