

Erika Kirk to Let State Decide Fate of Husband's Killer

Erika Kirk, the widow of Charlie Kirk and the newly appointed CEO and Chair of the Board of Turning Point USA, says she will leave the fate of her husband's killer up to the government.

In an interview with the New York Times, Kirk stated why she doesn't want to be the one to make the decision as to whether or not the gunman who murdered her husband should receive the death penalty.

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"I've had some many people ask, 'Do you feel anger toward this man? Like do you want to seek the death penalty?' I'll be honest. I told our lawyer, I want the government to decide this. I do not want that man's blood on my ledger."

Kirk said she does not want this to come between her eternal relationship with Jesus or to jeopardize her chances of seeing Charlie again in heaven.

"Because when I get to heaven, and Jesus is like, 'Uh, eye for an eye? Is that how we do it?' And that keeps me from being in heaven, from being with Charlie?"

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As Fox News reported, after Charlie Kirk was shot, the sheriff recommended that Erika not look at her husband's body because of how mangled his neck had become. However, she said, "With all due respect, I want to see what they did to my husband."

In the interview with the New York Times, Erika also explained that when she saw Charlie after he had been shot: "His eyes were semi-open...And he had this knowing, Mona Lisa-like half-smile. Like he'd died happy."

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Continue to pray for the Kirk family during this time as they learn to navigate life without Charlie.

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