

# Trump's Israel Nominee Mike Huckabee Maps Diplomatic Strategy

A Massachusetts 8th grader is urging the U.S. Supreme Court to protect his First Amendment right to free speech after he was allegedly forced to leave school for wearing a t-shirt emblazoned with the words, "There are only two genders."

Alliance Defending Freedom, a non-profit legal group, represents 13-year-old Liam Morrison.

The ADF—along with multiple education experts, free speech advocates, and 18 states—has filed a petition with the Supreme Court asking it to take Liam's case.

As CBN News reported, the ADF argued before the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel earlier this year claiming school officials at Nichols Middle School in Middleborough violated the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment by censoring Morrison when he expressed his viewpoint last year on a t-shirt.

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In March 2023, Morrison wore that shirt to school. The principal, along with a school counselor, pulled Morrison out of class and ordered him to remove his shirt.

After Morrison politely declined, school officials said he had to remove his shirt or he could not return to class.

As a result, Morrison left school and missed the rest of his classes that day.

Then, on May 5, he was asked again to change his t-shirt when he wore another one adorned with the message, "There are censored genders."

"I have been told that my shirt was targeting a protected class," he said. "Who is this protected class? Are their feelings more important than my rights? I don't complain when I see Pride flags and diversity posters hung throughout the school. Do you know why? Because others have a right to their beliefs just as I do. Even I, at 12 years old, have my own political opinions and I have a right to express those opinions."

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"Even at school," Morrison continued. "This right is called the First Amendment to the Constitution."

Morrison and his family filed a lawsuit against the school claiming it engaged in unconstitutional behavior when it barred the then-seventh grader's free speech while advocating for gender ideology.

However, the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals backed the school's decision to force him to remove his shirt or leave the school.

Now attorneys with the ADF are seeking the U.S. Supreme Court's intervention.

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# Rising Wave of Antisemitism Draws International Concern

President-elect Donald Trump has nominated former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee as the U.S. Ambassador to Israel.

In a statement, Trump wrote of the faith leader and former presidential candidate, “He loves Israel and the people of Israel, and likewise, the people of Israel love him. Mike will work tirelessly to bring about peace in the Middle East.”

In a recent interview, Huckabee told CBN News’ Wendy Griffith the importance of standing with Israel.

“And in Genesis 12, ‘If you bless Israel, you’ll be blessed. If you curse Israel, you’ll be cursed.’ That’s pretty clear,” he stated.

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He brings a solid faith to the position.

“I know where I stand,” Huckabee said. “And the reason I know is because I stand on the Word of God. And I stand on the principles that God is real – and that the Word and His direction is more important than anything else in my life.”

The former U.S. Ambassador, David Friedman, posted on X to say, “Congrats Mike on getting the best job in the world.”



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Evangelical leader Joel Rosenberg wrote, “Huckabee’s appointment sends a powerful message about Trump’s intention to stand solidly and unwaveringly with Israel – and to reject the failed Mideast policies of Presidents Barack Obama and Joe Biden, of which Huckabee has been a sharp critic.”

Yigal Carmon, MEMRI (the Middle East Media and Research Institute) told CBN News Huckabee is a perfect choice.

“Governor Huckabee is an expert on Israel and the region in general, but he’s also, more importantly, a believer and a leader in faith,” Carmon said.

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Carmon believes Huckabee’s faith helps him understand the wave of violent attacks in the Middle East led by Shi’ite Iran.

“It takes, A, an expert and a leader in faith to first understand the scope of the attack and the conflict in the region, and B, a leader in faith to implement the vision of President Trump of, no war, but peace with mainstream Sunni Islam,” Carmon declared.

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# Trump Eyes Names for Key Roles in New Admin: Mike Huckabee, Rubio and More

President-elect Donald Trump's camp is floating a new batch of names as he is expected to announce more key nominations for his administration.

## **Ambassador to Israel**

At the top of the list is former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee. Trump announced on Tuesday afternoon he's nominating Huckabee as the ambassador to Israel.



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Huckabee is a staunch defender of Israel and has led tour group visits to the country for many years.

"Mike has been a great public servant, Governor, and Leader in Faith for many years. He loves Israel, and the people of Israel, and likewise, the people of Israel love him. Mike will work tirelessly to bring about Peace in the Middle East," Trump said in a statement.

Huckabee is a former Baptist minister and Fox News host. He currently hosts the "Huckabee" show for the Trinity Broadcasting Network. The hour-long program is "a down-home slice of wholesome Americana in all of its patriotic, God-honoring, and family-friendly glory," according to a website description.

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His daughter, Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders, served as

White House press secretary during Trump's first presidency.

David Friedman, who served as Trump's ambassador to Israel during his first term, said he was "thrilled" by Trump's selection of Huckabee.

## **Secretary of State**

Sources close to Trump told the New York Times Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) could be picked as his Secretary of State.

Rubio has a hard-line position on foreign policy, often butting heads with Republicans "about interventions abroad."

