

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Weekly Report – 2018-07-01 through 2018-07-07



### Belarus

Fr Krzysztof Poswiata (Polish citizen, forced to leave the country after the government denied extension of his permits due to 3 traffic violations)

Fr Yuri Barok (**UPDATE**: said "If it were a Belarusian priest, his driving license would be suspended. But since it's a Polish priest, there's no proportion in punishment. The issue is not his speeding - it's just a good excuse to get rid of him")

Date: April 30, 2018

Location: Gatovo, Minsk region

Archbishop Tadeusz Kondrusiewicz (**UPDATE**: appealed the expulsion of Fr Krzysztof Poswiata, appealed denied, said "The law speaks about five offences and not two or three. This is real discrimination against foreign clergy. It means that foreigners are divided into two sorts: an ordinary individual and a priest...nobody questions that Belarusian laws are to be obeyed, but this legal aspect should be taken into consideration")

Date: April 27, 2018

Bishop Aieg Butkevich (application for the entry to the country of Polish citizen Fr Karol Prandzioch denied by the government)

Fr Karol Prandzioch OMI (Polish citizen, entry to the country denied)

Date: June 4, 2018

Location: Vitebsk

Fr Vladimir Rezanovich (said that the government had denied two Russian priests entry to the country: "This is not the first time for us. And we know it happens to the Catholics also")

Date reported: June 13, 2018

Fr Klemens Werth SJ (Russian citizen, denied government permission to practice his ministry in Vitebsk on November 23, 2016; denied again on November 30, 2017; **UPDATE**: has been building a new church "I am supposed to serve in this church, but so far I cannot work in it as a priest")

Date: April 25, 2018

Location: Bilevo

Pastor Pawel Godawa (Polish citizen, denied a visa to attend a women's conference)

Bishop Leonid Voronenko (later spoke on Pastor Pawel Godawa' visa denial "We asked for permission for Pastor Godawa for three days. They rejected the application, claiming our documentation was not correct, even though we had fulfilled all the requirements. They always try to find some reason to make it look like it is your fault")

Date: April 2017

Location: Minsk

**Event: Dozens of Catholic and Orthodox seminarians were conscripted into military service, conscriptions were cancelled after church protests**

Fr Andrei Ryulko (confirmed the conscriptions were cancelled)

Fr Sergiy Lepin (**UPDATE**: said "We prepared the lists of students eligible for exemption from the army and handed them to the Plenipotentiary's Office of Religious and Ethnic Affairs")

Fr Yuri Barok (**UPDATE**: said "Under the law, without approved lists everyone should be called up and [Plenipotentiary] Gulyako should have notified Conscription Offices of the delay")

Date: early May 2018

Source: [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2387](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2387)



**Canada**

**Event: Church leaders condemned a Supreme Court decision that allowed law societies [bar associations] to reject graduates from a Christian law school**

Douglas Farrow (professor of theology, said “evolving moral values [will become] for the rest of us devolving, indeed disappearing, rights...This is not the rule of law but rather the ruin of law”)

Iain Benson (law professor, wrote the decision means “law is in free-fall...You will see things now unwind. How quickly is hard to say, but the illiberal direction is clear”)

Date: June 15, 2018

Source: <http://www.catholicerald.co.uk/news/2018/07/02/supreme-court-has-allowed-religious-discrimination-canadian-bishops-say/>

Bill Whatcott (aged 51, bus driver, arrested and charged with 'willful promotion of hatred against an identifiable group, namely the gay community' after he handed out 'Jesus Saves' pamphlets at a 2016 Toronto gay pride parade, faces 2 years' imprisonment if convicted, denied food and medicine for 24 hours in custody, fired from his job)

Date: June 22, 2018

Location: Calgary

Source: <https://www.christianpost.com/news/canadian-man-faces-2-years-prison-passing-out-jesus-saves-pamphlets-gay-pride-parade-225577/>

**Event: Twenty-two thousand anti-abortion demonstrators were forced by police to re-route their march to Parliament Hill when the route was blocked by up to 100 pro-abortion demonstrators**

Cardinal Thomas Collins (**UPDATE:** told the pro-life marchers “Soon you will come upon people yelling and screaming...There is great power in silence. [Make this a] silent pilgrimage of deep prayer. Only in that disposition will we see the way in which these great evils will be overcome”)

