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British author **JK Rowling** has launched a blistering attack against a reporter over an article about a controversial feminist rally gatecrashed by neo-Nazis in **Melbourne**.

Reporter Patrick Strudwick wrote in an article on iNews about the 'Let Women Speak' rally helmed by anti-trans activist **Kellie-Jay Keen** in Melbourne on March 19.

The rally was gatecrashed by neo-Nazis who performed the Hitler salute and clashed with transrights activists.

'In Melbourne this March, an anti-trans rally organised by British "**gender** critical" campaigner Kellie-Jay Keen staged a mass Nazi salute,' Strudick wrote.

She cited this as evidence of far-right influence on those who question elements of the transgender rights agenda, saying there was a 'fascist takeover of transphobic ideas'.

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JK Rowling screenshotted Patrick Strudwick's article (pictured) and posted it to her 14million Twitter followers. The line Rowling objected to was later removed

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Rowling, 57, hit back in a heated tweet on Tuesday ridiculing the claim the 'Let Women Speak' rally had anything to do with the neo-Nazis, who gatecrashed the event.

'This is a lie so brazen, so easily disprovable and so libellous, I'm amazed it was allowed into print by a supposedly reputable news source.'

The line in question has since been removed from the article, but not before Rowling grabbed a screenshot of it and posted it to her 14million followers.

A group of around a dozen men wearing balaclavas and black vests hijacked the rally in Melbourne earlier this year.

The men stood in silence with their arms raised in a Heil Hitler salute while trans-rights activists chanted: 'Unite, unite to fight the right!'

Footage showed mounted police officers corralling the crowds as they hurled abuse at one another, while officers formed a human chain to keep protesters apart.

There is no indication the neo-Nazis had been invited to take part in the rally by Ms Keen-Minshull or anyone else connected to it.

'Actual Nazis have turned up on the fringes of Let Women Speak events for exactly the same reason aggressive, narcissistic trans activists are there,' Rowling tweeted.

'These groups closely resemble each other. Both are rife with misogynistic opportunists who're using a clash of rights to push their own agendas.'

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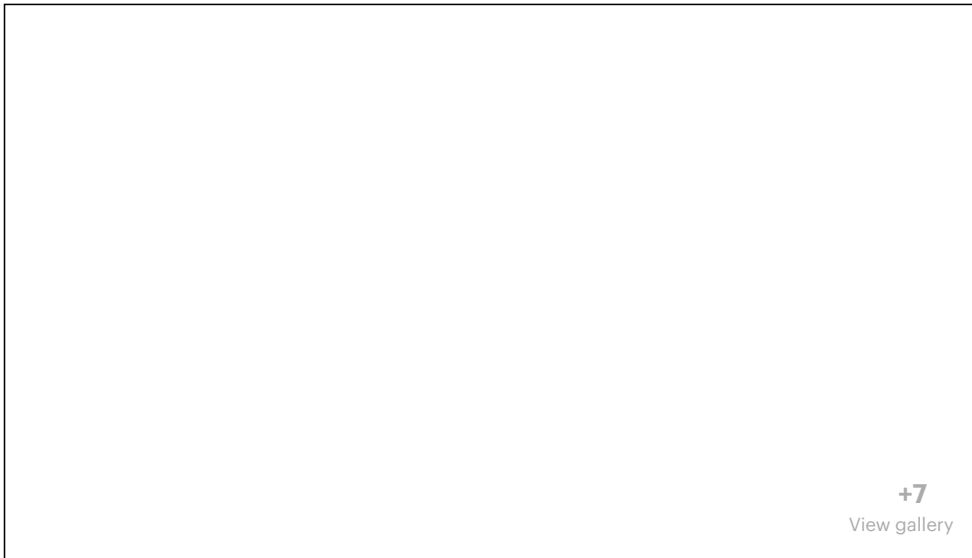


