

Pentagon Pushes Back Against Hollywood Fearmongering in Netflix's 'A House of Dynamite'

The Pentagon isn't happy with Hollywood's latest doomsday flick, and for good reason. Netflix's new political thriller "A House of Dynamite" has the U.S. military on the defensive after the film depicts America's missile interceptors failing to stop an incoming nuclear strike.

As reported by Task and Purpose, the Missile Defense Agency sent an internal memo to service members earlier this month warning that the movie is a work of fiction. The memo urged personnel to be ready to "address false assumptions" and "provide correct facts" about America's missile defense systems, which are portrayed in the film as unreliable and costly failures.

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Directed by Kathryn Bigelow, known for politically charged films like "Zero Dark Thirty", the Netflix production imagines a crisis where an unidentified intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) heads toward the U.S. Army's Fort Greely base in Alaska. Two interceptors are launched; one misfires, and the other misses its target. With minutes to impact, the film spirals into chaos, painting America as defenseless in the face of global catastrophe.

That narrative didn't sit well with the Department of Defense. "The fictional interceptors in the movie miss their target, and we understand this is intended to be a compelling part of the drama," the internal memo said, according to Bloomberg

News. The memo also pointed out that real interceptors have been “100 percent accurate in tests for several years” and dismissed the film’s inflated \$50 billion price tag for the missile defense system.



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But Hollywood isn’t exactly known for letting the truth get in the way of a good scare. The film’s screenwriter, Noah Oppenheim, told MSNBC he “respectfully disagreed” with the Pentagon’s statements and stood by his “research,” claiming his portrayal was based on conversations with unnamed experts. In other words, the usual Hollywood spin—a mix of half-truths and dramatic flair—served up as “informed commentary.”

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The Pentagon made it clear it wasn’t consulted during the movie’s production and emphasized that the film “does not reflect the views or priorities of this administration.” That alone should raise eyebrows. Hollywood has long used fiction to convey political undertones, especially in military and national security themes. Fear sells, and painting America as perpetually one mistake away from nuclear disaster fits the narrative that the entertainment elite can’t seem to resist, especially under an administration they oppose.

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While the movie’s storyline may keep audiences glued to their screens, the idea that the nation’s missile defense would crumble so easily doesn’t hold up to real-world scrutiny. The Pentagon’s response says it all: reality doesn’t match Hollywood’s fear-fueled fantasies.

At the end of the day, “A House of Dynamite” is just that, a house built on fiction.

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Why Praying for Money Isn't Working and What the Bible Says to Do Instead

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has brushed aside the growing criticism over the league's decision to feature Puerto Rican rapper Bad Bunny as the 2026 Super Bowl halftime performer. Speaking to reporters following the NFL's Fall League Meeting, Goodell said the choice was “carefully thought through,” adding, “I'm not sure we've ever selected an artist where we didn't have some blowback or criticism. It's pretty hard to do when you have literally hundreds of millions of people that are watching.”

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As reported by The Blaze, many fans were outraged when the NFL announced the decision, pointing to Bad Bunny's resurfaced anti-Trump comments and history of political statements. The

rapper, whose real name is Benito Antonio Martínez Ocasio, previously refused to perform on the U.S. mainland because of immigration enforcement policies under President Donald Trump.

“We’re confident it’s going to be a great show,” Goodell said. “He understands the platform that he’s on, and I think it’s going to be exciting and a united moment.” The commissioner defended the move by citing Bad Bunny’s worldwide popularity, calling him “one of the leading and most popular entertainers in the world.”



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President Trump weighed in on the controversy, telling reporters he had never heard of the performer and calling the decision “absolutely ridiculous.” The criticism intensified as fans accused the NFL of promoting divisive politics rather than celebrating American tradition, especially given the halftime show’s role as one of the nation’s most-watched events.

As previously reported by Charisma Media, this decision represents more than a questionable entertainment choice; it reveals the deeper spiritual decay shaping modern culture.

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Bad Bunny’s performances frequently glorify rebellion and sexual perversion, featuring gender distortion, demonic imagery and themes that openly defy God’s created order. This is not harmless art or cultural expression. It is spiritual warfare disguised as entertainment. Scripture warns that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against the rulers of the darkness of this world. The symbolism in his shows mirrors reality, mocking the holy and celebrating the corrupt.

