



Megyn Kelly Calls 'Conclave' a 'Disgusting Anti-Catholic' Film

Description

SPOILER ALERT: *This article divulges critical plot revelations from the finale of Edward Berger's "Conclave."*

Megyn Kelly recently employed the platform X to express her disdain for Edward Berger's "Conclave," denouncing it as a "disgusting anti-Catholic film." This acclaimed drama features Ralph Fiennes as a cardinal who navigates the treacherous waters of Vatican intrigue while orchestrating a papal conclave to elect the next pope. Premiering at the Telluride Film Festival last year, the film has swiftly positioned itself as a formidable contender in the ongoing awards season.

"I just made the egregious error of viewing the much-lauded 'Conclave,' and it stands as the most repugnant anti-Catholic narrative I have encountered in recent memory," Kelly articulated to her 3.4 million followers on X. "Shame upon Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci, and John Lithgow for their participation, as well as on director Edward Berger and others involved."

Kelly expressed particular indignation regarding the film's climactic revelation, whereby the newly elected pope, Vincent Cardinal Benitez (Carlos Diehz), discloses his intersex identity. Fiennes' character, in a moment of complicity, vows to maintain this secret as his appointment is announced.

"They make THE POPE INTERSEX! This forms the pivotal twist at the conclusion. Had I known, I would have refrained from watching," she lamented. "Virtually every character is devoid of moral integrity; each cardinal is depicted as morally bankrupt or repugnant. The sole exceptions being the intersex pope (who, unsurprisingly, possesses female reproductive organs) and the cardinal who conceals her truth—because naturally, such Catholic duplicity must be celebrated. I am appalled. It is indeed troubling that this film is released for streaming just ahead of the Christmas season. Would similar portrayals ever be dared upon Muslims? Yet Christians and Catholics are perpetually subjected to mockery and vilification."

"Conclave" boasts a stellar cast, including the likes of Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow, Sergio Castellitto, and Isabella Rossellini. Kelly's critiques surfaced mere hours prior to the 2025 Golden Globes, where "Conclave" has garnered six nominations, including best motion picture drama, best director, and best actor for Fiennes. The film also achieved eleven nominations at the 2025 Critics' Choice Awards, tying with "Wicked" for the lead.

In stark contrast to Kelly's vitriol, *Variety* film critic Peter Debruge extolled "Conclave," praising it for possessing "one of the most gratifying twists in years—a Hail Mary that both astonishes and rekindles one's faith, albeit not universally, but certainly for the disenchanting." He further commended Fiennes' nuanced portrayal as his character grapples with a profound internal conflict between fidelity and skepticism.

Currently, "Conclave" is available in theaters and can be streamed on Peacock.



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Vocabulary List:

1. **Disdain** /dɪs'deɪn/ (noun): The feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect; contempt.
2. **Repugnant** /rɪ'pʌg.nənt/ (adjective): Extremely distasteful; unacceptable.
3. **Indignation** /,ɪn.dɪg'neɪ.ʃən/ (noun): Anger or annoyance provoked by what is perceived as unfair treatment.
4. **Climactic** /klaɪ'mæktɪk/ (adjective): Relating to the most intense exciting or important point of something.
5. **Vilification** /,vɪl.ɪ.fɪ'keɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The act of speaking or writing about in an abusively disparaging manner.
6. **Commend** /kə'mend/ (verb): To praise formally or officially.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Who expressed disdain for Edward Berger's "Conclave"?
Option: Megyn Kelly
Option: Peter Debruge
Option: Ralph Fiennes
Option: Carlos Diehz
2. Which platform did Megyn Kelly use to express her disdain for "Conclave"?
Option: Twitter
Option: Instagram
Option: Facebook
Option: X
3. What is the profession of Fiennes' character in "Conclave"?
Option: Cardinal
Option: Detective
Option: Doctor
Option: Artist
4. What festival did "Conclave" premiere at?
Option: Telluride Film Festival
Option: Sundance Film Festival



Option: Cannes Film Festival

Option: Venice Film Festival

5. Where can "Conclave" be streamed?

Option: Peacock

Option: Netflix

Option: Hulu

Option: Amazon Prime

6. Who lauded "Conclave" for its gratifying twist?

Option: Peter Debruge

Option: Megyn Kelly

Option: Ralph Fiennes

Option: Carlos Diehz

True-False

7. Megyn Kelly praised the twist in "Conclave."

8. Ralph Fiennes played the character of the newly elected pope in "Conclave."

9. Peter Debruge criticized the character portrayals in "Conclave."

10. Stanley Tucci was not a part of the cast of "Conclave."

11. "Conclave" received nominations at the 2025 Golden Globes.

