



## THE ASSAULT ON CHRISTIANS IS ESCALATING

Over **215 million Christians** are being persecuted around the world. "Despite best efforts of faith leaders and many organizations of the West, the **rapes, crucifixions, enslavement, and murders** of Christians continue in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere."\* It is time to look at how economic pressure can make a difference. \*Save the Persecuted Christians

**YOUR MISSION:** To help provide awareness of the atrocities that are hurting innocent Christian people around the world. This briefing will provide a top-line understanding of how economic pressure and treaties can potentially change persecutor behavior.

"Not only are Christians more persecuted than any other faith group, but ever-increasing numbers are experiencing the very worst forms of persecution." –Aid to Church in Need (ACN)

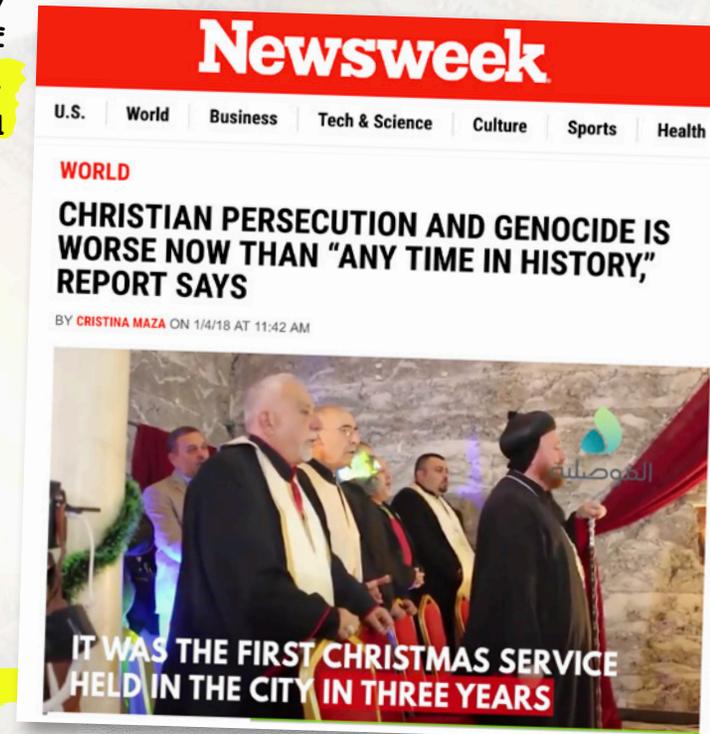


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(OSINT)- Open Sourced Intelligence Briefing Save the Persecuted Christians insights, ACN Report, Newsweek article, and Kevin Freeman, Frank Gaffney interview.

### Topline View from Newsweek and Aid to Church in Need (CAN) Report

- A. Here are 13 countries where Christians face the worst abuse, ACN has reported that the outlook has gotten worse in each of these 13 countries: China, Egypt, Eritrea, India, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, North Korea, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria and Turkey.
- B. The ACN report states that in countries like Iraq and Syria, Christians would have been entirely wiped out if it weren't for military action and the assistance of Christian humanitarian organizations. Almost 1 million Christians have been martyred in Iraq.
- C. Other than military encounters in Iraq and Syria, governments in the West and the U.N. are failing to offer Christians the emergency help that is necessary.
- D. In Sudan, the government ordered that churches be destroyed.
- E. In Nigeria, ISIS-affiliated groups like Boko Haram have led a surge in attacks on Christians.



<https://www.newsweek.com/christian-persecution-genocide-worse-ever-770462>  
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F. In Eritrea, hundreds of Christians have been rounded up and imprisoned over the past year because of their faith.

