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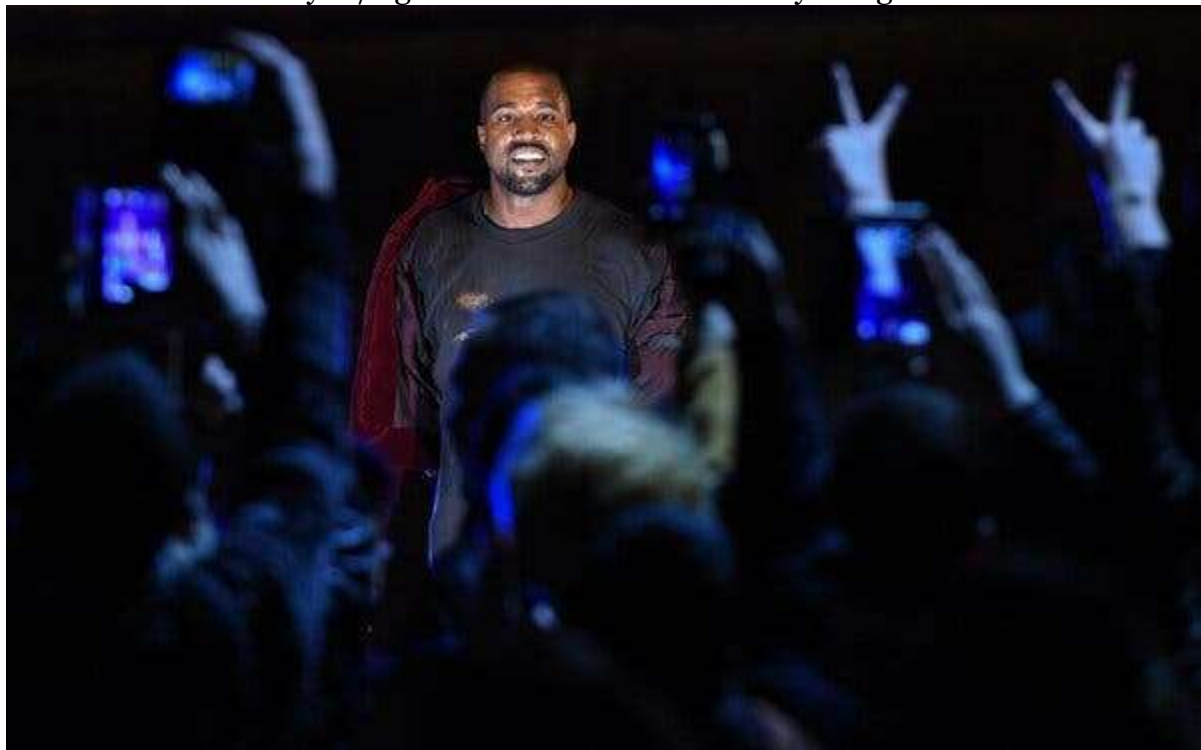
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## The Self-Destruction of Ye

Oct. 30, 2022

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Honestly, I never expected this episode of Kanye West drama to last as long as it has. I certainly didn't expect myself to care much about it. I figured I'd weigh in once and move on.

“Billionaire Maker of Ugly Shoes and Oversized Jackets Ends Career With Reckless Mouth.”

That, I thought, would be it. But it hasn't been. His embrace of anti-Black, antisemitic and white supremacist language wasn't the only thing that interested me. I have also been watching the reactions to his fall, which, in all their strange contradictions, have exposed ugly truths about power in this country — who can and will demand accountability, how corporations exploit culture and character until they imperil profits, how some people absorb and accept insult and give too long a leash to those with the most money and most fame.

Let me first say this: West, who now goes by Ye, should have become a pariah when he was talking about slavery as a choice, making a mockery of Black ancestors whose suffering was anything but a choice. No one would choose rape for themselves, their mothers, daughters or sisters. No one would choose the noose or the lash. No one would choose a body torn apart by dogs or starved into madness.

But Ye wasn't vanquished. He offered a weak-tea apology, and the odiousness of the offense faded. People packed his concerts and bought his clothing. Corporations flocked to be associated with him.