12. Megyn Kelly condemned the release timing of "Conclave."

Gap-Fill

13. Megyn Kelly expressed her disdain for the film "Conclave" to her _____ followers on

X.

14. The climax of "Conclave" reveals the newly elected pope to be _____.

15. "Conclave" has garnered six nominations at the _____ Golden Globes.



16. "Conclave" is available in _____ and can be streamed on Peacock.
17. In "Conclave," Fiennes' character grapples with a conflict between fidelity and _____.
18. Peter Debruge commended Fiennes for his nuanced _____ in "Conclave."

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Megyn Kelly 2. X 3. Cardinal 4. Telluride Film Festival 5. Peacock 6. Peter Debruge

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. 3.4 million 14. intersex 15. 2025 16. theaters 17. skepticism 18. portrayal

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which word means a feeling of contempt or scorn?
Option: Disdain
Option: Vilification
Option: Heinous
Option: Indignation
2. What term refers to the act of speaking ill of someone?
Option: Commend
Option: Belittlement
Option: Harrowing
Option: Vilification
3. Which word best fits the situation of being found guilty of a crime?
Option: Spectators
Option: Belittlement
Option: Convicted
Option: Heraldng
4. What term describes expressing ideas clearly and briefly?
Option: Vibrancy
Option: Succinct
Option: Intriguing
Option: Exuberantly



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5. Which word means to act in response to an injury or insult?
Option: Harrowing
Option: Retaliatory
Option: Orchestrated
Option: Denunciation
6. What term means the exclusion of someone from a society or group?
Option: Insidious
Option: Delineates
Option: Disseminated
Option: Ostracism
7. What term refers to a claim or assertion that someone has done something wrong or illegal?
Option: Allegations
Option: Exacerbated
Option: Prospect
Option: Commenced
8. Which word pertains to the mind and behavior?
Option: Psychological
Option: Intriguing
Option: Indignation
Option: Heinous
9. Which word means anger or annoyance provoked by unfair treatment?
Option: Climactic
Option: Indignation
Option: Vibrancy
Option: Spectators
10. What term means to begin or start?
Option: Glimpse
Option: Commenced
Option: Delineates
Option: Heraldin

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The smell from the garbage was absolutely _____.
12. The consequences of his actions were completely _____.



13. She sang _____ during the celebration.
14. The official issued a strong _____ of the dictator's actions.
15. The stadium was filled with excited _____ cheering for their team.
16. She caught a _____ of the famous actor at the restaurant.
17. There is a promising _____ of new job opportunities in the city.
18. The painting was full of color and _____.
19. The criminal committed a _____ act that shocked the community.
20. The survivors of the accident recounted the _____ experience.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The movie had a thrilling and intense ending that left the audience in awe.
22. The act of _____ can have detrimental effects on a person's reputation and well-being.
23. The event with a grand opening ceremony that captivated everyone present.
24. The artist expertly _____ the intricate details of the landscape in his painting.
25. The information was _____ across various platforms to reach a wider audience.
26. The _____ of his efforts made him doubt his own abilities.
27. The lack of communication only _____ the existing tensions between the two parties.
28. The new discovery was seen as a breakthrough in medical science.
29. The nature of the virus made it challenging to detect and control.
30. The legal team refuted the _____ made against their client.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Disdain 2. Vilification 3. Convicted 4. Succinct 5. Retaliatory 6. Ostracism 7. Allegations
8. Psychological



9. Indignation 10. Commenced

Gap-Fill: 11. repugnant 12. unintended 13. exuberantly 14. denunciation 15. spectators 16. glimpse
17. prospect 18. vibrancy 19. heinous 20. harrowing

Matching sentence: 1. climactic 2. vilification 3. commenced 4. delineates 5. disseminated 6. belittlement
7. exacerbated 8. heralding 9. insidious 10. allegation

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