G. Christians in countries such as India and Nigeria were murdered or beaten for practicing their faith.

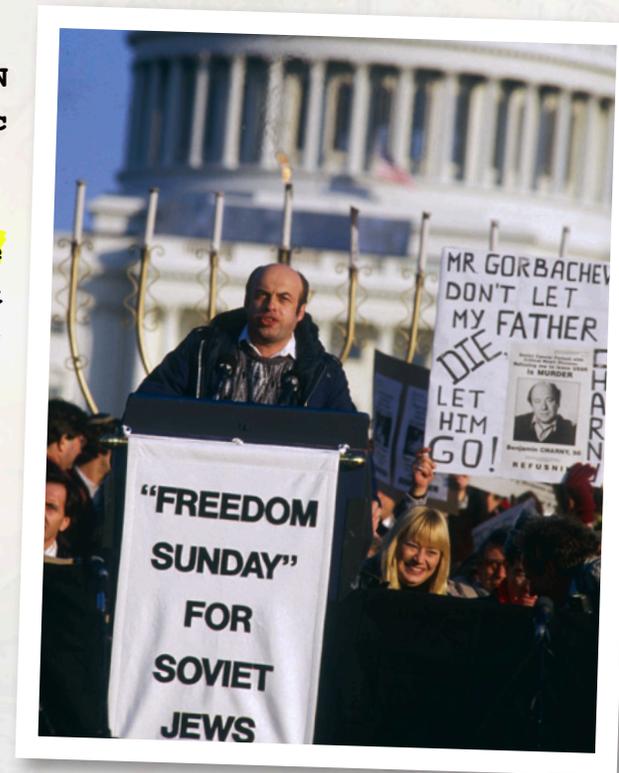
**Economic focus can change the rules of engagement:**

U.S. Treaties have been used to leverage non-market economies to MFN (Most Favored Nation) status based on whether or not they support basic human rights.

**Case Study 1:** Economic pressure was used to save the Jewish people and take down the Soviet Union. Trade Act in 1974 tied non-market economies' access to Most-Favored Nation (MFN) status to their allowing freedom of emigration.

The Soviets refused to agree and thus were denied the ability to tap into U.S. investment, financing, credits, technology transfers and other forms of what would have amounted to economic life-support for their failing system.

**THE RESULT:** When President Reagan adopted a strategy in 1983 for destroying the Soviet Union that entailed, among other things, waging economic warfare against the Kremlin, the absence of such an MFN-enabled safety net contributed greatly to the demise of the USSR.



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**CASE STUDY 2:** Turkey arrests Andrew Brunson, a Christian who was charged with terrorism based on his Christian beliefs. They believed he helped inspire a failed military coup in 2016.

Brunson claimed,

**"I an innocent man, I love Jesus, I love Turkey."\*\***

Despite failed efforts to release Brunson previously, President Trump ultimately implemented sanctions and tariffs that drove down their currency.

**THE RESULT:** Just several months after economic pressure was applied, Brunson was released and sent back to the U.S. in 2018. During court proceedings, the prosecution backtracked their previous testimony regarding Brunson's alleged crimes.

\*\* The Guardian, Bethan McKernan: Turkey releases US pastor after two years in prison. Oct 12, 2018

**"President Trump has ordered the State Department to stop funding ineffective relief efforts at the United Nations and from this day forward, America will provide support directly to persecuted communities through USAID. The United States will work hand-in-hand from this day forward with faith-based groups and private organizations to help those who are persecuted for their faith."**

-Mike Pence, Vice President of the United States

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## Why You Should Care

1. **It is the right thing to do.** Jesus said, "whatever you have done to the least of these, you have done to me."
2. **Countries that are persecuting Christians are not about freedom.** They want control. Often the Persecutors themselves want to be seen as God and the only provider.
3. Our founders recognized that freedom of religion is critical to limited government. Western Civilization was built around a citizen's dual allegiance to God and earthly authority. **Christianity leads to self-government.**
4. **Persecuted Christians feel they have been forgotten.**  
There is a need to provide hope by letting the world know we recognize and care.



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→ "A Christian pastor in India was left in a coma after being beaten in a 'planned' attack apparently carried out by Hindutva extremists," the report noted. "Before slipping into unconsciousness, the pastor told police that the attack was religiously motivated."

"You must never come to our village to pray. You should never enter our village," the men told the pastor. Newsweek/ACNreport.