The Florida senator could play a major role in Trump's "America First" idea due to his strong stance on China, Iran, Venezuela and Cuba.

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Rubio sides with Trump about bringing a "conclusion" to Russia's war with Ukraine and has been outspoken "on the need for the United States to be more aggressive on China," the NYT reports.

After Trump won the election last Tuesday, Rubio said the U.S. would see "pragmatic foreign policy" from the White House.

"We're entering into an era of pragmatic foreign policy in which the world is rapidly changing," Rubio said in an interview with CNN. "Adversaries are uniting—North Korea, Iran, China, Russia [are] increasingly coordinating—it's going to require us to be very pragmatic and wise and how we invest overseas and what we do."

If confirmed, Rubio, the son of Cuban immigrants, would become the first Latino to ever serve as the nation's top diplomat.

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## **Donald Trump on Victory, New Team: ‘Thank You God’**

The final tally of the presidential election is in with Nevada and Arizona being called for Donald Trump over the weekend, giving him victories in all seven battleground states.

His total victory of 312 votes in the Electoral College is more than he won in 2016.

Trump posted on Truth Social, “THANK YOU GOD! WON ALL SWING STATES, & THE POPULAR VOTE BY ALMOST 7 MILLION VOTERS...”



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Democrats are fighting over who’s to blame for their decisive defeat. Former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi told the New York Times that if President Biden had relinquished his candidacy sooner, more candidates might have jumped in to create an open primary.

Others, like California Rep. Ro Khanna, say the Harris team failed to address the concerns of everyday Americans.

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“Anyone who’s saying now this was not a winnable campaign, didn’t say that back in August,” he said. “The reason we didn’t win ultimately, is that we didn’t listen enough to people on the ground... people who were saying talk about the economy, talk about people’s economic struggles. Convince people you have the better policies and better vision.”

Meanwhile, President-elect Trump is working on his transition, announcing Sunday that Tom Homan will serve as “border czar.”

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Trump posted on social media that Homan will be “in charge of our Nation’s Borders (‘The Border Czar’), including, but not limited to, the Southern Border, the Northern Border, all Maritime and Aviation Security” and oversee a plan to deport immigrants who entered the U.S. illegally.

Homan served as acting director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Trump’s first term.

On Monday, Trump also named his longtime adviser Stephen Miller, another immigration hard-liner, to be his deputy chief of policy.

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# 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever': Dallas Jenkins Brings Faith-Filled Film to the Big Screen

Filmmaker Dallas Jenkins is known for bringing the pages of scripture to the screen in the popular hit series "The Chosen." Now he's bringing another book to the big screen from the beloved 1971 children's novel called "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

A remarkable Christian revival is underway in a Russian-controlled part of Moldova, despite Moscow's heavy hand. Very few foreign journalists are allowed in, but CBN News gained rare access to the Transnistria region.

Getting here is no easy feat. We began the 5,000-mile journey from the U.S. East Coast, stopping first in the tiny former Soviet republic of Moldova's capital Chisinau. From there, we drove north along Ukraine's southwestern border, where Moscow has recently stirred up political turmoil.

We made our way through several Russian checkpoints to Transnistria's capital Tiraspol where a huge statue of Lenin still adorns the town square.

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The Lord put a burden on Yuriy Semenyuk's heart to move his family to this volatile region.

“In my heart, I really love people, that is my passion to serve people. I love God and I wanted to do something for Him all my life. And after a while, God told me, ‘Yuriy, I need you in one place that name is Transnistria’,” the pastor of Church of Christ Savior tells us.

In 2000, Pastor Yuriy, his wife, and three children decided to move from their home country in neighboring Ukraine to Transnistria. The first seven years of ministry as a missionary family were not easy.

“I was targeted by some people from the government, policemen, KGB and gangsters. The worst of course was from the gangsters because they tried to kill me, they tried to kidnap my children. Once I was kidnapped, but praise God, God let me escape,” he recalls.

A home video from May 2000 shows Semenyuk’s first foray into preaching. Despite ongoing threats, he continued to openly share the gospel, often taking his message to areas controlled by gangs. “Some of the gangsters became Christian, they became evangelical, their wives became evangelical, so they hated this, so that’s why they tried to stop us,” Semenyuk says.

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In 1990, Transnistria broke away from Moldova to establish its own government, currency and statehood. And while it’s not recognized by the international community, the breakaway territory became economically, politically and militarily dependent on the Kremlin. Russia has about 2,000 troops stationed here.

Moscow’s agents soon began harassing Pastor Semenyuk. But he was undeterred. “Each morning, I wake up I say to myself, ‘Yuriy, you are still alive, and you have one more day to preach the gospel, one more day to do something for God’s

Kingdom’,” he says.

From those humble, and at times nerve-wracking beginnings, Church of Christ Savior today is the largest congregation in Transnistria. “We have an unbelievable revival,” he says. “We are still alive 24 years later on the mission field, we are still alive!”

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## **What Issues Matter Most to Voters This Election?**