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He should have become a pariah when he gushed over Donald Trump in the Oval Office and said of his MAGA hat: “There was something about when I put this hat on, it made me feel like Superman.”

But nothing. The deals continued. The legend grew.

So long as he was a Black man positioning himself in opposition to Black people’s interests, he was a phenom. He was counterculture. He was a disrupter. He was above and beyond conventional thinking and conventional labels.

But of course, he wasn’t beyond labels. Black people have known for centuries what to call people like Ye, who claim to be the epitome of Blackness but enrich themselves by defaming it and commodifying its culture. There are many names for what he is, but one of the printable ones is “sellout.”

It’s even more complicated than that, though — complicated by what centuries of being exposed to the poison of white supremacy has done to Black culture. The Black people Ye most offended didn’t have the power to cancel him; the Black people with the most power stayed silent; the white corporate structure determined that there was still money to be made; and too many in the broader Black population remained in awe of his wealth and his anointing by white corporations and white culture as artistic and exceptional.

He had big deals with big brands and he was making big money. He was beating the system, so many would say. He was a genius because he could bend the machine that works *against* so many Black people to work *for* him. That was power. That was pull.

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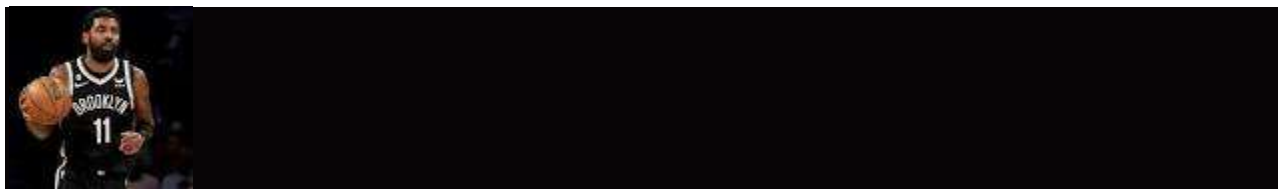
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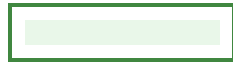
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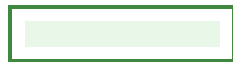
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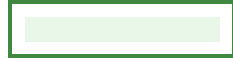
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# **UF responds to antisemitic message after Florida-Georgia game**

*The message was projected onto TIAA Bank Field*

By [Brandon Hernandez](#)

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TIAA Bank Field, the home stadium of the NFL’s Jacksonville Jaguars, also serves as host for the annual Florida-Georgia game. (AP Photo/John Raoux) Photo by [Courtesy of the Associated Press](#) | The Independent Florida Alligator

An [antisemitic message](#) was projected onto the exterior of TIAA Bank Field in Jacksonville, Florida, after the Georgia-Florida game Saturday. It was in reference to the recent antisemitic comments made by Ye, formerly known as Kanye West.

Ye made [antisemitic remarks](#) repeatedly blaming “Jewish media” and “Jewish Zionist” for multiple alleged misdeeds during an interview on Revolt TV’s “Drink Champs” series that was posted and then removed on Oct. 16. Ye has since been dropped by Adidas, GAP and other companies due to his comments.

In response, UF and the University of Georgia released a joint statement condemning the statements.

“The University of Florida and the University of Georgia together condemn these and all acts of antisemitism and other forms of hatred and intolerance,” the joint statement on UF’s Twitter account read. “We are proud to be home to strong and thriving Jewish communities at UGA and UF, and we stand together against hate.”

UF Hillel, home to one of the largest Jewish student populations in the U.S., made a statement following the projected message condemning it and ensuring that UF Jewish students are free from antisemitism, discrimination and marginalization.

“UF Hillel and Jewish Gators are deeply troubled by the abhorrent comment about Jews projected on the stadium exterior following the Florida-Georgia game in Jacksonville today,” UF Hillel’s statement posted on Instagram read. “Our Hillel team is available for any students in need of support, and calls on the campuses’ communities to reject this vile act in the strongest possible terms.”

Other antisemitic messages were displayed even prior to Saturdays game, [News4Jax](#) reported. Two banners reading “End Jewish Supremacy in America” and “Honk if you know it’s the Jews” hung over an overpass on the Westside, just off of Chaffee Road and Interstate 10.

