

Is Briscoe “Gun Nut” Cain a closet queen?

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Abstract

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My AR is ready for you Robert Francis.



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Hell yes, we're gonna take your AR-15.

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Well, a Texas State Representative named Briscoe Cain recently sent Beto O’Rourke a (what I’m guessing he thought to be a slyly worded) social media death threat:

This is a death threat, Representative. Clearly, you shouldn’t own an AR-15--and neither should anyone else. pic.twitter.com/jsiZmwjMDs

-- Beto O’Rourke (@BetoORourke) September 13, 2019

O’Rourke’s campaign rightly reported the death threat to the FBI, a move Cain characterized as being

childish. Cain, who snuck into the Texas Democratic convention with a gun and handed out signs inviting shooters to take note of Democratic homes, is perhaps better known for his over-the-top hatred of trans people.

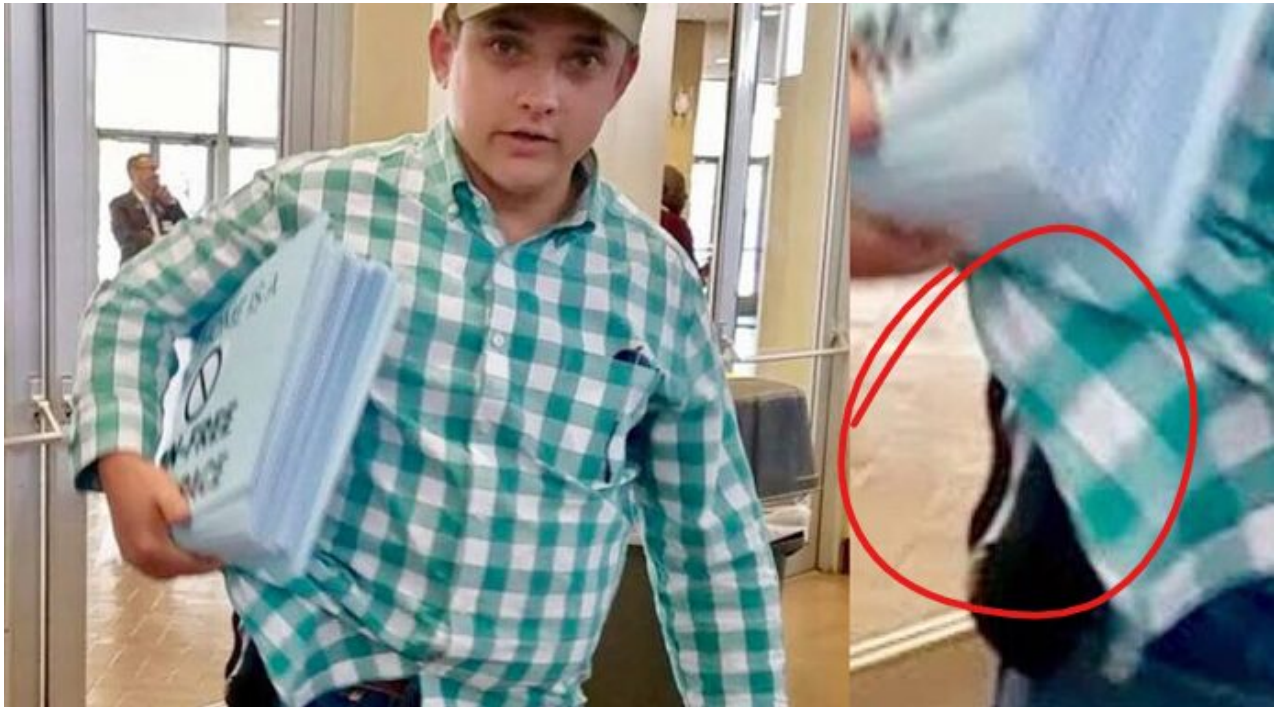


Figure 1. Prior to being ejected by Dallas police, Cain is caught with a firearm at the Democratic State Convention. He later claimed that it was all just a joke.

For instance, while today, Beto called out violence against trans women, Cain, seemed to champion the use of physical violence against trans people:

[Trans people weren't] a problem when I was a child. Was it a problem when you were a kid? I don't remember dudes walking around in dresses getting beat up. It wasn't a thing, and now I think we're encouraging it. - Briscoe Cain

I don't know what happened to Cain as a child, but I do know that he grew up to be a well-known "bathroom bill" crusader. And not only did Cain grow up to be a gun-toting right-wing manly-man, he grew up to be the most right-wing legislator in the entire state of Texas, which is really something. Perhaps smelling a whiff of that ol' thou doth protest too much in the air, social media is awash in rumors that not only does Cain look like he fits the closeted stereotype, but that he's the very embodiment of that stereotype.



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Mail piece says @BriscoeCain is "well known" to those who frequent gay bars in Montrose section of Houston #TxLege



The Deer Park schoolyard rumor has it that Cain, a Deer Park Highschool cheerleader, was openly gay before he was packed away to an ex-gay program, which produced the manly-man we see before us today: a guy who casually threatens people with AR assault weapons on public platforms.





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It's also weird because it wasn't really a secret. Everyone who knew Briscoe in Deer Park knew he was gay. He wasn't exactly closeted about it. He was a high school cheerleader. In Deer Park, Texas.

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In any case, it seems Briscoe found one of those Pence re-education camps, got himself a wife, and managed to pump out a few kids for his hetero merit badge. And now he's into guns and horses and Jesus and acting tough to Beto O'Rourke.



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Texans have long wondered about the way he seems to act at being one of those real Texas manly-men. Queer people who were assigned a male gender, and who spent any time in the closet will immediately identify with the uncomfortable act of pretending to be a real man. But is this painful experience really what's going on with Cain?

What say you?

Do you think Briscoe is trying a little too hard to be a Texas manly-man, or do you think that people on social media are just reading too much into Mr. Briscoe?

On a side note, closeted people have done incredible damage to others in terms of trying to pass anti-LGBTQI laws to trying to pathologize non-cishet people. Given this reality, should closeted right-wingers in positions of power be outed?

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I went to HS with this douchebag and he's always been this way. Except in HS he was a male cheerleader and drove a little red Miata. Not the wannabe cowboy he is portraying now.



Rep. Briscoe Cain

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