Jim Hughes (march organizer, said some marchers were angry that the police did not clear the counter-protestors from the permitted route)

Cardinal Gerald Cyprien Lacroix (attacked at a May 8, 2014 National March for Life rally in Ottawa, Ontario by two topless Femen members, protected by RCMP officers; **UPDATE:** marched)

Archbishop Terrence Prendergast (marched)

Archbishop Christian Lepine (marched)

Archbishop Brendan O’Brien (marched)

Jeff Gunnarson (march organizer, said “Instead of the cops doing their duty and clearing the streets for us, and making it safe for us, they allowed the pro-abort protestors to be a presence in such a way that they were forced to reroute our march, and so thereby really giving them a sort of victory. I just can’t help but think that why do peaceful protestors have to be diverted? Why not take the ones that are causing the trouble and getting them moved away? That’s just common sense to me. And the fact that we have a permit, they don’t, so they’re in our space, and yet we have to be diverted to avoid them...The police should do everything they can to avoid any kind of disturbance or violence. You certainly don’t get violence coming from our side. But I think they should clear the pro-abortion protestors out. ‘You’re not allowed to be here. These people have a permit.’ I mean, can you imagine if we all decided to lie down on the streets in front of the Gay Pride Parade to protest their actions within the parade? We would be pepper sprayed and handcuffed and picked up”)

Date: May 10, 2018

Location: Ottawa

Source: <http://catholicherald.co.uk/news/2018/05/14/cardinal-defiant-after-pro-abortion-protesters-try-to-block-canadian-march-for-life/>

and <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/ottawa-police-cut-march-for-life-short-over-pro-abortion-protest>



**Central African Republic**

Fr Firmin Gbagoua (aged 52, said that the Seleka rebels attacked the refugees at the Bambari cathedral on July 7, 2014 out of the belief that anti-balaka militia members were among

them; **UPDATE:** **shot** by Fulani Muslims in his bedroom after telling them he had no money and to take his personal possessions, had been dining with friends when the assailants arrived, hospitalized, **died**)

Fr Mathieu Bondobo (reported on the murder of Fr Firmin Gbagoua, said “Nobody is protected in this country, but the church will not be silent”)

Michel Roy (Caritas International Secretary General, said “The murder of Fr Firmin reflects the tragedy of the Central African Republic. The country has suffered too much. The establishment of peace and security is essential”)

Bishop Nestor-Desire Nongo Aziagbia (**UPDATE:** said “When the other Fathers arrived in the room, they found Fr Firmin lying in his blood. He was hit by a bullet in his abdomen...Unfortunately, the efforts made by the medical team were not enough to save the life of our brother Firmin. The bullet which hit him in the abdomen caused a big hole in his back, at the spine. He died as a result of a hemorrhage”)

Date: June 29, 2018

Location: Bambari

Source: <http://www.fides.org/en/news/64455->

[AFRICA CENTRAL AFRICA The Catholic Church in the Central African Republic is in mourning after the murder of the Vicar General of Bambari](http://www.fides.org/en/news/64455-)

and <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2018/07/central-african-republic-in-mourning-again-as-another-priest-killed/>

and <http://cisanewsafrika.com/car-vicar-general-murdered-in-suspected-fulani-attack/>



## China

Shi Jinping (church fined US\$7,539 for 'organizing illegal activities without reporting to the department of religious affairs')

Zhu (said that the parishioners were reluctant to bow to government pressure to join the official church)

Date: July 3, 2018

Location: Zongdian, Henan province

Source: <http://www.chinaaid.org/2018/07/house-church-fined-50000-yuan.html>



## Egypt

Fr Ermia Abdu (thanked the Muslims of his village who donated one ton of cement for a church restoration, said the Christians considered it more precious than gold)

Date: July 4, 2018

Location: Mitry village, Beni Suef province

Source: <http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=2184&A=35346>



## Ethiopia

Temesgen Mitiku Mezemir (aged 24, charged with 'causing outrage to religious peace and feeling' in Arba Minch on [January 23, 2018](#) after a debate with other Christians over a replica of the Ark of the Covenant, attacked and beaten along with fellow parishioners outside the courthouse; convicted on [February 2, 2018](#), sentenced to 7 months' imprisonment; appeal denied on [March 19, 2018](#); **UPDATE**: remanded back into custody, has 4 months remaining of his sentence to serve, may be released after 2 months)

