

## Hivemind Insights: May 11 to 18

ForecastOS Hivemind is an AI-driven platform that constantly ingests leading media sources to spot, track, and analyze sentiment and emerging trends. It also lets anyone create AI-scored polls to gauge consensus on any topic.

The highlighted report covers the most significant polls and trends from May 11 – 18, along with decade-long graphs that reveal how consensus and popularity have evolved. For each trend, the report supplies recent headline examples and, when relevant, the count of companies linked to the theme.

All underlying data can be explored in the ForecastOS Hivemind UI and downloaded via API; a free-trial link on the page grants full access to the complete trend library, custom poll creation, and company lists for thematic investment ideas.

### Noteworthy Hivemind Polls

	Poll: Score <sup>1</sup>	ST Consensus <sup>2</sup>	LT Consensus <sup>3</sup>
1	Tariffs are good: (0.19)	(12%)	0%
2	Elon Musk is a genius: (0.26)	(11%)	(22%)

### Noteworthy Hivemind Trends

	Trend <sup>4</sup>	ST Growth <sup>5</sup>	LT Growth <sup>6</sup>
1	Gaza, Hamas, Israel, Palestinian	(12%)	1,154%
2	Tariffs, tariff, 145, trade	243%	3,981%
3	Trump, Donald, Trumps, MAGA	12%	299%
4	Medicaid, Medicare, healthcare, cuts	99%	200%
5	Pope, Leo, Francis, popes	359%	149%

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**Delay:** minutes / hours

**Dataset Timeframe:** 2015 to present

#### Trend Insights (May 11 to 18):

- 378,253 unique trends identified
- 1 in 266 statements were about Donald Trump
- 1 in 291 statements were about the Israel-Gaza conflict
- 1 in 376 statements were about AI

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<sup>1</sup> Current three month window score; 1 for support, 0 for neutral / no opinion, -1 for opposition.

<sup>2</sup> Poll consensus three month change in three month window.

<sup>3</sup> Poll consensus three year change in one year window.

<sup>4</sup> Trend titles are systematically generated using the four words that best represent them. Words may be incorrect or misspelled.

<sup>5</sup> Relative discussion popularity growth three month change in three month window.

<sup>6</sup> Relative discussion popularity growth three year change in one year window.

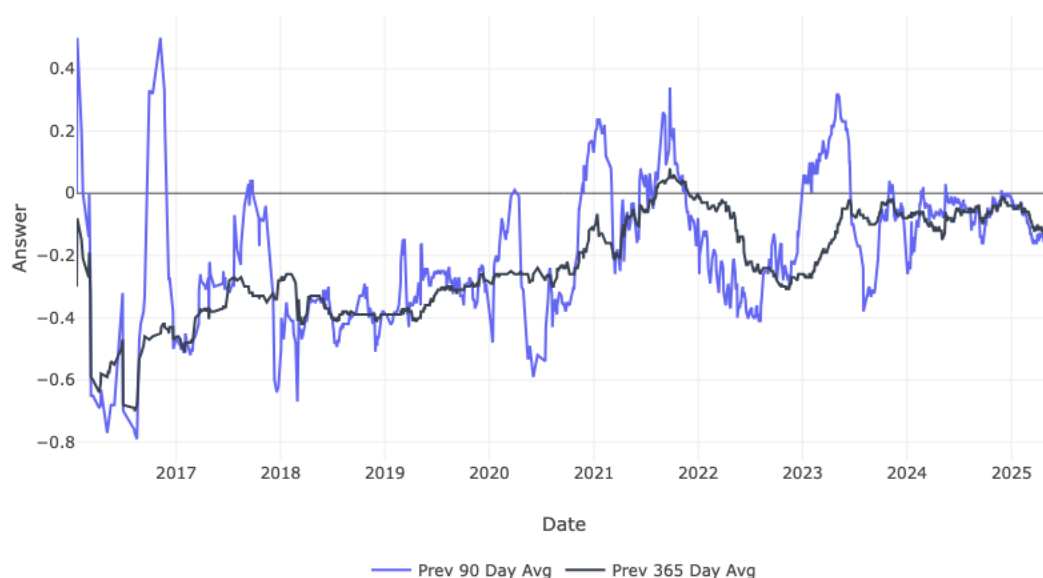
# Noteworthy Hivemind Polls

## 1. Tariffs Are Good

30,914 tariff mentions polled by AI.

