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Trans Student Attacking Girls in School Restroom! Or, you know... not.

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Abstract

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- charismanews.com

Right wing news outlets are falling over themselves to bemoan the sad state of our public school system now that the law allows transgender students to attack and harass non-transgender girls in the restrooms. I want you to pause for a second and really consider how likely these right wing assertions are. Florence High School is supposedly part of a trans conspiracy to assault school girls in the restroom.

Apparently A LOT of people think this sounds likely because none of the reporters who are pushing this story are bothering to do any fact checking. They simply assume that what they're repeating is accurate.

What a shocker....transgender male harassing girls in high school bathroom 8 Share

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Stating the obvious hardly is news, however in this case you can see this and more coming as surely as the sun rises. What is a sham is the fact the school district is allowing a transgender male's new rights trump that of other students. This clearly is about superior rights and not civil rights.

<http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2013/October/No-Recourse-for-Girls-Harassed-by-Transgender-Student/>

A male student at Florence High School in Colorado claiming to be a transgender student has been harassing girls in the bathroom. This is an expected outrage as warnings have been ignored about what to expect if

students of the opposite sex were allowed access to restroom facilities.

Figure 1. Derp-David-McCaine

Or, as David McCain (@DavdMcCaine) “reported” for the examiner:

I challenged David about his facts and he admitted that he abdicated his responsibility to conduct due diligence for a story concerning a trans kid. Let's be honest here, this is a case where ADULTS are targeting a trans KID, asserting that the kid is predator. Apparently, for people like David, what he's knowingly doing to this kid is acceptable as long as he has his juicy headline that plays well for his audience. (NOTE: David has since recanted his story and apologized to the trans youth)

At this point, it's become an international story. Of course it has. It appeals to the trans-rapist/stalker-meme so beloved by the right wing. The fact is that this “news” was generated by a right wing organization that apparently doesn't have an issue with targeting trans kids in their ideological war. (NOTE: The Daily Mail deleted their story after fact checking.)

Since none of these “news” sites were willing to actually do any fact checking, I took it upon myself to do it for them. Before you listen to the phone conversation me and school Superintendent Rhonda Vendetti, care to take a guess as to how accurate the international reports have been? Yeah, I didn't think so.

In the interest of being honest about this issue, here's what one female Florence High School student had to say about this:

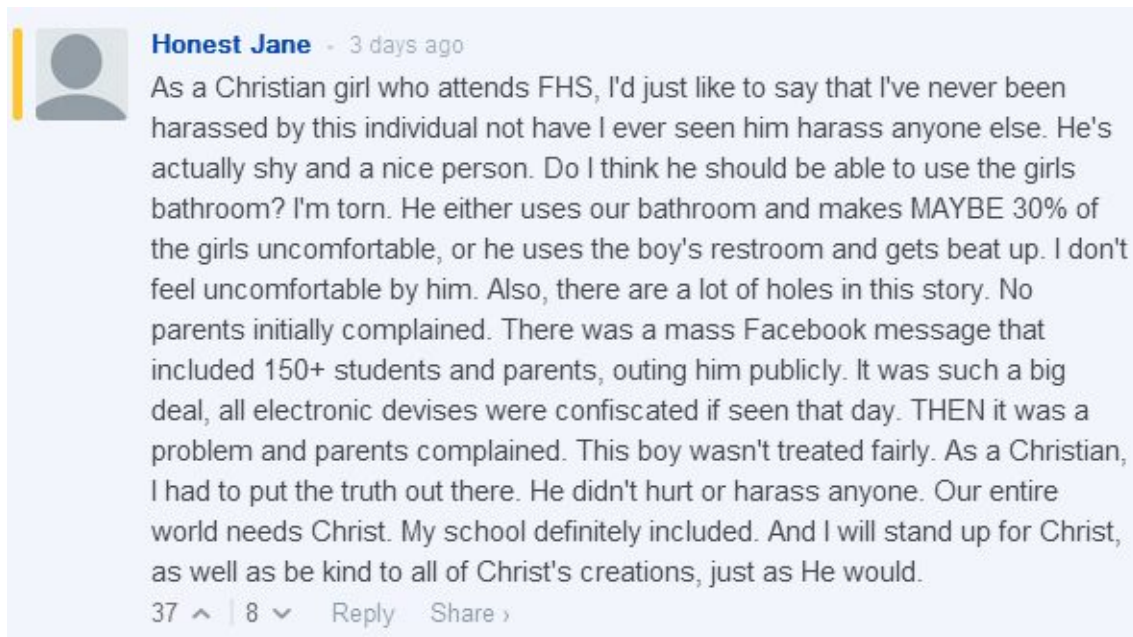


Figure 2. student

To all the David McCains out there, SHAME ON YOU! You utterly fail at humanity 101.

Ninety percent of transgender and gender nonconforming people report harassment, discrimination and mistreatment on the job, and the injustices they face have devastating economic and personal consequences, according to a new survey.

- nnlm.gov

A staggering 41% of respondents reported attempting suicide compared to 1.6% of the general population, with rates rising for those who were harassed/bullied in school (51%)... It is part of social and legal convention in the United States to discriminate against, ridicule, and abuse transgender and gender nonconforming people within foundational institutions such as the family, schools, the workplace and health care settings, every day. Instead of recognizing that the moral failure lies in society's unwillingness to embrace different gender identities and expressions, society blames transgender and gender non-conforming people for bringing discrimination and violence on themselves.

- 2011 study of 6,450 trans people

Discrimination and lack of equal civil rights is damaging to the mental health of transgender and gender variant individuals. For example, gender-based discrimination and victimization were found to be independently associated with attempted suicide in a population of transgender individuals, 32% of whom had histories of trying to kill themselves, and in the largest survey to date of gender variant and transgender people 41% reported attempting suicide.

The APA joins other organizations, including the American Medical Association and the American Psychological Association, in endorsing strong policy statements deploring the discrimination

experienced by gender variant and transgender individuals and calling for laws to protect their civil rights.

The American Psychiatric Association:

Supports laws that protect the civil rights of transgender and gender variant individuals.

Urges the repeal of laws and policies that discriminate against transgender and gender variant people.

Opposes all public and private discrimination against transgender and gender variant individuals in such areas as health care, employment, housing, public accommodation, education, and licensing.

Declares that no burden of proof of such judgment, capacity, or reliability shall be placed upon these individuals greater than that imposed on any other persons.

- The American Psychiatric Association



David McCaine → Cristan · 6 hours ago

Good luck on getting anything from the school. I too will follow-up with other sources as well. You can check with CBN as I did who picked up the story when no other news outlet would. I have found that just because a story is not covered does not mean nothing happened.

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Cristan → David McCaine · 4 minutes ago

They just regurgitated the propaganda from the PJI instead of doing any fact checking. Don't you understand that you're aiming this vitriol at a KID!?

I did what you and your sources chose not to: I picked up the phone and talked to the school and you know what? Your source lied and you helped target this kid. Moreover, kids from the school are starting to speak out against the hate campaign you're waging against A KID.

Shame on you. If you have an ounce of honor, you'll publish a retraction and apologize to that kid you're targeting. Shame on you.

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Figure 3. david4

UPDATE: 10/16/2013: PJI finally reveals the nature of the “harassment”

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