

**Key Takeaways for the Article:** [One Leader Under God: The Connection Between Authoritarianism Christian Nationalism in America](#)

- **Christian nationalism and authoritarianism are closely connected.**
  - People who support Christian nationalism are far more likely to hold authoritarian views, meaning they favor strong leaders who can break rules, limit opposition, and centralize power. This group is more likely to believe in conspiracy theories about the 2020 election and the so-called “weaponization” of government agencies against their political leaders.
- **Christian nationalists are more likely to justify political violence.**
  - While most Americans reject political violence, Christian nationalists are significantly more likely to believe that “patriots may have to resort to violence” to save the country. They are more likely to support armed poll watchers and even the idea that Americans should use force if they believe an election was compromised.
- **Christian nationalism is tied to fear of cultural and demographic change.**
  - A majority of Christian nationalists believe that America is in danger of losing its identity. They are more likely to hold anti-immigrant views, including the belief that immigrants “poison the blood” of the country or are “invading” and replacing American culture. They tend to reject gender equality and support traditional patriarchal structures.
- **Most Americans reject Christian nationalist beliefs, but they are politically influential.**
  - Only about 30% of Americans qualify as either Christian nationalism “Adherents” or “Sympathizers,” but they hold significant political influence, particularly in the Republican Party. White evangelical Protestants, weekly churchgoers, and Trump-supporting Republicans are the most likely to embrace these views.
- **Christian nationalists favor a leader who can break the rules.**
  - More than half of Christian nationalists believe the country needs a leader who is willing to break the rules to “set things right.” They are more likely to support a president who could ignore Congress and the courts, which directly challenges democratic principles and the separation of powers.