Mentions were evaluated to assess whether speakers thought implementing tariffs was a good idea. Responses were scored as 1 for support, 0 for neutral or no opinion, and -1 for opposition.

### Consensus Evolution<sup>1</sup>



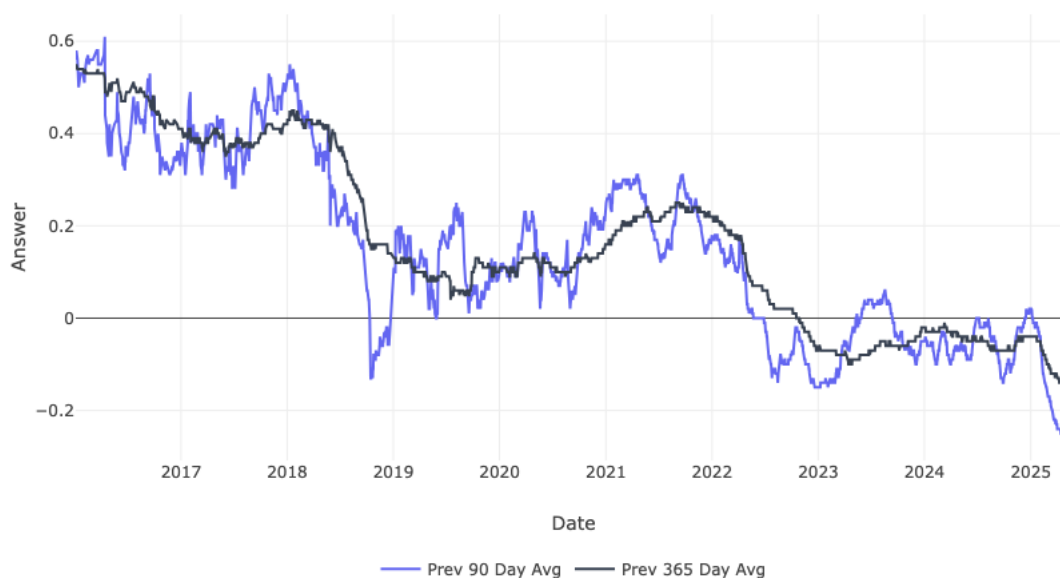
<sup>1</sup> Consensus evolution is calculated as the average of answer scores over a 90 / 365-day window.

## 2. Elon Musk Is a Genius

70,583 Elon Musk mentions polled by AI.

Mentions were evaluated to assess whether speakers agreed with the statement, “Elon Musk is a genius.” Responses were scored as 1 for yes, 0 for neutral or no opinion, and -1 for no.

