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# Pride and politics, plus console wars

	PAGE VIEWS	WoW GROWTH
Religion & Spirituality	2.6m	+58%
Family & Relationships	66.6m	+10%
Business & Finance	59.3m	<b>+9</b> %
Tech & Computing	25.4m	<b>+2</b> %
Travel	30.0m	+1%
News & Politics	186.6m	0%
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## **TOPICAL HEADLINES**

The public spat between President Trump and Elon Musk dominated U.S. and global headlines last week. Musk's surprising reversal, spurred by opposition to Trump's tax plan, drove a 9% rise in Business & Finance content category engagement, with Executive Leadership page views doubling. While News & Politics page views remained flat. anti-ICE demonstrations in Los Angeles led to a 2.7x surge in Protests page views.

The portable console market is heating up. Nintendo's long-anticipated Switch 2 launched, followed by Microsoft revealing its own handheld during Sunday's Xbox Games Showcase. Both fueled a 2% rise in Tech & **Computing** engagement, totaling over 25m page views last week. Page views for Consumer Electronics, Home Entertainment Systems, and Game Console content each increased by around 50%.

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In travel news. President Trump's order banning citizens from 12 countries, coupled with earthquakes in Chile and Greece, boosted Travel content engagement. Page views for locations like Europe and South America surged nearly threefold.

## SEASONAL OCCASIONS

WorldPride 2025 celebrations in Washington last week drove a 65% increase in Gay Life page views, lifting Family & Relationships engagement by 10%. As the American LGBTQ+ community faces friction with the Trump administration's rollback of DEI policies. Pride Month's culture importance in its 50th year.

Finally, Eid al-Adha celebrations for Muslims across the country boosted Religion & Spirituality engagement by 58%, with Islam page views up over 3.5 times.

