

No, Charlie Kirk Never Turned Against Israel

THE LIE

Anti-Israel influencers claim Kirk abandoned his pro-Israel views before his death and feared Israel would kill him for "mildly criticizing" it. More than 10,000 posts on X tie his assassination to Israel, pointing to clips of Kirk lamenting backlash from some pro-Israel activists as "proof" he had broken with Israel.

THE TRUTH

Charlie Kirk never turned against Israel. He died one of its most committed defenders - actively preparing pro-Israel debate talking points the night before he was killed at Utah Valley University on September 10, 2025.

BACKGROUND

→ Charlie Kirk was assassinated at Utah Valley University on September 10, 2025. Utah police arrested Tyler Robinson, 22, for aggravated murder. No evidence links Robinson to Israel. [AP](#)

→ Kirk was a vocal, longtime supporter of Israel - forcefully condemning the October 7 massacre and backing Israel's war against Hamas. He occasionally criticized specific Israeli government decisions and acknowledged that some in the America First movement did not share his pro-Israel views, openly respecting their right to disagree.

→ In the immediate aftermath of Kirk's death, anti-Israel influencers - including Candace Owens - began circulating viral clips of Kirk discussing backlash from some pro-Israel activists, framing those clips as evidence he had broken with Israel and suggesting Israel had him killed.

→ On September 9, 2025 - the night before his assassination - Kirk held a Zoom call with senior editor Josh Hammer and Rabbi Pesach Wolicki to prepare talking points for rebutting anti-Israel attacks he expected on his campus tour the following day. [Newsweek](#)

TRUTH EXPLAINED

→ Rabbi Pesach Wolicki, who spoke with Kirk hours before his death, said Kirk was "excited to get back out on the campus tour" and in a "combative mood - preparing for debates and attacks." Wolicki added: "Charlie stood alone in that whole Gen Z conservative world as far as being pro-Israel." [NY Post](#)

→ In Kirk's own words from April 2025: "No non-Jewish person my age has a longer or clearer record of support for Israel than I do." He also said: "I'm very pro-Israel - my whole life I have defended Israel." [JTA](#)

→ On September 9, 2025 - one day before his assassination - Kirk appeared on video with Ben Shapiro to discuss the Gaza war and Doha strikes, engaging substantively and supportively on Israeli military strategy. [World Israel News](#)

→ Kirk's frustration was rarely with Israel - it was with pro-Israel Americans who objected to him giving airtime to critics. He expressed that frustration openly and repeatedly, while maintaining his own pro-Israel position. [Times of Israel](#)

→ Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu mourned Kirk as a "lion-hearted friend of Israel" who "fought the lies and stood tall" - a characterization that directly contradicts the claim Kirk had distanced himself from Israel. [Times of Israel](#)

→ Kirk was remembered across Israeli and Jewish media as a "fierce ally of Israel" - not a critic who had turned. The viral framing that he feared Israel rests entirely on clips of him criticizing specific government decisions, which he did openly throughout his career while never wavering in his core support. [TheJ.ca](#)

QUOTES

"Charlie stood alone in that whole Gen Z conservative world as far as being pro-Israel." - Rabbi Pesach Wolicki, NY Post, September 13, 2025

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TAKEAWAY

Charlie Kirk had his critiques of specific Israeli government decisions, and he made them in public. That was never a break with Israel. He stayed true to the country in his own words, on campus, and in a generation that was turning the other way. Kirk spent his final hours preparing to defend Israel on a hostile campus. He will forever be remembered as a staunch supporter of the State of Israel as a homeland for the Jewish people.