### Consensus Evolution<sup>1</sup>



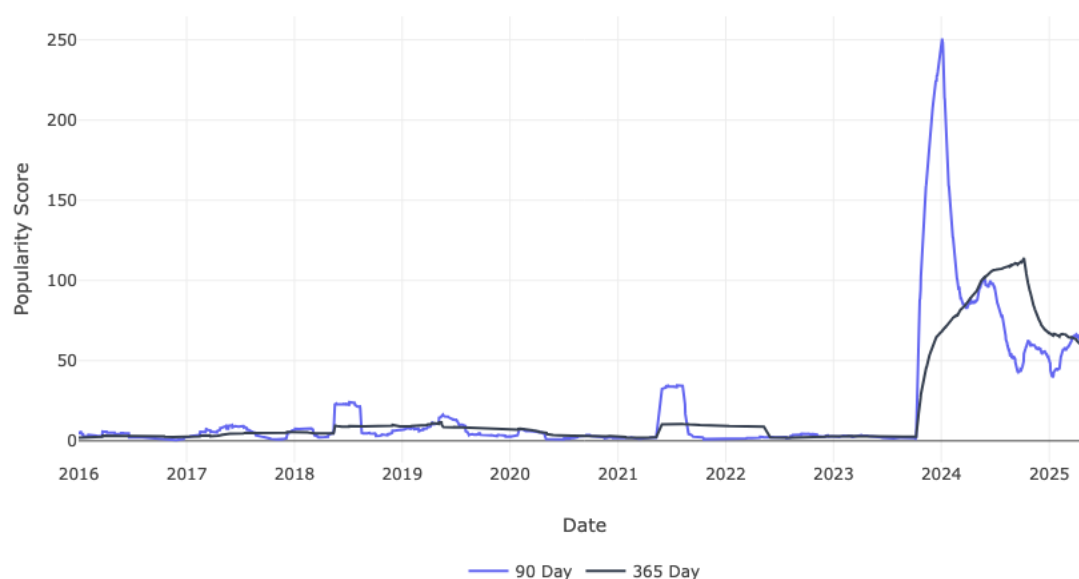
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# Noteworthy Hivemind Trends

## 1. Gaza, Hamas, Israel, Palestinian

Conversation about the Israel-Gaza conflict centred on Israel's new operations aimed at pressuring Hamas to free the remaining hostages, as well as on Trump's visit to the Middle East.

### Relative Popularity Evolution<sup>1</sup>



### Recent Mentions<sup>2</sup>

10 of 67,636 mentions available [in Hivemind](#).

#### 2025-05-18: NPR News Now

Israel has launched a major military operation in Gaza this weekend. Officials say the latest offensive is aimed at pressuring Hamas to release the remaining hostages the operation began just one day after President Trump and this trip to the Middle East without a stop in **Israel**. **Gaza** meanwhile is in the third month of a total blockade of food and other supplies.

#### 2025-05-18: Global News Podcast

And the start of its latest operation in Gaza, which it says will see troops seized strategic areas and free the remaining hostages. The UN says the new offensive is tantamount to ethnic cleansing. Where are Davis reports from Jerusalem? There's considerable pressure on **Israel** and **Hamas** to agree to the American plan that would reportedly see some remaining hostages released from **Gaza** in exchange for a period of calm. But both sides have previously indicated there are considerable obstacles. The development comes after a week of intensifying air strikes in Gaza, in which more than 250 people have been killed.

#### 2025-05-17: All-In with Chamath, Jason, Sacks & Friedberg

Abraham Accords was considered sort of his signal foreign policy accomplishment during term one. And it's my belief that if he'd been reelected in 2020 by February 2021, I think Saudi would have been in the Abraham Accords. Obviously, one of the obstacles continues to be the war in **Gaza**, what actually ends up emerging there. But one, ironically, one of the things that actually has undermined the kind of incentive for Saudi to join the Abraham Accords is Israel's plea devastation of all of the proxies of Iran.

#### 2025-05-16: The NPR Politics Podcast

But also a lot of the reason that the focus is on deals and business deals is because so many of the other issues that are going on in this region are so fraught that it's hard to have any good news out of them. I mean, the biggest issue of them all is the war in **Gaza**. **Israel** is continuing to escalate its attacks and has promised to even escalate even further launch a major offensive after Trump leaves. But this is not something that Trump wants to talk about because he doesn't have so much of a solution.

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**2025-05-16: Breaking Points with Krystal and Saagar**

That sense that there was an attempt to move on without addressing some sort of resolution for **Palestinians** is part of what sparked the planning the execution of October 7th. So, you know, at the end of this trip, it seems to me very much like Trump still thinks that you can just go around the Middle East, get the deals that he can get for his own personal family and get his \$400 million jet from Qatar and whatever. And, you know, if Israel's going to just keep genociding **Palestinians**, then, you know, maybe in the future, he can get a real estate deal there as well, which seems to be his ultimate end goal.

