

How Satanists Are at War Against Trump and His Evangelical Supporters

President Donald Trump is only a year and a half into his presidency, and he remains one of the most controversial political figures of the day. Despite this, evangelical Christians have expressed their faithful support for him and his conservative policies.

One group dedicated to challenging evangelicals and their positive relationship with the administration is The Satanic Temple (TST).

Founded in 2012, The Satanic Temple (not to be confused with the Church of Satan) is a non-theistic organization that has gained prominence since President Trump's election. The group reported it gained "thousands of new members" after Trump won the presidential race.

"The Satanic Temple attracted 'thousands' of new members in just the first 36 hours after the election of Donald Trump," the group reported. "The 4-year-old temple, which had a pre-Trump membership of around 50,000, has never before seen a spike in registration nearly this big."

"We're definitely a resistance movement," spokesperson and co-founder Lucien Greaves said after a speech outside the University of Colorado Boulder. "We stand in stark opposition to this idea that we must unify under a single religious banner."

"We're on the front lines of some of these battles against theocratic encroachment, especially with characters like Mike Pence holding such a high office," he added.

Since the election, The Satanic Temple has launched multiple campaigns aimed at challenging Christian influence in the political sphere. One example is their After School Satan Clubs.

Ultimately, the group is about glorifying rebellion. In fact, they say they don't even worship Satan or believe he is a personal being. Instead, they focus on rebelling against "tyrannical" authority, secularism and theism. {eo}

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