The NFL's willingness to platform this kind of influence reflects a nation drifting further from biblical truth. What enters our homes through screens shapes hearts, especially the next generation. This is not merely about music; it is about spiritual conditioning. When rebellion against God becomes entertainment, the line between culture and corruption disappears.

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While Goodell insists the halftime show will be "a united moment," it will instead mark another moment of division between light and darkness, truth and deception. The controversy is not simply about a performer but about the soul of a nation that has forgotten who it once was. It is time for believers to recognize this for what it is and stand firm in truth, refusing to let the world normalize what God calls sin.

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'Gayborhood' United Methodist Church Defies Texas

Governor's Order with Rainbow Display

A United Methodist church in Dallas is openly defying both state leadership and the Word of God through a new display meant to challenge Texas Governor Greg Abbott's order banning ideological markings on public roads.

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As reported by The Blaze, Oak Lawn United Methodist Church, located in Dallas' self-proclaimed "gayborhood," recently painted its front steps in rainbow colors after Abbott announced that the Texas Department of Transportation would remove all political or ideological symbols from roadways.

Abbott stated that taxpayer funds should never be used to promote social or political causes and warned that cities refusing to comply could lose funding.



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While the church describes its rainbow steps as a "bold statement" of inclusion, this act represents a deeper rebellion against God's design for morality, identity and holiness. Scripture teaches that righteousness is defined by God alone, not by cultural trends or human emotion. When a church embraces what God calls sin and celebrates it in His name, it crosses from compassion into corruption.

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This kind of apostasy is not new. The apostle Paul warned that

in the last days, many would “have a form of godliness but deny its power,” trading the truth of God for the approval of the world. Churches like Oak Lawn United Methodist no longer serve as beacons of truth but as monuments of compromise.

The Bible calls believers to love sinners but also to uphold righteousness. When churches abandon the truth to gain acceptance, they cease to be the church at all. What begins as inclusion often ends in deception, and the consequence is spiritual blindness.

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Christians, we must remain steadfast, discerning the difference between genuine love and counterfeit compassion that condones sin rather than leads to repentance.

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New Discovery in Israel Proves How Deeply Connected Christians and Jews Really

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A newly uncovered 1,500-year-old synagogue in northern Israel is offering a fresh reminder of the deep historical connection between the Jewish people and the early Christian community. The discovery sheds light on centuries of shared heritage and faith in the land where both traditions took root.

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The synagogue was discovered in the Yehudiya Nature Reserve in the Golan Heights, known in the Old Testament as Golan, as reported by Fox News. The University of Haifa announced the find on Oct. 5, noting that the basilica-style structure reflects influences from ancient Roman civic architecture. Measuring roughly 43 feet wide by 56 feet long, the synagogue features “two courses of ashlar stones forming the southern wall, with three openings,” according to the university’s press release.



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Archaeologists uncovered benches, columns and decorated lintels characteristic of ancient Israeli synagogues. “Already at the start of the excavation, dozens of architectural fragments were uncovered, and later, to our surprise, the southern wall of the structure was revealed, with three openings facing Jerusalem,” said archaeologist Michael Osband.

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Dror Ben-Yosef of the Israel Nature and Parks Authority added that the synagogue’s discovery “testifies to the strong Jewish presence” in the Golan and that such structures “served not

only for prayer but also as centers of study and as the core of Jewish literacy.”

The Golan Heights was predominantly Jewish during the Roman and Byzantine eras but also hosted early Christian communities. Both faiths emerged and flourished side by side in the same sacred landscape, one teaching the foundations of Scripture, the other proclaiming the fulfillment of the same divine promises.

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This discovery serves as a reminder that the roots of faith run deep and often intertwine. The stones of the ancient synagogue tell a story not only of endurance but of shared hope, a testament to how the paths of Judaism and Christianity have long crossed in their pursuit of truth and light.

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Willie Robertson Reveals the Secret That's Holding His

Family Together

In life's hardest seasons, it's often faith and family that see us through. The Robertson family of "Duck Dynasty" is walking through one of those moments, turning grief into gratitude after the loss of their beloved patriarch Phil Robertson. Their story is a reminder that when we cling to faith, even sorrow can give way to strength.