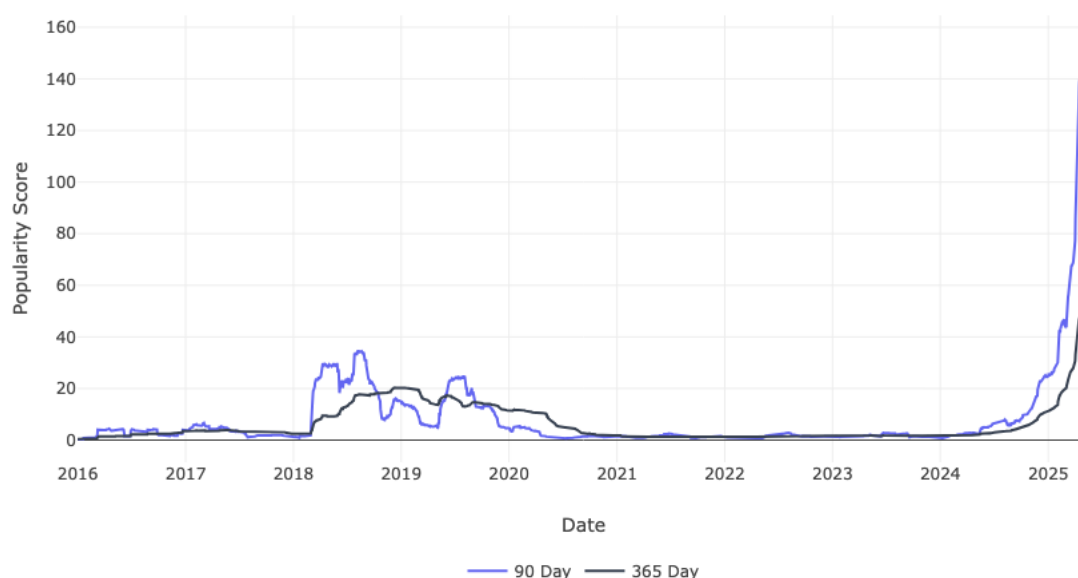
**2025-05-16: The President's Daily Brief**

President Trump says that **Gaza** should be turned into a U.S. administered, quote, freedom zone. And Iran expands their foreign assassination in kidnapping operations, leveraging criminal gangs to carry out their dirty work.

## 2. Tariffs, tariff, 145, trade

Discussion focused on the recent reversal of the 145% U.S. tariffs on China.

### Relative Popularity Evolution<sup>1</sup>



### Recent Mentions<sup>2</sup>

10 of 32,535 mentions available [in Hivemind](#).

**2025-05-18: Club Random with Bill Maher**

I mean, the reason why he finally pulled back and made a deal with China is because his people started to really complain. So do we ever know what? Are you happy with that deal? Well, we don't understand yet. I mean, he lowered the tariff on China from **145** to 30. I mean, that's, ooh. They dropped **the tar tariff**. Yeah. And in which case, like, that's my question is, what if it works? If it works, well, he'd be a genius. You've got to prove security more manufacturing jobs better treated. If it works, I'll be the only person on the left who acknowledges it because they just won't ever do that.

**2025-05-17: NPR News Now**

Stocks finished up this week after the U.S. and China agreed to temporarily lower their most punishing **tariffs** as NPR scout horizontally reports. Investors also welcomed and encouraging inflation reports. Investors cheered the 90 day rollback of triple digit **tariffs**, which had brought trade between the U.S. and China to a near standstill. Most imports from China still face taxes.

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2025-05-16: **Planet Money**

The first ships with the **145% tariffed** goods from China had just started pulling into U.S. ports last week when, just a few days later, the U.S. announced that that mind-bendingly high **tariff** was now gone, paused. The U.S. and China agreed to temporarily bring the tariff way, way back down from **145%** on most Chinese imports 30% though the tariff on things like cars and steel and aluminum is higher, about 50%.

