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Luke 21:34-36–"But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man" (Weymouth New Testament).

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An article by Corinne Baum and Idan Kweller titled "PMO Does Not Dispute Trump's Claim of Halting Aid to Israel, Reframes It as 'Mutual Investment' " was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 6, 2026. Following are excerpts of the article.

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In its first statement since US President Donald Trump announced that he intends to stop aid to Israel by the end of the year, the Prime Minister's Office said on Friday that it views the decision as a shift from military aid to "partnership."

PMO spokesman Doron Spielman told Fox News that "while the aid has been incredibly important, the prime minister has been working with President Trump to make the correct transition out from aid towards partnership and mutual investment."

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An article by Sam Sokol titled "The True Effect of Trump Halting Military Aid to Israel" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 6, 2026.

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The prospect of US military aid to Israel ending within months has alarmed Israelis, raising the specter of security vulnerability at a time when the country is still fighting enemies on all fronts.

But the ambassador to Israel said the decision was in the best interests of the US-Israel relationship, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has hinted that moving to change the status quo may have been coordinated with Jerusalem.

In a post on X/Twitter on Friday morning, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) stated, “Today, Israel has a strong and stable economy. The move by PM Netanyahu and President Trump from aid to partnership shows the strength and sophistication of our relationship, and its ability to adapt and stand strong over time.”

US President Donald Trump’s announcement this week that the United States would halt billions of dollars in annual aid to Israel by the end of 2026 came at a politically sensitive time for both countries. The US president spoke on the day millions of Americans went to the polls to determine control of Congress at the end of a campaign season in which Democrats hammered the GOP over aid to Israel.

It also came a week after Israel’s own elections, in which both Netanyahu and the opposition failed to secure a majority and are now jostling for public support as each tries to form a governing coalition.

Yesh Atid lawmaker: Trump halting US military aid to Israel ‘a major mistake’

“Cutting military aid to Israel is a major mistake,” lawmaker Moshe Tur-Paz of the opposition party Yesh Atid told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

“While we might like to think we can manage on our own, it’s important to understand that this military aid isn’t just a simple transfer of funds to Israel,” said Tur-Paz, a retired lieutenant colonel in the IDF reserves who recently served as a member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

US Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee, by contrast, argued that cutting aid ensures the longevity of security ties between the two allies. Huckabee, for decades one of Israel’s staunchest defenders in the United States, told Israel’s Channel 12 that the plan to taper military assistance to Israel had been jointly agreed upon by Netanyahu and Trump – something the post from the PMO on Friday appeared to confirm.

The annual $3.8 billion sum is mostly spent in the United States to purchase weapon components or weapons systems manufactured in American factories. Huckabee noted the production has created American jobs. A memorandum of understanding between the two countries calls for that level of aid to continue through 2028.

While there had been some speculation that Washington and Jerusalem might not renew the arrangement, as has happened after previous MOUs have ended, Trump’s announcement about curtailing the aid early was unexpected.

What is happening now, he said, is that Israel and the US "are wanting to move to a different relationship where it does not look like a package of aid, but rather a relationship of trade," Huckabee explained.

That had always been the goal as the sides negotiated the next round of the memorandum of understanding that underpins the military aid, he said. He said that transitioning from an aid to a trade relationship could stem growing stateside criticism of the expenditure.

However, while such an approach appears to align with Netanyahu's thinking, the speed at which Trump is acting has caused consternation in Jerusalem, with Israeli financial and military figures expressing surprise and concern at the move.

During a radio interview on Wednesday morning, Maj.-Gen. (ret.) Giora Eiland, the former head of Israel's National Security Council, called Trump's announcement "an unexpected blow" that will cause "a great deal of damage."

Trump cuts force Israel to pay billions for existing contracts

In addition to forcing Israel to pay out billions of shekels for already-signed defense contracts, the Trump cuts will also harm existing "joint initiatives such as advancing laser technology in Israel," he said.

Huckabee told Channel 12 that he did not know whether the funding negotiated by the Obama administration would end as soon as the end of the year 2026, saying that both he and the Israeli government were seeking clarification.

"We were giving them $4 billion … but it gets cut off at the end of the year," Trump declared during a call-in appearance on Tuesday morning, the day of the midterm elections, on the "Fox & Friends" program on Fox News.