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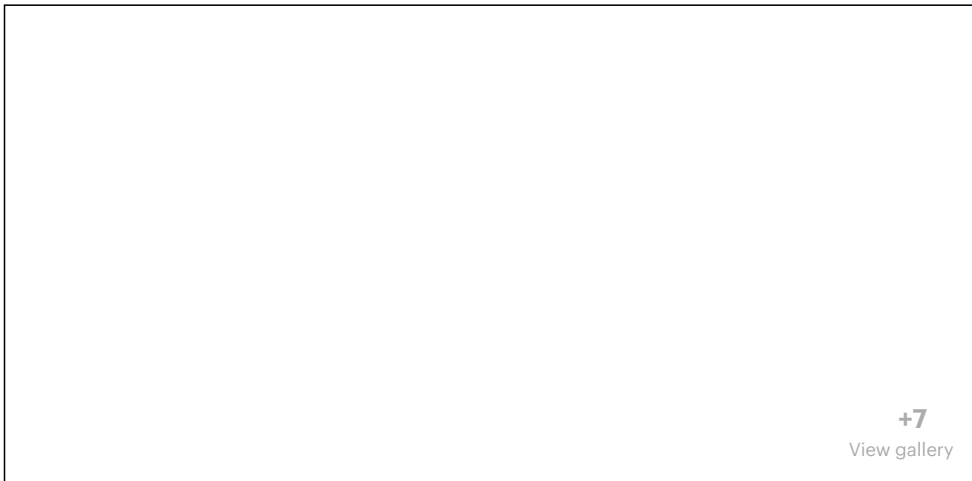




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English anti-trans activist Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull (in yellow top) is pictured at a 'Let Women Speak' rally in Melbourne in March



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Neo-Nazis pictured right doing a Hitler salute in front of Victoria's State Parliament building



Rowling said she was amazed that Strudwick's comment was published in first place

The celebrated author and philanthropist, who has been 'cancelled' in some circles for her **firm views** on transgender issues, then compared trans activists to far-right activists.

She said both groups turn up to Let Women Speak rallies 'in the hope of violence, and neither gives a damn about the women who're there to speak out in their own voices, about their own lives, on their own behalf'.

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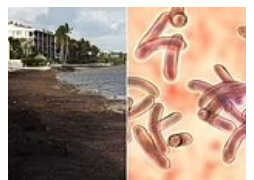
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'Nobody but useful idiots can be genuinely surprised that REAL fascists have spotted a glorious opportunity in trans activism,' she wrote.

'The homophobic, anti-feminist far-right has long held that the left is degenerate, foolish, immoral and authoritarian.

'And now they can point to the incoherent arguments of the gender ideologues, the bullying tactics of the no-platformers and the swarms of masked men threatening violence against women for wanting to retain single-sex spaces, and crow "we told you so".'

Rowling finished her tweet by writing: 'It's high time those peddling lies like Strudwick's are held accountable and I sincerely hope (Ms Keen-Minshull) takes action.'

Daily Mail Australia contacted Strudwick for comment.

Victoria Police were slammed by some for failing to stop the neo-Nazis from performing their Heil Hitler salutes, although it is not illegal.

Police Association of Victoria secretary Wayne Gatt said officers prevented a fight between rival groups but did not have the power to prevent political expression, even by neo-Nazis.

The Victorian state government subsequently vowed to strengthen its anti-vilification laws to ban the Nazi salute and associated symbols such as the swastika.

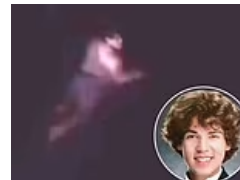
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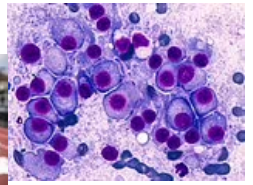
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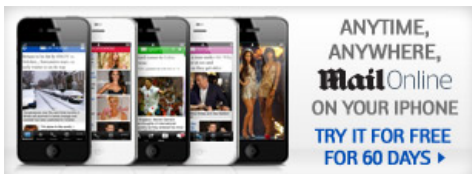
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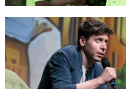
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