Shad Khan, owner of the Jacksonville Jaguars, also released a [statement](#) about the weekend’s events. The Jaguars are the primary tenants of TIAA Bank Field.

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## **Kanye West's Twitter account appears to be reactivated; unclear if he has access to post**



FILE - Kanye West arrives at the Vanity Fair Oscar Party on Feb. 9, 2020, in Beverly Hills, Calif. West's Twitter and Instagram accounts were locked because of posts by the rapper, now known legally as Ye, that were widely deemed antisemitic, according to reports, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022.(Photo by Evan Agostini/Invision/AP, File)

By [Debra Worley](#)

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(Gray News/AP) – Kanye West's [Twitter](#) account appeared to be reactivated Friday, but it's unclear if he has access to post on the platform.

The last visible tweet was posted Oct. 9, which was around the time he was blocked from Twitter for several weeks after making antisemitic comments, breaking the company's terms of service. It is not clear if his account was ever listed as "suspended."



Several groups, including his talent agency, have since dropped their association with West in recent weeks as part of the backlash from the posts. Elon Musk purchased the social media platform for \$44 billion with plans to take it private.

Now that the shares have changed hands, Twitter is Musk's to do with as he pleases and he could reopen the rapper's account or former President Donald Trump's as well.

The Tesla CEO tried to soothe leery Twitter advertisers Thursday by saying that he is buying the platform to help humanity and doesn't want it to become a "free-for-all hellscape."

The message appeared to be aimed at addressing concerns among advertisers that Musk's plans to promote free speech by cutting back on moderating content will open the floodgates to more online toxicity and drive away users.

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**How Kanye West's billion-pound empire is falling apart after rap superstar made series of vile anti-Semitic remarks**

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**GAP and Adidas are the latest brands to cut ties with rapper Kanye West in response to his “hateful” and “inexcusable” anti-Semitic comments.**

The American clothing company yesterday announced it was immediately removing the fashion designer's Yeezy products from its stores and shutting down its associated website.

Outcast Kanye West has been dropped by Adidas and Gap for his anti-semitic outbursts - pictured in the White House in 2018  
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Appalled ex-wife Kim Kardashian condemned his behaviour and posted: 'Hate speech is never OK or excusable'  
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While Adidas eventually confirmed it was terminating its partnership with [the Grammy winner](#) — who changed his name to Ye last year — following days of mounting pressure from celebrities on social media.

The German sportswear company, whose collaboration with Yeezy is estimated to bring in £1.5billion in annual revenue, said: “Adidas does not tolerate antisemitism and any other sort of hate speech.

“Ye’s recent comments and actions have been unacceptable, hateful and dangerous, and they violate the company’s values of diversity and inclusion, mutual respect and fairness.”

It appears [the 45-year-old's](#) world is imploding just 11 months after he proudly claimed on social media: “They can’t cancel us . . . I’m above it.”

The latest controversy kicked off at Paris Fashion Week three weeks ago when Ye wore a “White Lives Matter” T-shirt, considered by many to be a racist response to the Black Lives Matter movement.

Days later he said he was going “death con 3 on Jewish people,” an apparent referral to the US military’s Defense Readiness Condition (Defcon), which indicates the level of threat to national security.

Ye’s misuse of the term was seen as his intention to start a metaphorical war on Jewish people, which he later doubled down on.

The billionaire went on to allege he wasn’t “anti-Semitic because black people are actually Jew also” and that he is the victim of a “Jewish underground media mafia”.

During an interview on Uncensored with Piers Morgan on TalkTV, he insisted he did not regret his [anti-Semitic](#) remarks, though he later apologized for the “hurt” and “confusion” he had caused. But it was too little, too late.

Ye was restricted from posting on Instagram and had his account locked on Twitter. It prompted him to say he would buy the “uncancellable” [Parler](#), which claims to be a “viewpoint-neutral social media app dedicated to freedom of expression”.

And on Monday, his ex-wife [Kim Kardashian, 42](#) — and one of the most followed celebrities on social media — also condemned his behaviour, posting on her accounts: “Hate speech is never OK

or excusable. I stand together with the Jewish community and call on the terrible violence and hateful rhetoric towards them to come to an immediate end.”

