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Majority of American Christians believe Israel's right to biblical borders, survey finds

June 13, 2024 jpost.com reported: "Sixty-two percent of American Christians agreed that Israel's right to the land extends to the biblical borders, highlighting significant support for the nation's territorial claims based on religious texts.

The study, conducted between March 8 and March 14, 2024, and published at the beginning of the month sheds light on the nuanced perspectives within different Christian denominations.

The survey, which included 2,033 American Christian adults, found notable differences in beliefs among evangelicals, mainline Protestants, and Catholics regarding the biblical borders of Israel.

Among evangelicals, 69 percent agreed that Israel's right to the land extends to the biblical borders, reflecting the highest level of support among the denominations surveyed. Mainline Protestants showed a slightly lower agreement rate at 52 percent, while 56 percent of Catholics concurred with this perspective..."

North 'under massive attack': Hezbollah unleashes rocket barrage on northern Israel

June 12, 2024 jpost.com reported: "Multiple barrages totaling over 150 rockets, including about 70 directed at the area of Meron, were fired at various locations across northern Israel on Wednesday morning, Israel's Army Radio reported.

Hezbollah later claimed responsibility for the attacks, stating they had come in response to Israel's alleged elimination of Sami Taleb Abdullah, the senior-most Hezbollah commander to be killed since the start of Israel's war with Hamas in October of last year..."

Navy deploys warships as Russian fleet makes close pass to Florida

June 11, 2024 tampabay.com reported: "The U.S. Navy has deployed warships and aircraft to track a Russian naval flotilla after the Russian vessels sailed less than 30 miles off South Florida's coast Tuesday, U.S. officials told McClatchy and the Miami Herald.

Last week, Moscow sent three ships and a nuclear-powered submarine to the Caribbean for what U.S. officials say will be a set of extensive military air and naval exercises — the first of their kind in at least five years.



While the Biden administration has said it is not concerned by the Russian activity, it has nevertheless authorized the deployment of three powerful destroyers and a submarine reconnaissance aircraft to the region, a U.S. Northern Command official told McClatchy and the Herald on Tuesday.

"In accordance with standard procedures, we've been actively monitoring the Russian ships as they transit the Atlantic Ocean within international waters," the NORTHCOM official said. "Air and maritime assets under U.S. Northern Command have conducted operations to ensure the defense of the United States and Canada. Russia's deployments are part of routine naval activity which pose no direct threat or concern to the United States."

The U.S. deployment includes three guided-missile destroyers — the USS Truxtun, USS Donald Cook and USS Delbert D. Black — as well as a Coast Guard cutter, the Stone, and a Boeing P-8 maritime patrol aircraft...”

China sees commercial sector as next frontier in US space race

June 11, 2024 spacewar.com reported: “A world-first launch from the far side of the Moon this week showcased China’s progress in space, and Beijing now wants its commercial sector to catch up to rivals such as Elon Musk’s SpaceX.

Chinese companies lag far behind American frontrunners led by SpaceX, which plans to launch Starship, a massive prototype rocket that may one day send humans to Mars, on Thursday. The gap is narrowing, however, as Beijing realizes the value a solid commercial sector can add to its existing capabilities, experts told *AFP*.

It could even become similar to the development of electric vehicles where EV pioneer Tesla, also founded by Musk, was an early mover in China but now faces fierce competition from a host of homegrown rivals, said analyst Chen Lan...”

In Calling Elections in France, Macron Makes a Huge Gamble

June 10, 2024 dnyuz.com reported: “On the face of it, there is little logic in calling an election from a position of great weakness. But that is what President Emmanuel Macron has done by calling a snap parliamentary election in France on the back of a humiliation by the far right.

After the National Rally of Marine Le Pen and her popular protégé Jordan Bardella handed him a crushing defeat on Sunday in elections for the European Parliament, Mr. Macron might have done nothing, reshuffled his government, or simply altered course through stricter controls on immigration and by renouncing contested plans to tighten rules on unemployment benefits.

Instead, Mr. Macron, who became president at 39 in 2017 by being a risk taker, chose to gamble that France, having voted one way on Sunday, will vote another in a few weeks.

“I am astonished, like almost everyone else,” said Alain Duhamel, the prominent author of “Emmanuel the Bold,” a book about Mr. Macron. “It’s not madness, it’s not despair, but it is a huge risk from an impetuous man who prefers taking the initiative to being subjected to events.”

Shock coursed through France on Monday. The stock market plunged. Anne Hidalgo, the mayor of Paris, a city that will host the Olympic Games in just over six weeks, said she was “stunned” by an “unsettling” decision. “A thunderbolt,” thundered *Le Parisien*, a daily newspaper, across its front page...Mr. Macron, after a stinging defeat in which the National Rally won 31.37 percent of the vote to 14.6 percent for the coalition led by his Renaissance party, has in effect called his country’s bluff, asking if its apparent readiness for the extreme right in power is real or a mere letting-off of steam.

The risk is that about a month from now Mr. Macron would have to govern with Mr. Bardella, 28, who represents everything he abhors, as his prime minister...”



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