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Why the US election results do not bode well for America

November 5, 2026 ***Christian Today*** reported: "Our media and the Twitterati are obsessed with the US elections. Given the hold that US media, big tech and academia have on the Western world this is hardly surprising. And it is always great theatre and melodrama. But are they as important as we are continually told? Is it really the end of the world or the redawn of paradise?

Let's look at this as if we were looking through a telescope. When you look at something really close then you get the impression that it is far bigger than it really is. In the eyes of your lens, it is all that you see. But adjust your telescope and move out to a greater distance and suddenly the whole perspective changes. Let's try looking at the US elections up close, at a distance, and from an eternal perspective.

This election was a shellacking for the Republicans and the MAGA movement. Losing control of both the House and the Senate means that Donald Trump's presidency will wind on as a typical lame duck presidency. But in the short term there is very little that will change - apart from a lot of media excitement. Things will continue as before. Although given the alliance of progressives with Islamists and the fact that some of their candidates were elected, it is likely that the Democrats will move even further left.

President Trump urged people to vote as if he were on the ballot. I think they did. But then he commented on the results "I wasn't on the ballot. If I had been, I would've won with a landslide." The hubris, narcissism and arrogance will continue. Not least because he tends to govern by executive order, and he will still have that power for the next two years. He still has the opportunity to do a great deal of good - and a great deal of harm. Time alone will tell.

The polling makes clear that it was the economy (especially gas prices) and the war in Iran which caused the defeat. But that does not stop politicians, commentators and clergy on both sides of the Atlantic making hyperbolic moralistic grandiose claims. Many of whom have tweeted out meaningless memes such as 'voters have rejected the politics of cruelty…we have voted for love and hope not hate and division' whilst at the same time, without a trace of self-awareness or irony, spewing hatred and division against those they disagree with. Up close all I see is the same hyperbole, moralism, hatred and self-righteousness - meet the new boss - same as the old boss…"

Are we seeing the end of Western civilization?



Riots in streets of France

November 4, 2026 ***Christian Today*** reported: "Last weekend we once again saw violent protests break out across Europe - even in usually peaceful Switzerland! In Germany, the cities of Frankfurt, Berlin, Cologne and Hamburg all saw the police use water cannons to try and quell violent looting and disperse protesters. And while the demonstrations were ostensibly led by students protesting substandard educational provision and social inequality, Germany's interior Minister, Alexander Dobrindt, was quick to blame the violence and general chaos on exploitation by leftwing extremists and members of the immigrant community - the latter claim being backed up by Andreas Rosskopf, chairman of the GdP's federal police division, after his comments were attacked…

And in France, where demonstrations against the failing educational system and the sky-rocketing cost of living and energy prices started the move some three weeks ago, violent protests once again erupted. This time, in Paris, there were a mere 770 arrests (compared with some 2,400 a fortnight ago), but French prosecutors have now launched an attempted murder investigation, after highly incendiary and powerful Molotov cocktails were thrown directly at the police. One police officer, whose leg was set on fire, told French newspaper Le Figaro, "We faced hostile individuals who are not protesters. These adversaries are there with the intent to harm those who represent the State." … If nothing else, the riots now sweeping across Europe like some foul contagion demonstrate (a) that Western culture is under attack, and (b) that the enemy is within. Unless we recognise that fact and take action to stop it, at source - once again standing on our faith - we will fall."

Syria Considers Joining Saudi Arabia's Mecca Alliance

November 2, 2026 ***Breitbart*** reported: Syrian Foreign Minister Asaad al-Shaibani said on Saturday that his government is considering membership in the Mecca Alliance, the trilateral security partnership created by Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Pakistan in August.

"Regarding Mecca pact integration, there are some negotiations on this issue and regardless of whether it is in the pact or not, or any other pact, Syria is part of the security of this region and it'll stand by any organisation that protects the security of this area," Shaibani said at the Manama Dialogue, a regional security conference in Bahrain.


Syria President Ahmed al-Sharaa

Shaibani said the Syrian junta has a "very special" relationship with Turkey, which could help pave the way to joining the alliance. Turkey has been strongly supportive of the revolutionary government that took power in Damascus in December 2024 by overthrowing longtime dictator Bashar Assad, especially since the new Syrian government has been amenable to Turkey's complaints about armed Syrian Kurdish militias.

The Mecca Joint Defense Agreement, signed in the Saudi city of Mecca on August 7, 2026, created a mutual defense environment that was nominally similar to NATO. The three member states promised to treat an attack against any of their number as an attack against them all.

This agreement was quickly put to the test when Saudi Arabia was attacked by the Iran-backed Houthi insurgents of Yemen in September, and it would be difficult to argue that the Mecca alliance has risen to the challenge. The Houthis have been hitting Saudi oil refineries and airports on an almost daily basis for months, including reported threats to Mecca, the very city where the joint defense agreement was signed. Turkey and Pakistan have yet to take any substantive action to defend their Saudi partners.

Turkish officials have explained their inaction by saying the Mecca agreement has not yet been ratified by their parliament, but they have indicated that even when ratification is completed, they would not conduct offensive operations against the Houthis…"

Ukraine's farmers dig in as Russia turns its sights back on grain shipments

November 1, 2026 ***Christian Science Monitor*** reported: "Farmer Volodymyr Varbanets huffs as he heaves open a heavy warehouse door, setting pigeons aflutter in the rafters. Shafts of sunlight mingle with the earthy scent of winter wheat, barley, and sunflower husks – the latest harvest, gathered by an aging but agile crew in Odesa.

The plentiful bounty was yielded by the land's nutrient-rich black soil, which earned Ukraine its reputation as the breadbasket of the world. The output would typically make any farmer feel rich – and reassure global markets that depend on Ukrainian grain.

But at this juncture of the war, such bounty is a burden. "There is no way to export this grain," says Mr. Varbanets. Nor can farmers hold onto their crops indefinitely. In peacetime, Odesa's Black Sea ports would have provided the natural gateway to overseas buyers. But repeated Russian missile and drone attacks have battered this vital trade route, destroying terminals, setting warehouses ablaze, and sinking commercial vessels.

Cargo handling at the region's three main ports – Odesa, Chornomorsk, and Pivdenny – plunged more than fifteenfold after July 22, according to Ukraine's infrastructure minister. Since Russia's full-scale invasion, nearly 300 civilian vessels and more than a thousand port infrastructure facilities have been damaged…

"Russia has been hitting the port the whole time during these 4.5 years," says Dmytro Barinov, president of Ukrport, the Ukrainian Ports Association, in Odesa. "But they changed their tactics this July. They started not only shelling the port infrastructure or vessels that are in the port. They started hunting down vessels incoming or outgoing from the port…"

WATCH: U.S. War Department moves against Chinese-influence ops in American universities

October 27, 2026 ***World Net Daily*** reported: Dozens of Chinese influence operations funded by its Communist Party in American universities have been declared a national security threat by the Department of War. The organizations are called Confucius Institutes, according to the announcement by Secretary Pete Hegseth. Let this be a lesson to any country trying to steal our hard-earned inventions or turn our young people against their own country. We're done with that; no more; and never again," Hegseth said.

A report at the Federalist previously had described the institutes as "public educational and cultural promotion programs" that get cash from the Chinese International Education Foundation." That was described as "a shady organization affiliated with the [Chinese Communist Party] CCP."

The report confirmed, "While billing themselves as centers of cultural exchange on U.S. college campuses, these institutes have been scrutinized as front groups seeking to advance CCP propaganda and espionage efforts…"

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