Tur-Paz, the Yesh Atid lawmaker, said the money supports a wide range of collaborations and productive partnerships amounting to 12 billion shekels annually that would have to be replaced by budget cuts in other areas.

"If the military's requirements remain unmet, the shortfall would have to come either from the civilian sector – which is highly problematic – or from the defense budget itself, which is equally concerning," he said.

The current MOU gives Israel $3.8 billion annually and runs through fiscal 2028, so it's unclear how easy it would be for the White House to stop the funding this year and whether Trump is truly committed to changing the arrangement.

Trump spoke before Democrats scored a sweeping win on Tuesday, regaining control of the House and Senate, which, given the party's increasing frustration with Israel, has sparked concern regarding the future of the US-Israel alliance.

On Thursday, Israeli President Isaac Herzog said that Trump's statement about halting military aid had hit "me like a bolt from the blue" as he discussed the issue at a meeting with Gadi Eisenkot's Yashar party, the largest opposition party coming out of Israel's elections, at his residence during consultations for the formation of a new government. Herzog will soon decide which party gets the first chance to form a governing coalition.

"I am very worried about it," Herzog said of the aid announcement. Yashar leads the bloc hoping to oust Netanyahu and has made repairing the relationship with US Democrats a top priority.

Dr. Avishay Ben Sasson-Gordis, a senior researcher at the Tel Aviv-based Institute for National Security Studies, said that Trump's statement was "a five-alarm fire" politically, highlighting "something about the state of popularity of Israel and support for Israel in the US right now among a certain chunk of the electorate, even on the Republican side."

While Sasson-Gordis does not believe Trump will immediately cut off funding "because the fiscal year 2027 budget is already in committee," if the spigot is really shut, Jerusalem will have to "reset" its military priorities.

"Military planning happens years, sometimes decades in advance. And so the sort of military you're going to have 10 years down the line is decided now. And if we decide that we pull out of [existing defense] deals [due to cuts], then we need to rethink what sort of military we're trying to build," Sasson-Gordis told JTA.

Israelis had been prepared for a recalibration in how the aid works, but few anticipated such a precipitous change.

Speaking with *The Economist* in January, Netanyahu said he would gradually "taper off" American military aid to zero within the coming decade, arguing that his country had "come of age" and was working to develop its own domestic defense industry.

For decades, Israel has received billions of dollars of defense aid from the United States, the vast bulk of it used to purchase weapons from American firms - even as the Jewish state has invested in local defense production and risen to become the world's seventh-largest arms exporter.

Despite this, Jerusalem's dependence on American supplies increased significantly following Hamas's Oct. 7, 2023, attacks on Israel and the subsequent wars in Gaza, Lebanon, Syria and with Iran.

Critics in the United States have dismissed Trump's statement as a dodge, noting that while there is growing support in the United States for cutting defense aid to Israel, there has also been a push among some lawmakers to more tightly integrate the two countries' defense establishments. A bipartisan group of lawmakers wants to add language to the annual defense policy bill to expand US-Israeli defense technology cooperation.

"They're not really cutting aid, just reprogramming it as 'joint projects' and hiding it in the defense budget. Americans will be paying more with even less Congressional oversight," tweeted Matt Duss, the CEO of the Center for International Policy and a former foreign policy advisor to Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-VT).

A section of the National Defense Authorization Act for 2027 would require the secretary of defense to designate an "executive agent responsible for synchronizing cooperative efforts between the United States and Israel, including bilateral defense technology research, development, testing, evaluation, integration, and industrial cooperation."

In fact, this is just what some pro-Israel organizations on the American right have been pushing for.

"We have advocated for phasing security assistance to Israel from Foreign Military Financing to Foreign Military Sales for some time now," tweeted Victoria Coates, the vice president of the conservative Heritage Foundation, calling for a shift in funding from direct assistance to joint programs.

Once Israel becomes "an integral part of a new regional security and commercial paradigm," it would be able to "afford to phase out its military financing relationship with the United States," the group argued in a 2025 position paper - adding that "from 2029 to 2047, the United States should transition its military financing of arms procurements to direct military sales to Israel," just as it weaned itself off of direct economic aid in the 1990s.

Such an approach could also potentially reduce, though not remove, Congress's ability to use aid to influence Israeli policy, something which would likely be welcomed by Israeli officials - especially given the growing number of Democrats arguing in favor of reducing or halting military aid.