2025-05-16: **Pod Save America**

I'm in Amrillo and this woman comes up to me at the end of the town hall and she said, I'm a 30 year owner of a toy store here in Amrillo. I think it's called unique toys. We were struck by lightning, place burned down and I'm trying to rebuild this place and I'm now also negotiating is that **145% tariffs**. Is it 30% **tariffs**? I would love to buy American made toys. They don't exist 90% of the production in the world. It comes out of China and I'm going to have to close this shop. I'm going to have to look for another line of business.

2025-05-15: **Letters from an American**

Trump has changed his tariff policies, at least 50 times. Some didn't last a day. After insisting that his high **tariffs** would bring manufacturing to the United States, Trump's administration on Monday announced it would reduce Trump's **145** percent tariff on goods from China to 30 percent. China said it would correspondingly lower the tariff it had put on U.S. goods in retaliation for Trump's tariff.

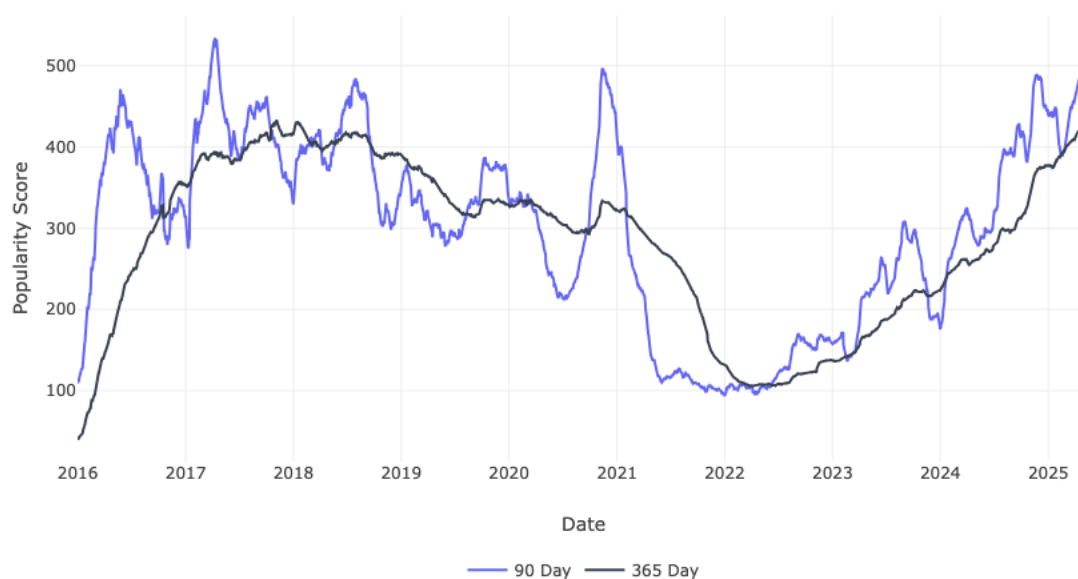
2025-05-12: **WSJ What's News**

So what did the U.S. and China agree to that made investors happy? As we mentioned in our morning show, the U.S. will lower **tariffs** of **145%** on Chinese goods to 30%. Within that framework, Washington will cut its 125% reciprocal tariff on Chinese goods to 10%. A 20% tariff tied to the fentanyl crisis will remain. China will cut its retaliatory levy on U.S. goods to 10% from 125%.

### 3. Trump, Donald, Trumps, MAGA

Mentions of Donald Trump revolved around the proposed “big beautiful” bill, related budget and tax cuts, and the outcomes of his negotiations in the Middle East.

#### Relative Popularity Evolution<sup>1</sup>



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## Recent Mentions<sup>1</sup>

10 of 572,279 mentions available [in Hivemind](#).

### 2025-05-18: Letters from an American

Over the course of this week, Republicans tried to push through Congress a measure that they have dubbed one big, beautiful bill, a reference to **Trump's** term for it. The measure extended Trump's tax cuts at a cost to the nation of about \$4.6 trillion over 10 years and raised the debt ceiling by \$4 trillion. At the same time, it cut Medicaid, the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and a slew of other programs.