## Economic Patriot Action Steps

Join the Save the Persecuted Christians Action Network today.

- Help RAISE the awareness of the American people and their elected representatives about the plight of persecuted Christians worldwide.
  - » Go to [savethepersecutedchristians.org](http://savethepersecutedchristians.org) and see exhibit order information you can use at your church to build awareness and rally support.
  - » Check out [ChristianPersecutionNews.com](http://ChristianPersecutionNews.com) to understand what is happening where.
- Help create a cross-partisan political force to support them.
- Hold accountable those engaged in such persecution and create powerful economic disincentives.

***Thank you for accepting this mission.  
Together, we will make a difference!***

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**SHAREABLE QUOTE: "There is no truth sure enough  
to justify persecution."**

**-John Milton**

## The EWR Collection Deck From Kevin Freeman

### Save Soviet Jews History

NPR: How a Quest to Save Soviet Jews Changed the World

<https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=130936993>

JVR: Jews in America: Soviet Jewry Movement

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/soviet-jewry-movement>

AJHS: Timeline of the American Soviet Jewry Movement

<http://www.ajhs.org/timeline-american-soviet-jewry-movement>

How a march to save Soviet Jews changed America — and the world

<https://www.jta.org/2017/12/06/opinion/how-a-march-to-save-soviet-jews-changed-america-and-the-world>

American Soviet Jewry Movement Posters and Ephemera Collection, undated, 1970-1991

<http://digifindingaids.cjh.org/?pID=2426498>

U.S.-Russian Relations: The Legacy of Jackson-Vanik

<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/article/us-russian-relations-the-legacy-jackson-vanik>

### Global Examples of Persecution

Turkey Wipes Out the Christian Culture of Occupied Cyprus

<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/13341/turkey-cyprus-christian-culture>

At least 7 killed in attacks on Christians in Egypt

<https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/stories/egypt-minya-attack-seven-christians-killed/>

### Christian Persecution in India

<https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-list/india/>

WALSH: Christians In The East Lose Their Lives, But Christians In The West Are Losing Their Souls

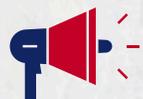
<https://www.dailywire.com/news/26059/persecuted-christians-matt-walsh>

The Top 50 Countries Where It's Most Dangerous to Follow Jesus

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2018/january/top-50-christian-persecution-open-doors-world-watch-list.html>

Christians 'Standing in the Way' of China's Xi Jinping's Totalitarian Rule

<http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2018/december/christians-standing-in-the-way-of-chinas-xi-jinpings-totalitarian-rule>



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Dying for Christianity: millions at risk amid rise in persecution across the globe

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jul/27/dying-for-christianity-millions-at-risk-amid-rise-in-persecution-across-the-globe>

Christian Persecution is Ignored Because There's No Word to Adequately Describe It, Says Bishop

<https://www.gospelherald.com/articles/71894/20181120/christian-persecution-ignored-theres-word-adequately-describe-bishop.htm>

ACN: almost 300 million Christians persecuted in 21 countries

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2018-11/can-religious-persecution-christians-report.html>

Jerusalem Post: 1 IN 12 CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE PERSECUTED, REPORT SHOWS

<https://www.jpost.com/Christian-News/1-in-12-Christians-worldwide-persecuted-report-shows-533453>

### Domestic Persecution of Faith

Persecution of Christians is on the rise, Americans say

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/apr/5/christians-facing-increased-persecution-america-po/>

Learn how to defend Religious Liberty at Home

<https://firstliberty.org>

Ways You Can Help Save Persecuted Christians

Send a Letter to President Trump: Appoint a Special Envoy to Nigeria and Lake Chad

<https://savethepersecutedchristians.org/special-envoy-for-nigeria-lake-chad/>

Order a Banner and Information Kit to show support for Persecuted Christians

<https://savethepersecutedchristians.org/get-a-banner/>

Join the Movement

<https://savethepersecutedchristians.org/join-us/>

Stay up-to-date and other ways to help

<https://savethepersecutedchristians.org>

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