

Morning Rundown: Why Are So Many People So Angry?

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If there is one emotion that has risen to the surface in recent years in America, it is anger. There is anger on the streets. There is anger online. There is anger wherever we turn. What is the source of it?

Back in the 1960s, many young people were angry about the Vietnam War. Their siblings and friends were being shipped overseas to die, and some of them would be next. And for what? (I grew up in this era, born in 1955. This was hardly a theoretical concern.)

You can hear the anger in the satirical song called "Feel Like I'm Fixin' to Die Rag," made famous by Country Joe and the Fish. Yes, moms and dads, be the first ones on your block to have your boy come home in a box!

Holy Rollers to Global Fire: 100 Years of Pentecostal & Charismatic Booms in America

Over the past century, the United States has witnessed a remarkable spiritual awakening through the rise of Pentecostalism and the charismatic movement.

These religious revivals have played a significant role in shaping American Christianity, with millions of believers experiencing a profound transformation in their faith. Let's delve into the history of these movements and their impact on American religious landscape over the last 100 years.

The Birth of Pentecostalism

The roots of Pentecostalism can be traced back to the early 20th century when a series of revivals took place in various parts of the United States. In 1906, a momentous event occurred at the Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles, led by William J. Seymour. This revival, known as the Azusa Street Revival, is considered one of the most significant catalysts for the spread of Pentecostalism.

10 Things the Church Must Do to Survive AI

In this era of fast-paced technological progression, Artificial Intelligence (AI) emerges as a force of change that ceaselessly drives transformation across various spheres of society. Because of the vast transformation of our future, I've been studying the implications of AI, so I could help position the church.

1. Reformation of pastoral roles – Pastors relying mainly on their oratory skills might find their roles taken over by AI-generated content. AI technology has the potential to communicate spiritual truth with efficacy. However, the pastoral roles that survive this shift would involve genuine engagement with congregants, walking alongside them in their spiritual journey and actively participating in their discipleship. This suggests that despite technological advancements, the human elements of empathy, understanding and spiritual mentorship cannot be replaced.

2. AI-generated church services – AI could be developed to create hyper-realistic holographic presentations of preaching and musical worship. While some churches might be tempted to adapt to these technologically enhanced experiences, I anticipate an eventual backlash against this with congregations' growing desire for authenticity. The future, I predict, would value real pastors and empathetic communities over virtual experiences. {eoa}