

A Universal Crime Against Speech: The Death of Charlie Kirk

A Tragedy Beyond Politics, a Crime Against Expression

The killing of Charlie Kirk at Utah Valley University is a tragedy that runs deeper than politics. Kirk was a figure who preached division, yet his assassination is not a matter of a win or a loss but of violence against the principle of free expression. To brutally end a life in this way is to attack the fragile possibility of public debate and the dignity of speech itself.

The event also shows once more the profound failure of gun policy in the United States. A speaker at an university was shot and killed in front of a physical and digital audience, demonstrating how easily firearms can turn places designed to learn, into sites of death. The **absurdity** of a society that accepts this level of risk has long been defended under the failures of the Second Amendment. Charlie himself once argued that the loss of some lives each year was a price worth paying to preserve gun rights. Those words, stated in 2023, ricocheted back with heavier consequences.

Acknowledging this past does not justify what has occurred, nor does it diminish the severity of the crime. Instead, it highlights the unjustness of a

system that normalizes preventable death. The defence of easy access to weapons has created a culture where even its political champions are not protected from its obvious results.

To mourn Kirk's death is not political, however just the moral thing to do, whether left or right. To condemn this killing is to defend the universal right to speak without fear. Yet true defense of speech will require not only the world of condolence, but also the courage to confront a culture of weapons that continues to silence voices before they can be heard.

Rest in peace Charlie Kirk.