### 2025-05-18: The Documentary Podcast

Although these cuts are being disputed in courts, they could have long lasting implications for audiences around the world. And as the legal limbo is prolonged, it's not clear for how long they'll be able to remain on air. In early May, **Donald Trump** signed an executive order that aims to cut funding to public broadcasting in the U.S. as well. In this episode of the Global Jigsaw, we go around the globe to assess the carnage inflicted on independent media by what's been described as the chainsaw approach of the Trump administration.

### 2025-05-17: All-In with Chamath, Jason, Sacks & Friedberg

I guess during all of this now talking about like shaking the globe and the economy here, Republicans are working hard on the big beautiful bill. It's big and it's beautiful, Ben. I don't know if you want to get into your **Trump** doing **Trump**. It's a big, beautiful big, so beautiful. Many people are saying and many haters, Nancy Pelosi, nasty woman. She bet on Walmart, bad bet. G.O.P.'s plan is to push this bill via reconciliation so they can avoid the Senate filibuster with 51 votes instead of 60.

### 2025-05-16: WSJ What's News

The Dean of Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences, her name's Hopi Hookstra. She had a meeting with faculty earlier this month and she said, quote, these federal actions have set in motion changes that will not be undone, at least not in the foreseeable future. And so Harvard is suing **the Trump administration** trying to restore some of the federal funding cuts, but the Dean acknowledged that even if they win that lawsuit, she thinks these cuts are still going to be impactful. And that really, we've turned to quarter that we're never going to turn back from.

### 2025-05-16: The Ben Shapiro Show

If there's a recession, I don't know how big it'll be or how long it'll last. We will avoid it, but I wouldn't take it off the table at this point. So meanwhile, **President Trump** came home today from the Middle East after a very successful round of negotiations and business dealings with Saudi UAE and Qatar. So first of all, Saudi Arabia, where he cleared some \$600 billion in deals, then he went to Qatar, where he cleared some \$1.2 trillion in deals.

### 2025-05-16: Global News Podcast

**President Trump** leaves the Middle East his first major trip of his second term, no breakthrough on the release of hostages in Garza, but significant business deals for US businesses.

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## 4. Medicaid, Medicare, healthcare, cuts

315 related companies [in Hivemind](#).

Commentary offered perspectives on the proposed cuts to U.S. healthcare programs.

### Relative Popularity Evolution<sup>1</sup>



### Recent Mentions<sup>2</sup>

10 of 4,989 mentions available [in Hivemind](#).

#### 2025-05-18: Letters from an American

Republicans tried to push through Congress a measure that they have dubbed one big, beautiful bill, a reference to Trump's term for it. The measure extended Trump's tax cuts at a cost to the nation of about \$4.6 trillion over 10 years and raised the debt ceiling by \$4 trillion. At the same time, it cut **Medicaid**, the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and a slew of other programs. The Republicans failed to advance that bill out of the House Budget Committee Friday afternoon.

#### 2025-05-17: The Prof G Pod with Scott Galloway

For what we spend, we should be the healthiest nation among our peers. We aren't. We pay significantly more for dramatically poorer outcomes. This week, House Republicans floated 880 billion dollars in **Medicaid** cuts over the next decade to help pay for Trump's 4.5 trillion dollar tax cut. Even by Washington standards, the math doesn't math.

#### 2025-05-17: All-In with Chamath, Jason, Sacks & Friedberg

We're talking about a deficit to GDP of like 8%. Yes. 8% a year. This is like Argentina. This is like insane. I've the fact that we don't treat this like a fiscal emergency and everyone goes up and they tout. Oh, we're going to make 60 billion in cuts in **Medicaid**. That's out of 820 billion dollars of annual spend. You know, oh, we're making 30 billion in cuts in snap. That's still 50% higher spend in total than we were in 2019 a few years ago. When we didn't have that much of a problem, this has become like such a reset of expectations.