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As reported by Fox News, Willie Robertson shared that the second season of "Duck Dynasty: The Revival" will feature a heartfelt tribute to his late father, who passed away earlier this year at 79. "I think it was such a pass-over literally because the show came out when Phil passed away ... just within a few days of each other," Willie told Fox News Digital. Though filming without him has been emotional, Willie said, "It's sad, but I think he'd be happy... that we kept it going, especially the way the show has faith as part of it, the family."



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Willie emphasized that the family's foundation remains the same: "faith, family and ducks in that order." He admitted that priorities can shift in life, but keeping faith first helps hold everything else together. "The stronger our faith is, it helps keep our families together... when the family's together, it can help whatever you're doing at work," he said.

Beyond humor and hunting, Willie said the new season is about restoring something wholesome to television. "I think it's important for the country to see a family, to see a healthy family and to see joy in the things that come out of our

family,” he said. Fans have thanked the Robertsons for showing prayer and unity on screen, even if they can’t experience it at home.

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Korie Robertson added that from the start the show was never about fame. “We really kind of understood from the very beginning that this was something bigger than us,” she said. “We had that prayer at the end around the dinner table... and we didn’t do it because we had it planned. We just did it because this is what we do.”

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The Robertsons’ story reflects a timeless truth: when faith anchors the family, even loss becomes an opportunity for grace. Like them, we can choose to hold on to what matters most—faith, love and the hope that after every storm joy can return.

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What Does Peter Thiel Know About the Antichrist That We Don't?

Losing a job can shake a person's very core identity. It brings fear, anxiety and often sleepless nights filled with uncertainty about the future.

In a recent message, evangelist Perry Stone spoke directly to those struggling with job loss or financial insecurity, offering both practical wisdom and spiritual encouragement. His message was not one of doom but of hope, reminding viewers that no season of loss is permanent and that peace begins with trust and perspective.

The 5 Fears People Face

Stone began by addressing the mental and emotional weight of fear itself.

"Fear torments," he said. "You will lose sleep. You'll lose weight. You'll lose your appetite. You'll lose whatever joy for living you have."

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He then outlined five major fears that commonly grip people during uncertain times:

1. The fear of losing a loved one.
2. The fear of personal harm or loss of safety.
3. The fear of deteriorating health.
4. The fear of death itself.
5. The fear of job loss and financial insecurity.

For many, that last fear looms largest today, especially as rapid advances in technology and artificial intelligence reshape the global workforce.

When the “Goliath” of AI Strikes

Stone compared the rise of artificial intelligence to the biblical Goliath, a giant that has upended countless careers. “Some of these young people were brought in to help develop AI,” he said, “but now that it’s been brought to the level where it is, it has taken their job from them.”

He noted that millions of graduates in their 20s and 30s once promised lucrative futures in tech are facing layoffs and long job searches. “AI development is going to become so self-sustaining that they will not need people in many jobs,” he warned, reminding listeners that this economic shift can be devastating but not insurmountable.



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Practical Steps to Ease Financial Pressure

Stone urged those with secure employment not to make rash moves. “If you do have a job, be thankful for it,” he said. “Don’t be looking around for another one if you believe that one is secure for a good period of time.”

For those facing financial strain, he offered simple but meaningful advice: “You may have to consider finding a good relative, a mom, a dad, a grandparent, to live with for a brief period of time to get yourself out from under the financial pressure.”

He acknowledged that such decisions can hurt the ego but encouraged humility as a means of survival and growth. “Don’t

worry about your ego. Think about the bills piling up and how to relieve yourself from those.”

Guarding Your Online Presence and Attitude

Stone also cautioned against the emotional impulse to vent online after losing a job. “If they see you on social media cussing the boss out, you’ll never be hired,” he said plainly. “They want professional people. They don’t want people that are going to explode at work.”

He explained that employers routinely review social media when considering applicants and one moment of anger can close doors for years. Instead, Stone urged job seekers to display emotional stability and grace even in disappointment. “A person who got fired but still had a sweet spirit, those are the people companies want to hire.”

Becoming a Servant Leader

More than résumés and skill sets, Stone said what truly matters is attitude. “If you give me the job,” he said, “I’ll even clean the restrooms if you have to. I’ll do anything you need me to do.”