Date: June 20, 2018

Source: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2018/06/ethiopian-evangelical-sent-back-to-prison-for-causing-outrage-to-religious-feeling/>



## Greece

Pastor Apostolos Theodorakos (described an attack on seven Iranian Christian refugees in a refugee camp by Muslim refugees "Before I even woke up for my work, [a lady] called me and told me she was in the University Hospital because she and her husband were assaulted by a group of Muslims. I ran into the hospital and I found this beloved soul with her child, terrified, with jabs. A group of 30-40 people had come...accusing them of being Christians and going to church. In fact, one took a liquid inside the container and someone tried to [ignite a] fire")

Date: June 27, 2018

Location: Larissa

Source: <https://www.persecution.org/2018/07/05/christian-converts-iran-violently-targeted-mob/>



## India

Pastor Roy Thomas (attacked and beaten along with two students by a group of RSS paramilitaries who posted a video of the attack on social media)

Date: June 8, 2018

Location: Kodungalloor

Source: <https://www.persecution.org/2018/07/03/filmed-attack-pastor-students-india-goes-viral/>

Shyamlal Kujju (aged 25, driven from his home along with other members of 10 Christian families, later said “We are living in fear, away from our homes. It is almost a month since my house is locked by Hindu radicals and there is no attempt by the police or the government to resolve the issue. Our lives are devastated as we hide ourselves from the Hindu radicals. We do not know how long this will continue”)

Date: June 5, 2018

Location: Pahli village, Latehar district, Jharkhand state

Source: <https://www.persecution.org/2018/07/03/ten-christian-families-india-driven-village-refusing-recant-faith/>

A C Michael (member of the United Christian Forum and the Alliance Defending Freedom, **UPDATE:** issued a report on religious persecution, said "About 20 episodes of violence against Christians took place every month from January until the end of May 2018")

Date: July 5, 2018

Source: [http://www.fides.org/en/news/64468-ASIA\\_INDIA\\_The\\_rate\\_of\\_violence\\_against\\_Christians\\_remains\\_high\\_a\\_new\\_Report](http://www.fides.org/en/news/64468-ASIA_INDIA_The_rate_of_violence_against_Christians_remains_high_a_new_Report)

Pastor Jeeves Merari (church destroyed, said "When I arrived to Church this morning, I didn't believe what I was seeing. It was just utter and complete destruction")

Date: June 20, 2018

Location: Pulaganipalem, Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh state

Source: <https://persecutionrelief.org/church-vandalized-andhra-pradesh/>

Pastor Isaac (church convention cancelled by police, attendees defied the police order but did not use a sound system)

Date reported: June 28, 2018

Location: Pallivilakam, Sooriacode PO, Kanyakumari district, Tamil Nadu state

Source: <https://persecutionrelief.org/ag-church-convention-stopped-tn/>

**Event: Two sisters were beaten by their parents and neighbors after they admitted their conversion, escaped in a downpour to their Christian uncle's home who was then also beaten, all three were turned over to police who released them**

Basami Kumari (convert, sister of Sarita Kumari, niece of Pastor Anup Padhan, beaten)

Sarita Kumari (convert, sister of Basami Kumari, niece of Pastor Anup Padhan, beaten)

Pastor Anup Padhan (uncle of Basami and Sarita Kumari, beaten)

Pastor Samuel Thomas (reported on the attack)

Pastor P S Mathaikutty (reported on the attack)

Date reported: July 3, 2018

Location: Jharkhand state

Source: <https://persecutionrelief.org/sisters-pastor-beaten-jharkhand/>

Sr Ranjita Kindo OSU (arrested on **June 21, 2018** on fabricated charges of organizing the abduction and rape of five social activists by six Pathagadi tribal gunmen; **UPDATE:** released)

Sr Amita Nag OSU (arrested on [June 21, 2018](#); **UPDATE**: released)

Fr Gyan Prakash Minj SJ (reported on the arrests)

Sr Eileen Kujur (reported on the arrests)

Fr Mahendra Peter Tigga (reported on the arrests)

Date: [June 22, 2018](#)

Location: Kochang village, Jharkhand state

Source: <https://persecutionrelief.org/jesuit-priest-among-several-held-in-jharkhand-gangrape-case/>

