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THE WASHINGTON POST

Charlie Kirk, a key ally of President Donald Trump and founder of the influential young conservatives organization Turning Point USA, was fatally shot Wednesday during a campus event at a Utah university — a shocking slaying that shook the worlds of politics and media and horrified a vast audience who watched viral videos of the attack on their phones.

THE WEEK

The family of media mogul Rupert Murdoch announced they have resolved their year-long battle over control of Fox News, The Wall Street Journal and other media properties. Under the terms of the deal, Murdoch's politically conservative son, Lachlan, will have sole control of the trust that controls the media empire after the 94-year-old patriarch's death, while Lachlan's siblings James, Elisabeth and Prudence will each receive payouts of about \$1.1 billion.

BBC NEWS

Prince Harry lays wreath in memory of late Queen

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I GO9j_x8gp0



key [ki:] : fondamental, principal **an 'ally** ['ælaɪ]: un allié
Ø President Donald Trump — ▲ *noter l'absence d'articles devant un titre suivi d'un nom propre*
a 'founder [aʊ]: un fondateur
young [ʌ] **a con'servative**
Turning Point USA is a right-wing political organization founded in 2012. It sends conservative speakers to college campuses and hosts conferences that convene thousands of young people for right-wing discussions of political issues like economics, race and immigration.
'fatally ['fɜ:təli]: mortellement To shoot, shot, **shot**
an e'vent [ɪ'vent]: un événement
Utah [ju, tʌ] is regarded as one of the most conservative states in the US.
a 'slaying = a murder
to shake, **shook**, shaken : secouer **'viral** ['vaɪrəl]

a 'medial 'mogul [əʊ]: un magnat des médias
Rupert Murdoch is an Australian-born American newspaper publisher and media entrepreneur who, in 1979, founded the global media holding company the News Corporation Ltd., often called News Corp. Up until 2024, he was executive co-chairman of 21st Century Fox with his son Lachlan and also chairman of News Corp. Altogether, his family controls 120 newspapers across five countries.
Ø media mogul R. Murdoch — ▲ *voir plus haut*
year-long (Adj): qui dure toute une année
sole [səʊl]: unique
a trust [ʌ]: un monopole, un trust
94-year-old (Adj) — *notez l'utilisation du trait d'union pour former cet adjectif composé et notez que "year" ne porte pas la marque du pluriel car il fonctionne ici comme un adjectif (et est donc invariable).*
a 'sibling [ɪ]: une sœur ou un frère
a 'payout: une indemnisation

0:03 – **Windsor Castle** is one of the royal residences and late (=feu) Queen Elizabeth II's favourite residence.

0:05 – **to lay** (laid, laid) **a wreath** [ri:θ] and flowers: déposer une couronne de fleurs

0:10 – **Queen Elizabeth II** died on September 8th, 2022 after a 70-year reign, the longest of any British monarchs. She was then succeeded by her eldest child, Charles III.

0:13 – **to support**: soutenir

a charity project: un projet caritatif

0:30 – **a hearing into**: une audition au sujet de

0:50 – **a patron** [eɪ]: un protecteur, un parrain (d'une société caritative)

1:00 – **a sister-in-law**: une belle soeur par alliance

to be out on duty: être en service, avoir un engagement officiel

1:20 – **currently**: actuellement

1:21 – **to forgive** (forgave, forgiven): pardonner

1:22 – **there's no point in V-ing**: cela ne sert à rien de

2:10 – **a joint engagement**: un engagement commun

2:20 – **a donation**: un don financier

Why have energy drinks been banned for under-16s in England? The real question is why it wasn't done sooner.

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The Guardian

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About 18 months back, British youth were in the midst of a Prime craze. Pushed by YouTube influencers Logan Paul and KSI, this brightly coloured energy drink sparked a buying frenzy that left parents puzzled. Not only by the high price, or the resale sites that took advantage of scarcity and acted as a kind of ticket tout for the beverages, but also the desperation that children and teens apparently felt to consume this product. (...)

In response to growing health concerns over their consumption, the UK government recently announced that the sale of energy drinks to anyone under the age of 16 will be banned in England. Wes Streeting, the health secretary, pointed to their links to obesity, poor concentration and disrupted sleep patterns as key reasons for the policy. He said: "Energy drinks might seem harmless but the sleep, concentration and wellbeing of today's kids are all being impacted, while high-sugar versions damage their teeth and contribute to obesity." Sodas fall into this category too, but at the core of the debate about energy drinks is one common stimulant that few of us think twice about: caffeine.

Caffeine is a psychoactive drug that activates the central nervous system. While most adults can consume it in reasonably moderate amounts without harm (think of coffee, tea or dark chocolate) children and adolescents process it differently. (...)

One of the most robust studies comes from the US, where the data of almost 12,000 children aged 9 and 10 was analysed from the adolescent brain cognitive development study. It followed these children over time to look at the impact of various substances, including caffeine, on brain performance including vocabulary comprehension, reading decoding, inhibitory control, working memory, cognitive flexibility, processing speed and episodic memory. They found that caffeine intake negatively impacted all seven cognitive measures, even adjusting for age, gender, sleep and socioeconomic status.

(...) The high levels of caffeine in energy drinks and the risk to child and adolescent health are at the core of England's proposed ban. Some will argue that this should be a matter for parents, not government intervention. But that argument breaks down in the face of marketing, especially on TikTok, YouTube and Instagram. Some of these products are aggressively promoted online, often by influencers, who children may listen to more than their parents or teachers. The packaging blurs the line between being sports drinks (ie something that's good for performance and your body) and energy drinks; children can buy the latter easily on their way to school or during lunch breaks. Expecting parents – individually – to control this is both unrealistic and unfair.

(...) In situations like this, the government's role is not to micromanage, but to act as a filter between commercial interests and vulnerable populations, including children and adolescents. Parents and consumers rely on the state to sift through scientific evidence, assess safety and regulate products that may do harm. When that process works well, it protects public health and allows us all to have one less thing to think about when choosing what to eat and drink in stores. The decision to ban energy drinks for under-16s shows that governments – grounded in evidence, informed by the medical community and acting in the public interest – can legislate in a positive way for people's health.

under 16s = anyone under the age of 16

The 'Guardian ['gɑːdiən] is a British newspaper. It covers domestic, national and international news. Its editorial line is progressive and leaning left.

Prime is the name of a brand marketing energy drinks **a craze** = a fad : un engouement

a buying frenzy : une frénésie d'achats **scarcity** : la pénurie

a ticket tout [taʊt] : un revendeur de billets (au marché noir) **at the core** : au centre

to process: traiter, métaboliser, transformer **ro'bust** [rəʊ'bast]: solide

data ['deɪtə] UK; ['dætə] US **to break** (broke, broke) **down**: s'effondrer

to blur the line(s) between sth and sth: brouiller les frontières entre 2 choses

to sift through: examiner qch de près **grounded in**: fondé sur **'evidence**: des preuves