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An article by Gil Hoffman titled "Think You Understand Israel's Election? Here Are 10 Things the World May Have Missed" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 6, 2026.

1. To Bibi or not to Bibi
2. "Apartheid" abandoned
3. No Arab minister – does not equal racism
4. You say you want a (half) revolution?
5. The October 7 Mks
6. Empowering Arab Muslim women
7. No LBT, but 3 Gays
8. New star Yafa Tabaja
9. Our new Congressmen
10. Pay attention to Palestinian politics

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Summit – U.S., China and Russia

• An article by Staff titled "Beijing Confirms Historic Xi-Trump-Putin Meeting Under Discussion" was posted at theguardian.com on Nov. 6, 2026.

• An article by Staff titled "China Says Discussions Underway on Xi–Trump–Putin Meeting" was posted at thehindu.com on Nov. 7, 2026.

Iran war – general news

• An article by Amit Avitan and Idan Kweller titled "Israel Warns US That Iran May Use Chemical Weapons, but Washington Questions Intelligence [Report]" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 3, 2026.

• An article by Goldie Katz and Aaron Glick titled "Trump Says US Has No Immediate Plans to Strike Iran, [Because We Are] 'Getting Everything We Want' in Negotiations" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 4, 2026.

• An article by Victor Nava titled "State Department Offers $20 Million Reward for Information About Iran's Nuke Program" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 7, 2026.

Russia-Ukraine war – general news

• An article by Michael Cox titled "What the U.S. Midterms Result Means for the Ukraine War [the Democrats Will Probably Be More Favorable toward Ukraine]" was posted at theconversation.com on Nov. 5, 2026.

• An article by John Psaropoulos titled "Russia's Land Gains in Ukraine Dwindle as Its Diesel Reportedly Goes Unsold" was posted at aljazeera.com on Nov. 6, 2026.

Articles – Jerusalem Post

• An article by Dana Ben-Shimon titled " 'Open Selling of Girls': Child Marriage Surge as Gaza Families Turn to Desperate Measures" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 3, 2026.

• An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled "Turkey Is Supporting Iraqi Attempts to Combat ISIS Threats to Kirkuk, Other Regions" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 7, 2026.

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When was the last time the Democrats had a primary that was actually Democratic?

• Looking back to October 2024, an article by Nick Hart titled "When Was the Last Time the Democrats Had a Primary That Was Actually Democratic?" was posted at medium.com on Oct. 5, 2024. (For at least the last 3 general elections, Democrats haven't allowed their own base to choose their candidate.)

In 2016, the Democrat elites convinced Bernie Sanders to step aside.
In 2020, the Democrat elites convinced opponents to Joe Biden to step aside.
In 2024, the Democrat elites forced Joe Biden to withdraw.
In 2024, the Democrat elites picked Kamala Harris without a single vote.

Pro-life

• Looking back to May 2023, an article by Mansur Shaheen titled "[Massachusetts] Doctors Perform World-First Brain Surgery on Baby With Deadly Genetic Disorder While It Is Still Inside It's Mom's Uterus" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on May 4, 2023.

Comments – about defunding the police

• Looking back to June 2020, an article by Paige Fernandez titled "Defunding the Police Will Actually Make Us Safer" was posted at aclu.org on June 11, 2020.

General interest – news

- Looking back to Brendan Rascius titled “Many Republicans Want to Lose the Midterms So They Don’t Have to Pass Trump-Backed Bills; Laura Ingraham Claims” was posted at independent.com on Sept. 18, 2026.

- An article by Staff titled “Trump Told Voters, ‘Pretend I’m on the Ballot’ – They Did” was posted at washingtonpost.com on Nov. 4, 2026.

- An article by Ally Goelz titled “Democratic Socialists of America Wave Storms Congress – and Radical Comments on 9/11, Abolishing Police and Arresting Enemies Come Into the Spotlight” was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 6, 2026.

- An article by Victor Nava titled “Illegal Immigrant Heard Voices to Assassinate Trump – Arrested With Firearm-Filled Stolen Vehicle” was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 6, 2026.

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An article by Nicole Weatherholtz titled “Senator Cornyn: Republicans ‘Forgot’ How to Win Elections” was posted at newsmax.com on Nov. 4, 2026.

