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Trump announces task force to ‘eradicate anti-Christian bias’

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President Trump announced plans Thursday to establish a task force and a presidential commission to protect Christians from religious discrimination.

“While I’m in the White House, we will protect Christians in our schools, in our military, in our government, in our workplaces, hospitals and in our public squares,” he said. “And we will bring our country back together as one nation under God.”

Trump said he would establish a presidential commission on religious liberty that “will work tirelessly to uphold this most fundamental right.”

The president also said he would sign an executive order to make Attorney General [Pam Bondi](#) the head of a task force to “eradicate anti-Christian bias.” The task force will aim to stop “all forms of anti-Christian targeting and discrimination within the federal government,” Trump said.

He also said he would create a White House Faith Office, led by the Rev. [Paula White](#), who has served as a religious adviser to Trump for several years.

Trump has for years accused his political opponents infringing on religious liberty and accused them of persecuting Christians.

Republicans decried the Biden Justice Department for prosecuting anti-abortion activists who blocked the entrances to abortion clinics. The president last month pardoned [nearly two dozen individuals](#) who were convicted in those cases.

GOP lawmakers in 2023 seized on a memo written by an FBI agent that detailed growing overlap between white nationalist groups and “Radical-Traditionalist Catholics,” which it identified as a small minority within the church. Then-FBI Director [Christopher Wray](#) ordered the memo [be removed](#), saying it violated the agency’s policies on conducting investigations based on religious affiliation.

The Biden administration launched separate initiatives to [combat surges](#) in antisemitism and Islamophobic incidents, especially in the wake of the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks on Israel.

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