#### 2025-05-16: Breaking Points with Krystal and Saagar

As long as that's in this bill, it's going to be a giant budget buster and you aren't going to be able to cut really enough even from the, you know, relatively significant cuts they want to **Medicaid** in order to make up the different. So on the other hand, Conservatives like to do this math, like, oh, yes, but the fact that's will not take the papers themselves and this analysis certainly doesn't take into account all of the economic glory that is going to be achieved.

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**2025-05-16: The Ben Shapiro Show**

*It is a giant, unwieldy bill, several different wings of the party who are arguing for different things. You have the so-called moderate in the party arguing for higher caps on salted auctions as well as arguing for zero cuts effectively to **Medicaid**, zero restructuring zero work requirements on **Medicaid** and all of the rest. That would be like Josh Halley in the Senate as well as people like Mike Lawler in the House. Again, these are people from purple states or purple district.*

**2025-05-16: The Daily Show: Ears Edition**

*It was not a win for government efficiency. And that set the tone for their defense of a bill that I think of as the Brad Smith bill. Brad Smith's a billionaire, a donor to Trump, and was appointed to run healthcare for Smith because his business sells healthcare services to **Medicare** and **Medicaid**. Now, Brad Smith, he loves this bill because he's a billionaire, so he's getting a tax cut. And he's running **Medicare** and **Medicaid**, so he's gets to decide which Americans are deserving of healthcare or not, while he sells to the very agency that is regulating and reimbursing his own business.*

## 5. Pope, Leo, Francis, popes

Discussion about the papacy spiked last week following the recent election of Pope Leo, with a focus on his significance, the circumstances of his election, and what he represents.

### Relative Popularity Evolution<sup>1</sup>



### Recent Mentions<sup>2</sup>

10 of 24,916 mentions available [in Hivemind](#).

**2025-05-18: TED Talks Daily**

*To be honest with you, the loss of **the Pope** in a **Pope Francis** was pretty remarkable whether you're Catholic or not a Catholic, pretty inspiring guy. Definitely, so himself, not as somebody trying to accumulate power. He saw himself as like a servant leader. You didn't need the pump on the circumstance.*

**2025-05-16: The Bulwark Podcast**

*The Catholic Convert is going to the mass there in Vatican City. So wonder if you have any thoughts about that? I prefer that Trump and JD Vance don't spend their time attacking the Vatican and the new Pope, but you know, they did to the old Pope. So it's annoying. I mean, I am pro new **Pope, Pro Leo**. I went to Georgetown, you know, to GW, like both of us grew up Catholic.*

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**2025-05-16: The Megyn Kelly Show**

On Sunday, Vice President J.D. Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio set to attend **Pope Leo** 14's inaugural Mass at the Vatican. The first American Pope born in Chicago as Robert Prevost elected last week to head up the Catholic Church and its 1.4 billion Catholics. Prevost running a Twitter account that occasionally shared content critical of the Trump administration's immigration policy, calling out J.D. Vance specifically.

**2025-05-15: Offline with Jon Favreau**

Last week, Robert Prevost, who hails from the South Side of Chicago, became **the first American Pope**. He decided to take the name Pope Leo the 14th. And then he explained to his fellow cardinals. He chose the name in honor of Pope Leo the 13th, who served as head of the Catholic Church during the Industrial Revolution.

**2025-05-15: The Glenn Beck Program**

You know why he picked Leo? **The Pope**? He picked the name Leo, because the last Leo was at the beginning of the industrial revolution. And he presided of holding people together through that turmoil. And he said, with AI coming, the same kind of turmoil is coming except at a much greater degree.

**2025-05-14: The Michael Knowles Show**

The Holy Father, **Pope Leo** the 14th, might be slightly black. And this is changing the libs opinion of the pope from skeptical or negative to good. There's one other thing that's also very interesting to me because President Trump, as you remember, called Haiti a certain type of country, it turns out our new **American pope** has Haitian and black roots. So we actually have a black pope. Apparently, it's a chef's kiss for me. So apparently, both of his maternal grandparents are described as black Haitian or Milato in several census documents.

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