Despite 24 Grammys to his name and record sales in excess of 160million, his future in music is also hanging in the balance.

[Ye's](#) record label Def Jam Recordings, owned by Universal Records, has this week been holding emergency meetings regarding his future with the label. It is considering terminating their 19-year relation-ship, going back to the release of his hit 2004 debut, The College Drop-out.

It would be a devastating conclusion for Kanye, who has baffled friends by continuing to stand by his hateful comments.

He has been dropped by his talent agency CAA, as well as his lawyer Camille Vazquez, who had only recently been hired for the sake of his business interests.





Kanye sparked controversy over the shirt he wore to a fashion showCredit: Instagram

Despite Ye opening Balenciaga’s Summer 2023 show at Paris Fashion Week earlier this month, the designer brand has also cut ties.

And its parent company Kering said it “has no longer any relationship nor any plans for future projects related to this artist.”

American Vogue Editor-in-Chief, who has sat front-row with the rapper at fashion shows and put him on the cover of her magazine with Kim, is also boycotting Kanye.

A spokesman for Vogue magazine said “that neither the magazine nor does its Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour intend to work with Kanye West again.”

And a recently-completed documentary about him has been shelved.

Bosses of film studio MRC, which made the project, said: “We cannot support any content that amplifies his platform.”

The outspoken billionaire is no stranger to controversy.

**Hate speech is never OK or excusable. I stand together with the Jewish community and call on the terrible violence and hateful rhetoric towards them to come to an immediate end.**

**Kim Kardashian**

Following Hurricane Katrina in 2005 he said on live television of the then-president: “George Bush doesn’t care about black people.”

Four years later he was branded a “jackass” by [President Obama](#) after storming the stage at the MTV VMAs and telling Best Female Video winner [Taylor Swift](#) that [Beyonce](#) deserved the award.

Provoking further uproar in 2018, he said: “When you hear about slavery for 400 years. For 400 years? That sounds like a choice.”

He was also criticised for voicing support for then US President [Donald Trump](#) and wearing Make America Great Again (MAGA) hats.

Kanye posted on social media: “You don’t have to agree with Trump but the mob can’t make me not love him. We are both dragon energy. He is my brother.”

In recent years he has also been vocal in slamming his ex-wife — mother to his four young children — as well as her former boyfriend [Pete Davidson](#) on social media.

But many feel there is no coming back from his latest outbursts. Adidas’s collaboration with Yeezy had been one of the most successful in its history.

The end of their partnership will result in a net loss for the company of £217million in 2022 alone.

Divisive and ignorant

And it will not just be a financial loss for Adidas, though, as it is believed Kanye will lose his billionaire status as a result.

It is clearly not something he had prepared himself for.

Two weeks ago, he boasted on a podcast: “The thing about me and Adidas is I can literally say anti-Semitic s\*\*t and they can’t drop me. I can say anti-Semitic things and Adidas can’t drop me. Now what?”

It prompted [David Schwimmer](#) and fellow stars to call on Adidas to drop the rapper.

The Friends actor said: “His hate speech calls for violence against Jews.

“If you interpret his words any other way and defend him, guess what? You are racist.

“If we don’t call someone as influential as Kanye out for his divisive, ignorant and anti-Semitic words then we are complicit. Silence is complicity.”

Comedian [Sarah Silverman](#) tweeted: “Kanye threatened the Jews yesterday on Twitter and it’s not even trending. Why do mostly only Jews speak up against Jewish hate? The silence is so loud”.

His former sister-in-law [Khloe Kardashian](#) wrote: “I support my Jewish friends and the Jewish people,” The rapper’s comments led to a white supremacist group performing a Nazi salute and hanging a banner over a busy road in the US, which read, “Kanye is right about the Jews”.

Horried actress Florence Pugh reacted by writing: “Absolutely appalling. Any form of hate speech only encourages it, it grows and spreads like a disease. Any whisper of antisemitism is dangerous and needs to be addressed and taken down.”

Even previously hardcore fans have withdrawn their support for Kanye, who insists he is entitled to free speech.

Many others are concerned his outburst is a sign he could be suffering a breakdown.

The rapper was diagnosed with [bipolar](#) in 2017 and has been vocal about his mental health issues.