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He connected this principle to Christ’s teaching that “the greatest are the servants.” Stone shared his own experience cleaning his father’s church for eight years before becoming a pastor and later leading a major ministry. “Pride comes before destruction,” he said. “Sometimes you have to humble yourself and start all over.”

His message: no task is beneath you when your heart is in the

right place.

Hope for the Road Ahead

Stone concluded his message with compassion for those still waiting for a breakthrough. "Be careful what you post, treat people well and show people that you're willing to serve," he said. "Eventually there'll be someone that needs your skill."

He also reminded viewers that even late bloomers can find success. "Colonel Sanders failed at every job he had until he learned how to fry chicken after he retired," he said. "He found the one thing he was good at."

A Season, Not a Sentence

Being between jobs can feel like standing in the wilderness, alone and forgotten. But as Stone's words remind us, every trial is temporary and every setback can prepare the way for something greater. With humility, faith and persistence, new doors will open. The key is to stay kind, stay teachable and remember that value isn't lost just because employment is.

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Fear may knock on the door, but faith, steady and patient, always has the power to answer.

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Experts Warn Islam Will Overtake Christianity in the US

For generations, the United States proudly declared itself “under God.” Churches stood at the heart of communities, guiding moral values and uniting families around truth. But as faith wanes and compromise grows, the call to return to the whole counsel of God has never been more urgent. The Great Commission to go, make disciples and teach all that Jesus commanded requires more than selective faith. It demands conviction, courage and an unshakable stand on truth.

As reported by the Daily Mail, Christianity is on track to lose its majority status in America by 2070. According to the Pew Research Center, 62% of Americans identify as Christian today compared with around 90% in 1970.

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Pastor Brent Madaris of Hometown Hope Ministries warned that this should serve as “an urgent call for church renewal,” adding that believers have “taken their eyes off the ball while rival faiths gain ground.” Islam, in particular, has seen steady growth fueled by a younger demographic, higher birth rates and conversions, especially in prisons.

While Muslims remain a small minority, about 4 million compared to roughly 200 million Christians, their numbers are increasing each year.

The contrast between Islam’s expansion and Christianity’s

decline highlights a troubling reality. The number of mosques in the U.S. rose 31% between 2010 and 2020, while roughly 1,500 Christian churches closed in that same period.

“Pastors are not preaching the whole counsel of God,” Madaris told the Daily Mail. “Seminaries are certifying people to lead churches who have no business doing so. Church youth groups major on games, attendance and fun rather than truth, biblical depth and spiritual fruit.” His words strike at the heart of the problem: a church that entertains rather than edifies will not endure.



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Dr. George Barna, Director of Research and co-founder of the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University, agreed that “American religious stability is becoming increasingly shaky.” He pointed to a mixture of causes: “the rise of Islam and New Age religions, shifting identities among traditionally Christian Hispanics and a broader cultural loss of confidence in organized religion.”

Barna warned that “the continued decline is neither surprising nor something that is likely to change in the near future unless dramatic changes are made.” Families, he said, have relaxed their spiritual standards, and many parents no longer raise their children in the church.

Beyond the loss of numbers lies the deeper threat of syncretism, the blending of faiths into something unrecognizable. Madaris explained that, unlike Islam, which maintains “strict adherence across generations,” American Christians have begun to “pick and choose which parts of doctrine to follow.”

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Barna added that “the blending of faith beliefs and practices from numerous competing religions into a customized faith unique to that individual has already profoundly infiltrated and redefined the American Christian community, replacing biblical Christianity with its idiosyncratic approach to life.”

In short, many have traded truth for comfort and commitment for convenience.

There are flickers of hope. A renewed embrace of Christian values is emerging among younger conservatives, signaling a hunger for moral clarity. Yet as Barna noted, these movements have not yet shifted national trends. Christianity remains the largest faith in America, but its cultural influence is fading as younger generations drift, and the so-called “nones” who reject all religious affiliation are projected to become the majority by 2070.

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The decline is not irreversible. “The continued decline doesn’t have to be inevitable,” Madaris said. “We need to reclaim lost ground.”

That starts not with entertainment or compromise but with repentance and obedience to the Word of God, every part of it. The Great Commission calls for believers to preach the truth in season and out of season, to teach all that Christ commanded, and to hold firm against the tide of cultural drift. Only then can the church rise again, not as an echo of the world but as a light that pierces its darkness.

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