Pastor K Rajesh (hemophiliac, beaten along with two other Christians while handing out Bible tracts, taken to a temple and forced to bow before the gods, said "Though we were badly beaten and insulted, we believe that it is a privilege to suffer for Jesus Christ. I have forgiven my attackers in Jesus Christ")

Date reported: [June 20, 2018](#)

Location: Pulioorkurichi thakkali villiage, Kanyakumari district, Tamil Nadu state

Source: <https://persecutionrelief.org/trapped-and-beaten-for-distributing-bible-tracts-tamil-nadu/>

Pastor Anil Kumar (accused of casting a spell after a man joined a worship service and then pretended to be mentally ill, later threatened with arrest by police for illegal conversions)

Ram Sudare (hosted the worship service in his home)

Date: [June 15, 2018](#)

Location: Uttar Pradesh state

Source: <https://persecutionrelief.org/man-fakes-insanity-and-accuses-pastor-uttar-pradesh/>

Pastor Bhakkiyaraj (husband, father of one, ordered by police to not meet with his fellow parishioners on Sunday, ignored the order without consequences)

Date: [June 16, 2018](#)

Location: Udumalpet village, Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu state

Source: <https://persecutionrelief.org/religious-fanatics-targeting-house-churches-tamil-nadu/>

Pastor K G Punnoose (aged 66, worship service interrupted by local officials after a noise complaint was allegedly filed, said "We are just 12 members and we always close the doors and windows during our worship services on Friday and Sunday. We are careful and keep noise levels to a reasonable minimum")

Date: [June 17, 2018](#)

Location: Shalem, Haripad, Alapuzha, Kerala state

Source: <https://persecutionrelief.org/ipc-sunday-worship-disrupted-in-kerala/>



**Iran**

Mohammadali Yassaghi aka Estifan (aged 52, arrested on [April 10, 2018](#), charged with 'propaganda against the establishment'; **UPDATE**: charges dismissed, released)

Date: [June 25, 2018](#)

Location: Babol

Source: <http://meconcern.org/2018/07/05/iran-mohammadali-yassaghi-freed-from-detention/>



## **Kyrgyzstan**

Pastor Miran (alias, convert from Islam, father of five, jailed for six months on child abuse charges, released after the charges were dropped, fired from his job, unable to find work)

Date reported: [July 4, 2018](#)

Source: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2018/07/church-of-muslim-converts-told-to-close-in-kyrgyzstan/>



## **Nigeria**

Rev Isa Nenman (arrested after leading a protest against the mass murder of Christians which allegedly ended with stones thrown at automobiles and government officials chased)

Paul Dekete (protest organizer, said "Following yesterday's peaceful protest by CAN supported by youth groups, the CAN chairman, Northern Zone, is in police custody, and there is a directive from Abuja to make arrests")

Date: [June 28, 2018](#)

Location: [Jos, Plateau state](#)

Rev Musa Choji (**killed** by Fulani Muslims along with his wife, son, and many parishioners)

Date: [June 24, 2018](#)

Location: [Gana Ropp village, Plateau state](#)

Rev Chidi Okoroafor (Christian Association of Nigeria, said "We mourn the death of over 200 Christians slaughtered on the Plateau at the weekend, and we passionately appeal to the Buhari-led administration to rise up and put a stop to further killings of innocent people, including defenseless women and children...CAN is, once again, calling on President Muhammadu Buhari to replace all the security chiefs and the Inspector General of Police, because they have overstayed their welcome. It is ridiculous and embarrassing that in the last three years, none of these criminals have been apprehended, detained, arraigned and convicted...We are approaching a state of anarchy faster than we can imagine. Why are we following the footpath of Rwanda daily with these unprecedented killings and mass burials when we are not at war? ENOUGH IS ENOUGH")

Date: June 24, 2018

Location: Plateau state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2018/07/death-toll-in-jos-nigeria-attacks-at-218-including-pastor-wife-and-son/>

Rev Soja Bewarang (**UPDATE**: denied Fulani allegations that Christians were rustling cattle: “We condemn these unholy acts of systematic genocide and see it as a deliberate attempt to destroy the cultural heritage of Plateau people in particular the most affected areas. The killings are becoming no longer herder and farmer clashes [but a] deliberate attempt to conquer and occupy the land of the people’s ancestral heritage”)