In July 2020, seven months before Kim filed for divorce, he made a series of shocking comments on Twitter, some aimed at his then wife and in-laws.

He accused Kim of infidelity and compared her mum, [Kris Jenner](#), to [North Korean](#) dictator [Kim Jong-un](#).

But Kim issued a statement begging for “compassion,” explaining his increasingly strange behaviour was a result of his mental health condition.

She said at the time: “I understand Kanye is subject to criticism because he is a public figure and his actions at times can cause strong opinions and emotions.

"He is a brilliant but complicated person who on top of the pressures of being an artist and a black man, who experienced the painful loss of his mother, and has to deal with the pressure and isolation that is heightened by his bipolar disorder.

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By [Alex Heigl](#)

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Kanye West’s [lone 2021 Grammy nomination](#) is in a surprising category: Best Contemporary Christian Music Album for “Jesus Is King.”

The divisive album — which [scored 53/100 at review aggregator Metacritic](#) — will likely be overshadowed in the musician’s legacy by his [bizarre 2020 presidential run](#) and [the dissolution of his marriage](#) to Kim Kardashian, but it’s representative of a crucial turning point in West’s personal life: His conversion to born-again Christianity.

West’s Christianity was never hidden, obviously: We’re talking about an artist [who said](#) on one of his most-loved songs (“Jesus Walks”): “They say you can rap about anything except for Jesus / That means guns, sex, lies, videotape / But if I talk about God my record won’t get played.”

In 2004, “Jesus Walks” became West’s third Top 20 single in a row, nabbed the Grammy for Best Rap Song and eventually became [certified double-platinum](#) by the Recording Industry Association of America.

Another line in the song — “My mama used to say only Jesus can save us” — shed light on the star’s religious upbringing while offering a preview of his fixation on sin and salvation. He would eventually [rap in “Otis,” from his Jay-Z collaboration “Watch the Throne,”](#) “I made ‘Jesus Walks,’ I’m never going to hell.”

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But West would take a detour before coming back to Jesus. While his 2005 album “Late Registration” featured tracks like “Heard ‘Em Say” and “Diamonds from Sierra Leone” that addressed broader social issues, as his career went on, one would be hard-pressed, given the titles of the songs — “Champion,” “Stronger,” “Can’t Tell Me Nothing,” “Amazing,” “Power” — to think West was focused on anything other than Being Kanye



West. (He did claim “no more drugs for me / p—y and religion is all I need” in “Hell of A Life,” though.)

By 2013’s “Yeezus,” he was declaring, “I Am a God,” in which he rapped, “I just talked to Jesus, He said, “What up, Yeezus?” / I said, “S—t, I’m chillin’ tryna stack these millions” / I know he the most high, but I am a close high,” which prefigures West’s later association with megachurch pastor Joel Osteen.

But as his career was ascendent, West spoke with slightly more nuance about his evolving relationship with God in interviews.

“I’m like a vessel, and God has chosen me to be the voice and the connector,” he told The Fader in 2008. “I can’t be responsible. I’m good, but I’m not that good. So my job is just to be in the studio and do videos, and I just stand here and let God do the rest.”

A year later, he was telling Vibe, “I don’t believe in religion and giving it all up to Jesus and stuff like that. I don’t believe in that. I just believe in God. I would never say that it’s in Jesus’ hands.”

He expanded on that in a since-deleted interview with Bossip, also from 2009, saying that while he was “taught to believe everyone is going to hell” and that he “[believed] in Jesus as an icon,” he “[didn’t] feel the responsibility to put my life on Jesus.”

“I feel I need to take responsibility for my own successes and failures,” he continued. “Why I say, ‘I don’t give it all up to Jesus’ is because there are a lot of people who don’t take responsibility for their lives, and always think Jesus is gonna handle it. And that’s what I refuse to do.”

The follow-up to “Yeezus,” 2016’s “The Life of Pablo,” pushed West’s recorded output further in explicitly religious directions. Gospel and gospel-adjacent samples had always been a part of



his production arsenal but “Pablo” single “Ultralight Beam” made it explicit with the presence of contemporary gospel superstar Kirk Franklin and Chance the Rapper, who also strayed from Christianity before making it a central part of his artistic identity.

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