

CHARLIE KIRK: SHOT AND DEAD

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The motive is not certain though individuals assume that it is because of Kirk's political commentary and statements like "We made a big mistake when we passed the Civil Rights Act in the 1960s," referring to the Civil Rights act of 1964 (U.S. federal law prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and forbidding segregation in public facilities, places of employment, and federally funded programs) and "you do not have the brain processing power to be taken seriously," referring to some black women.

Furthermore, there was a spate of social media pronouncements congratulating Kirk on his death, purported to be critical of Kirk, or of Republican efforts to make a profit on his death. Politicians were also fired, investigated, and suspended for their comments regarding the murder. Far-right activists called for violence and retribution and publicly posted personal information about individuals they accused of rejoicing in or tolerating Kirk's murder.

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On the afternoon of September 10, 2025, at Utah Valley University, Charlie Kirk, an American conservative right-wing activist and representative of his organization "Turning Point," was engaged in a public debate. Suddenly, at 12:23 PM, the audience heard a gunshot that struck Kirk in the neck. The accused shooter was identified as Tyler Robinson, a 22-year-old who had been "leaning more to the left" over the past year.

The alleged gunman was on the North side roof of the Losee Center at 12:22 p.m., lying on his stomach, aiming in the direction where Kirk was standing some 115 meters away. At 12:23, Kirk was shot once in the neck. Within the minute, Kirk was abducted by six men and driven to an SUV, where he was taken to Timpanogos Regional Hospital in Orem, and was pronounced dead. His death was announced to the public by Donald Trump at 2:40 p.m. on Truth Social.

The assassination of Charlie Kirk initiated shockwaves throughout the political arena, as it highlighted the clash of ideology, aggression, and public debate in modern-day America. With investigations still underway, the tragedy has opened up new debates on political speech, radicalization, and social media's impact on public reaction to catastrophe. While others mourn the death of Kirk and condemn the act as an attack on free speech, others see it as a harsh indication of a society severely divided. Whatever one's opinion, the murder of a political icon is a turning point, one that pressures citizens and politicians to weigh the cost of polarizing rhetoric and the deadly limits to which it can compel individuals.

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Video and text messages found by Tyler Robinson authenticate that the assassination was orchestrated for days in advance. "Robinson: Drop what you are doing, look under my keyboard.". [When the roommate looked under the keyboard, there was a note that allegedly said: "I had the opportunity to kill Charlie Kirk and I'm going to take it."] Roommate: "What????? You're kidding me, right???"



Robinson admitted, to his parents, that he felt uneasy about being shot by the police. His parents contacted a former detective who used to work for the Washington County sheriff, who, in turn, called the Sheriff and made arrangements for Robinson to turn himself in. He and Robinson's father escorted Robinson to the Sheriff's office on the evening of September 11, and Robinson turned himself in. The next day, the Governor made a statement that the suspect was Robinson alone.

