

Tucker Carlson's Christian Case for Appeasing Iran

THE LIE

The U.S. should avoid conflict with oppressive Islamic regimes because it could provoke Islamic extremism and put Christians at risk.

THE TRUTH

Christians already suffer under Islamic regimes, and Western intervention has repeatedly saved Christian lives.

BACKGROUND

- On March 5, 2026, Tucker Carlson warned that Christians should oppose military action against Iran—the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism—because it might provoke Islamist retaliation against Christians around the globe.
- He lamented the killing of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the supreme leader of the Islamic Republic, suggesting that doing so during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan could “create religious extremism.”
- He further claimed that Israel dragged the United States into war with Iran for the purpose of triggering an Islamic backlash against Christians around the globe.

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- **The U.S.-Israel strike was pre-emptive:** President Trump said Iran was preparing to attack first and that he “might have forced Israel's hand” into pre-empting that attack. This directly undercuts Tucker's claim that Israel somehow dragged the United States into an unprovoked war. ([ABC News](#))
- **Iran has a long history of attacking the U.S.:** Iranian-backed militias have killed thousands of Americans over the last four decades, including assassination attempts on President Trump—an act Tucker himself previously said would justify war. ([FDD](#)), ([Axios](#)), ([Tucker Carlson](#))
- **Christians are already primary targets of Islamist persecution:** Over 360 million Christians worldwide face high levels of persecution, most in Muslim-majority countries. Iran ranks among the **ten worst persecutors of Christians**. ([Open Doors](#))
- **Appeasement doesn't prevent attacks:** Christian communities are persecuted in **Somalia, Sudan, and Nigeria** – all recipients of American aid – where neither Israel nor the United States is at war. Appeasement doesn't buy protection. ([Open Doors](#)), ([Foreign Assistance](#))
- **Intervention can protect Christians:** In December 2025, U.S. forces launched airstrikes against Islamic terrorists in northwestern Nigeria to protect Christian communities from mass violence. President Trump has since deployed hundreds of U.S. troops to Nigeria to help combat the Islamic groups responsible for massacring Christians. ([New York Times](#)), ([Christian Post](#)), ([AP](#))
- **ISIS genocide in Iraq:** The near-eradication of Christian communities in parts of Iraq occurred **after U.S. troop withdrawal**, not due to military escalation. Islamist violence is motivated by ideology, not geopolitics. ([The Guardian](#))
- **Iran routinely persecutes Christians:** In 2025, **254 Christians were arrested** for faith-related activity. Many were charged under laws criminalizing “propaganda contrary to Islam,” and collectively received **hundreds of years of prison sentences**. ([Center for Human Rights in Iran](#)) ([Christianity Daily](#)), ([Christianity Daily](#))
- **Iran treats Christianity as a threat:** The regime targets Christians—especially evangelicals—as a dangerous Western influence. The regime raids churches, confiscates Bibles and interrogates believers. Open Doors ranks Iran among the **most dangerous countries to be a Christian**. ([Center for Human Rights in Iran](#)), ([Open Doors](#))

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QUOTES

→ I might have forced [Israel's] hand. You see, we were having negotiations with these [Iranian] lunatics, and it was my opinion that they were going to attack first. They were going to attack. If we didn't do it, they were going to attack first... if anything, I might have forced Israel's hand." — President Donald Trump

TAKEAWAY

Tucker Carlson uses Christianity as cover to defend the very regimes that persecute it. Christians are already suffering under Islamist regimes, and staying on the sidelines has never kept them safe. Once again, Carlson's "concern" isn't for the faithful—it's for the oppressors, using Christianity as a fig leaf to attack Israel and defend regimes that imprison, exile, and execute believers.