Pastor Steve Kwol (described “very serious attacks” in which entire villages had been badly damaged)

Date: June 28, 2018

Source: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2018/06/nigerian-christians-refute-claims-herdsmen-killings-were-retaliatory-as-plateau-violence-reaches-new-peak/>

Rev Micah Wujit (aged 46, husband of Ruth Wujit, father of eight, **shot dead** by Fulani Muslims)

Ruth Wujit (aged 35, wife of Rev Micah Wujit, mother of eight, **shot dead**)

Pastor Emmanuel Tingo (husband, father of three, **shot dead**)

Rev Ayuba Ahmadu (reported on the murders)

Date: June 27, 2018

Location: Miango, Plateau state

Danjuma Edo (aged 40, church secretary, **killed**)

Mary Danjuma (aged 34, relative of Danjuma Edo, **killed**)

Sibi Baba (aged 21, relative of Danjuma Edo, **killed**)

Ayo Danjuma (aged 18, relative of Danjuma Edo, **killed**)

Patience Moses (reported on the murder of the family of Danjuma Edo)

Date: June 19, 2018

Location: Kwall village, Bassa local government area, Plateau state

Sarki (aged 20, ambushed, **killed**)

Date: June 17, 2018

Location: Kpachudu village, Plateau state

Godiya Abass (mother of Friday Emmanuel, herder, **killed**)

Friday Emmanuel (aged 11, son of Godiya Abass, **killed**)

Date: June 16, 2018

Location: Hukken village, Plateau state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2018/07/two-pastors-mother-of-eight-shot-to-death-in-plateau-state-nigeria/>



## **Pakistan**

Riyasat Masih (church elder, complained to police after local Muslims disrupted a church construction site by stealing materials and destroying the water supply pipe)

Date reported: June 21, 2018

Location: Shaukat line Gojra, near Chaanar Shab Nala- Muzaffarabad

Source: <http://www.claas.org.uk/news/pakistani-christians-punished-for-building-church-in-muzaffarabad/>



## **Philippines**

**Event: Church employees were arrested for allegedly harboring fugitives**

Aldeem Yanez (arrested)

Roger Plana (arrested)

Rosemarie Cantano (arrested)

Bishop Felixberto Calang (present during the police raid on the spirituality center, said "Police claimed the people they were looking for were inside the building. They accused our staff and volunteers of aiding the people [the fugitives] named in the warrant. Those names are not known to the participants of the program. We are still helping them to secure all necessary documents and requirements and the money so that they can post bail")

Bishop Redeemer Yanez (said the arrest warrant was likely invalid: "There was no signature of the issuing judge or court. The names of the accused are unknown to all the individuals who were arrested. This is clear harassment of the church and the people who are trying to amplify the voice of the poor ")

Ritchie Masegman (decried increasing attacks on church institutions)

Date: July 4, 2018

Location: General Santos

Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/philippine-authorities-arrest-church-workers-activists/82754>



## **Thailand**

Wilson Chowdhry (British citizen; **UPDATE**: received a communication from a church leader who is anonymous for security reasons "...You are probably aware of the police 'scare' that we have a few weeks ago. It seems that several international churches were targeted one Sunday. As a consequence, we have been careful to remove all asylum seeker photos from our website and Facebook etc., and seek to keep a low profile...Thai authorities seem adamant they will remove every last Pakistani Christian asylum seekers from their midst and are becoming more aggressive as the years pass on. This targeting of churches and the raid a few days ago that took place on a public transport bus are clear indicators of their no-tolerance position...Despite clear evidence of persecution in Pakistan the western world and Thailand continue to ignore the plight of Christians who escape the country. This has left many Pakistani Christian asylum seekers stranded or re-persecuted across the globe...This latest targeting of churches who are offering help to a needy and desperate group is a new low for Thai authorities who frightening care agencies and charities who are saving lives, comforting and providing much needed resources to already broken people...If international churches in Thailand are forced to give up their support and help which does not cost anything to the public purse, I fear the suffering of already beleaguered Pak-Christians is set to reach its lowest ebb")

Date: July 4, 2018

Source: <https://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/churches-in-thailand-targeted-during-asylum-crackdown>

**Event: Twelve Pakistani asylum seekers - 8 Christians and 4 Ahmadiyya Muslims - were detained while on their way to work**

