

Debunked: LA peeping tom trans kids

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Abstract

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San Diego ABC affiliate reporter Michael Chen repeated the falsehood, without fact checking, the claims in a news report that aired last week:

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Meanwhile, leaders of the petition drive say they have already collected 500,000 signatures. If they get the number they need, they will go to court to block the law from taking effect in January.

Figure 1. ABC Ch. 10 News

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The Salt & Light Council, members of the PJI-backed coalition supporting discrimination against trans children, are known supporters of the PJI's lie that a colorado trans kid was likewise harassing cisgender girls in the restroom.

Since ABC reporter Michael Chen (@10NewsChen) neglected to fact check the claim before giving legitimacy to the claim by airing it as news, I decided to do it myself:

Transcript

Los Angeles Unified School District: Office of communications

Cristan: I'm calling to verify some information that I saw on the channel 10 news.

LAUSD: I'm sorry, what information are you trying to verify?

Cristan: Sure, sure, on channel 10 news it says that, at least on their website, that a LA high school student complained because a transgender kid was in the restroom peeking over stalls. And so that's on the news and I just wanted to fact check that claim. Have you actually received complaints of transgender children climbing over stalls to look at other people as they're in the stalls?

LAUSD: I will have to check that for you. I believe that was fabricated, but give me one second. I need to verify. Hold on for a second.

Cristan: Okay.

LAUSD: Because it's been a few days since we got that report. So hold on for me.

Cristan: Sure.

[On Hold]

LAUSD: I apologize for the wait. They did get the complaint and it turned out that it was fabricated by one of the parents who opposes transgender students in schools. So it was an unfortunate situation, to have to put the students through, but it was fabricated.



Figure 2. Dran Reese, director of the Salt & Light Council

It never ceases to amaze me how willing reporters are to repeat, without fact checking, libelous claims about transgender children. The woman in the above photo is a liar. She, like PJI, is apparently happy to lie to media outlets who have proven themselves more than willing to spread these lies without ever bothering to fact check their claims:

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