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Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, delivered a rebuke of his own party Wednesday, blaming Republicans' sweeping midterm defeats on weak candidates, President Donald Trump's policies, and a failure to build the coalitions needed to win elections.

In an opinion piece published in *The Wall Street Journal*, the outgoing senator called Democrats' victories in Texas and across the country Tuesday "foreseeable," arguing that Republicans “forgot” how to win.

Cornyn, who has represented Texas in the Senate since 2002, faulted Republicans for failing to broaden their appeal and questioned the “character and integrity” of some GOP candidates.

He also took direct aim at Trump, arguing the president's war with Iran, tariffs, and political distractions had alienated voters and contributed to the party's losses.

Cornyn singled out Trump's plans to renovate the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool on the National Mall, describing such projects as political “sideshows” that distracted Republicans from issues important to voters.

“Americans elected the Donald Trump who put on the apron of the Golden Arches and got a plan for a Triumphal Arch instead,” Cornyn wrote.

The criticism came one day after Democrats seized control of both chambers of Congress, dealing Republicans a major setback and raising questions about the party's direction ahead of the 2028 presidential election.

The losses were particularly striking in Texas, where Democrat James Talarico defeated Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton in the race to succeed Cornyn.

Cornyn had repeatedly questioned Paxton's electability after losing his own bid for another Senate term earlier this year.

Paxton defeated the longtime incumbent in a bitter May Republican runoff after securing Trump's endorsement, handing the president's preferred candidate a significant victory over an established Senate Republican.

But Cornyn refused to endorse Paxton following his defeat and warned that the attorney general could struggle to defeat Talarico in November.

Those concerns proved consequential Tuesday when Talarico captured the seat, delivering Democrats a major victory in a state Republicans had long dominated in statewide elections.

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Looking back to March 2026, an article by Shawn Fleetwood titled “10 Times John Cornyn Betrayed Trump and MAGA” was posted at thefederalist.com on March 5, 2026.

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John Cornyn’s record indicates that he has often sided with the interests of the GOP establishment over those of Trump and his voters.

The race to become the Republican nominee in Texas’ upcoming Senate election is coming to a head.

After failing to secure more than 50 percent of the vote during Tuesday’s primary race, incumbent Sen. John Cornyn will face off against Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton in a May runoff election to determine who will represent the Grand Old Party on the state’s 2026 ticket. While President Trump declined to make an endorsement in the contest prior to this week, it appears the president is now changing his tune.

Trump issued a Truth Social post on Wednesday saying that the primary race “cannot, for the good of the Party, and our Country, itself, be allowed to go on any longer.” He further revealed that he “will be making [his] Endorsement soon, and will be asking the candidate that [he doesn’t] Endorse to immediately DROP OUT OF THE RACE!”

Reports emerged in the hours that followed indicating that the president is preparing to endorse Cornyn, a move that puts him at odds with a sizeable portion of his base, who generally favor the MAGA-aligned Paxton.

While Cornyn has attempted to posture himself as aligned with Trump and conservative causes throughout his 2026 reelection campaign, a look at the senator's record indicates that he has often sided with the interests of the GOP establishment.

1. Selling Out the Second Amendment

When President Biden and his party pushed for a major gun control package in 2022, all Senate Republicans like Cornyn had to do was say, "No." But Texas' senior senator had other ideas.

Cornyn not only voted for the bill that was peppered with vague language about "dating partners" and red flag laws; he spearheaded negotiations with Senate Democrats on behalf of the Republican conference. Without Cornyn and Co.'s help, the legislation likely would have never passed.

2. Calling Conservatives Terrorists

When a group of Republican representatives voted to oust Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., as House Speaker in 2023, Cornyn took his support for the California congressman to the extreme. Echoing rhetoric often used by leftists, the Texas senator labeled these House Republicans as "terrorists."

"We saw a similar thing happen to [former Republican House Speaker John] Boehner, [Paul] Ryan, and now McCarthy. I'm sure the next speaker is going to be subjected to the same terrorist attacks," Cornyn said at the time. The Lone Star State's senior senator later doubled down on X, writing, "A handful House members just want to blow up the institution and themselves in the process. Sad."