Shahzad Masih (aged 32, husband of Najma Shahzad, father of two, detained)

Najma Shahzad (aged 28, wife of Shahzad Masih, mother of two, said "My husband went to work far away from my home so he could support my two young children and I. He works endless hours for little pay and our life has become a real mess but we accepted our situation because it was better than the dangers that faced us back in our homeland. Now I am broken and I realize this world has little hope left for my family and I, except our faith that God has something planned for us")

Sattar Masih (aged 43, husband of Margaret Sattar, father of three, detained)

Margaret Sattar (aged 40, wife of Sattar Masih, mother of three, said "Our lives have been totally destroyed both in Pakistan and Thailand. We have been treated like insects - as something in the way that has to be removed. I don't know when I will ever see my husband again and now the responsibility to bring up my three children lies with me alone. This is heart-breaking and I have not stopped crying since I heard the news of my husband's arrest. This world is unfair and Pakistani Christians are the most despised of all people yet we have harmed no-one")

Adnan Masih (aged 32, husband of Sumaira Adnan, father of two, detained)

Sumaira Adnan (aged 29, wife of Adnan Masih, mother of two, teacher at an underground school for the children of asylum seekers)

Date: July 3, 2018

Location: Phuket

Source: <https://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/hard-working-and-exploited-pakistani-christian-asylum-seekers-arrested-in-phuket>



## Turkey

Pastor Andrew Brunson (U.S. citizen, husband of Norine Brunson, detained as a 'national security risk' in Izmir on [October 7, 2016](#), denied access to U.S. diplomats, attorneys, and fellow parishioners; confirmed to be a hostage at a [September 28, 2017](#) press conference by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the President explicitly called for the U.S. government to exchange him for Sufi cleric and U.S. resident Fethullah Gulen; **UPDATE:** visited in prison by U.S. Senators Lindsey Graham and Jeanne Shaheen who have called for his release and for sanctions against Turkey if he is not)

Date: on or before June 29, 2018

Location: Izmir

Source: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2018/07/america-ups-the-ante-over-pastor-brunsons-detention/>



## United Kingdom

Sr Ban Madleen (reported on [April 2, 2018](#) to have been denied a visa to visit her ill sister in the UK on the grounds that she had not travelled from Iraq in seven years [due to the conflict there]; **UPDATE:** reapplied for a visa, again refused)

Date: June 12, 2018

Source: <http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/commentandblogs/2018/06/29/the-governments-religious-illiteracy-is-making-life-harder-for-persecuted-christians/>



## United States

Dr Robert A J Gagnon (aged 59, professor of theology, suspended from Facebook for 24 hours after he criticized a Canadian government-funded video that encouraged children to consider homosexuality)

Date: June 14, 2018

Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/facebook-suspends-pro-family-expert-for-criticizing-gay-indoctrination->

[vide?utm\\_content=buffer3306d&utm\\_medium=WCDM%2BBuffer&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_campaign=WCDM](https://www.facebook.com/robert.a.gagnon.56/posts/10160710424990045)

and <https://www.facebook.com/robert.a.gagnon.56/posts/10160710424990045>

Austin Ruse (columnist, subjected to an FBI investigation after his tweet comparing pressure on business owners to place LGBT rainbows in their locales' windows to mafia shakedowns was reported by the Human Rights Campaign as a civil rights violation, the FBI closed the investigation as trivial, wrote that the complaint was akin to "swatting" and added "It works like this: A local restaurant is owned by a faithful Catholic who objects to the gay agenda. He does not want to put up the gay rainbow. He finds it offensive. So, he doesn't put it up. Gays notice he doesn't have the gay rainbow affixed to his window. 'Why don't you have the rainbow on your window?' they ask. 'Are you homophobic? Do you really want the local community to know about you?' You can see it spooling out from there. He is targeted by the local bully boys who proceed to make his life miserable, perhaps harming and even shuttering his business")

Date: July 3, 2018

Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/top-lgbt-group-sics-fbi-on-conservative-columnist-for-tweet>

### **United States - District of Columbia**

Michael Pompeo (aged 54, Secretary of State nominee, attacked by Senator Cory Booker in his nomination hearing for his traditional Christian views)

Date: April 12, 2018

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/04/12/mike-pompeo-grilled-by-cory-booker-over-gay-marriage-stance-during-secretary-state-confirmation-hearing.html>

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