3. Attacking Efforts to Investigate Anti-Trump Lawfare

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg is one among several Democrat prosecutors to weaponize his office to target Trump ahead of the 2024 election. But rather than do everything to fight such outrageous lawfare, Cornyn was busy attacking his Republican colleagues for fighting it.

When then-Speaker McCarthy authorized House committees to probe Bragg's activities in 2023, Cornyn downplayed the need for such inquiries.

"There's more than enough to do," Cornyn reportedly said. "I would hope they would stick to the agenda they ran on when they got elected to the majority."

Cornyn would later go on to avoid directly condemning Special Counsel Jack Smith's lawfare against Trump that same year. When asked about potential indictments from Smith of the then-former president, the Texas senator defended the Biden Justice Department's ability to bring such charges.

"I think that's entirely within the purview of the Department of Justice and has nothing to do with the United States Senate," Cornyn said. The Texas Republican also said that he had "no knowledge of anything approaching that" when pressed on whether he believed Smith was a "credible prosecutor."

4. Weakness on Immigration

Cornyn recently told Politico that he's ready to "fix our broken immigration system" after more than 20 years in Congress. While the senator reportedly denounced illegal immigration, he also seemingly voiced support for granting amnesty to illegal immigrants in the United States.

"Remember, [Trump] offered a pathway to citizenship for 1.8 million DACA recipients," Cornyn said in reference to illegal aliens who came to the United States when children. "[Trump's] a builder, he understands all that."

Cornyn also recently praised America's broken legal immigration system in remarks to the Washington Examiner, calling it "one of our great assets." More notably, however, the Lone Star State Republican previously opposed Trump's first-term efforts to build new wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and have Mexico pay for it.

5. Shilling for Ukraine Funding

Cornyn repeatedly voted for bills shipping billions in taxpayer dollars to Ukraine. He also opposed an amendment introduced by Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., that sought to appoint an inspector general to oversee how such funds were being distributed to and spent by the Eastern European country.

6. Trashing Trump

Lambasting Trump's border wall proposal isn't the only instance in which Cornyn has gone after the Republican president.

The Texas senator attempted to put space between himself and Trump leading up to the 2020 election. This behavior continued in the years after the contest, in which he claimed that Trump would be unelectable if he were Republicans' 2024 presidential nominee. "We need to come up with an alternative," Cornyn reportedly said in 2023. "I think President Trump's time has passed him by and what's the most important thing to me is we have a candidate who can actually win."

It “all boils down to electability” and “there’s no prize for coming in second [place],” he added.

7. Ignoring Covid Shot Side Effects

Within years of their release to the public, it became clear that the Covid shots were not as “safe” and “effective” as they were marketed to be. At the time, a few Republicans were courageous enough to voice concerns about their potentially harmful side effects.

The same can’t be said for Cornyn when The Federalist pressed him on the matter in 2023.

A Cornyn representative said that the senator would use his position to keep overseeing federal health agencies responsible for their approval and supported “further investigation into how the CDC and FDA make decisions on vaccine recommendations.” The rep stopped short of saying whether Cornyn was worried about the shots’ side effects, however.

8. Pushing for Critical Race Theory

Helping Democrats pass gun control wasn’t the only legislative activity Cornyn was engaged in throughout 2022. As The Federalist previously reported, he also reintroduced a bill that would “enable the federal government to impose critical race theory (CRT) — that is, state-sanctioned racism and anti-Americanism — on public school civics courses via federal grants.”

9. Shilling for FISA

America’s intel agencies have long abused provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) to spy on unsuspecting Americans. Most notably the Obama FBI weaponized the program to surveil Trump campaign official Carter Page ahead of the 2016 election as part of the intel apparatus’ infamous Russia collusion hoax.

Yet, despite these abuses, Cornyn has been one of the program’s biggest defenders.

During her Senate confirmation hearing to become director of national intelligence, for example, Tulsi Gabbard faced not-so-subtle bullying from Cornyn and other Senate Republicans to espouse unfettered support for such surveillance tools.

10. Backing Biden Spending Bombs

While hardly an outlier among congressional Republicans, Cornyn repeatedly helped pass massive Biden-era spending packages that have further blown up the U.S. national debt. He also voted for the 2022 CHIPS Act ($250 billion), which Heritage Action noted “blends corporate welfare with industrial policy.”

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Isaiah 55:6-11–"Seek you the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word by that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."