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San Francisco paper says arguments against biological males in female sports have 'little basis in science'

Science 'far from clear' on whether trans athletes are faster, stronger than women in female sports, paper said

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'Save Women's Sports' bill on transgender athletes passes House with zero support from Democrats

The 'Outnumbered' panel discusses the approved House bill that would amend Title IX category of gender, effectively banning trans women from competing in female sports.

The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) reported there was little scientific evidence to back up the argument that women are at a disadvantage when playing against transgender athletes in sports

competitions.

The Northern California paper published at least two stories in the past week defending transgender athletes in [female sports](#), after "widespread hate campaigns" had led two trans high school athletes to drop out of a statewide track and field competition.

"[Attacks on trans athletes](#) have little basis in science," the Chronicle claimed in a piece published Friday in the Science section. "The science is far from clear as to whether trans athletes are actually faster or stronger than their cisgender peers, experts say. The evidence is especially murky for teen athletes, who may be going through puberty or taking drugs to suppress hormones — actions that could improve their performance or hinder it, or have very little impact at all."



People protest outside a lecture by author Abigail Shrier about 'protecting children from Trans fashion' on May 28, 2023 in Ramat Gan, Israel. ((Photo by Alexi Rosenfeld/Getty Images))

[NPR REPORTS 'LIMITED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH' ON WHETHER BIOLOGICAL MALES HAVE ADVANTAGE OVER WOMEN IN SPORTS](#)

The report said a lack of [available research](#) studying the differences between trans athletes and their peers made it "challenging to understand" what advantages trans athletes could have. The

Chronicle cited two small studies out of the UK which suggested that transgender athletes had no "significant advantage" against other athletes. Both studies were authored in part by a transgender runner and PhD researcher.

Youth sports experts told the paper they believe the physical, mental and social health benefits of athletics for youth "outweighs any potential issues of unfairness." [Athletes who believe](#) transgender competitors will deter women from competing in sports were not included in the article.

The Chronicle again downplayed the biological differences between men and women in a separate sports piece on Sunday.

"Trans women and girls have come under harsher attack than trans men and boys, due to a perceived but scientifically murky advantage from people assigned male at birth," it reported.

One transgender athlete told the paper it was "propaganda" to believe trans women had an advantage over biological women in sports.



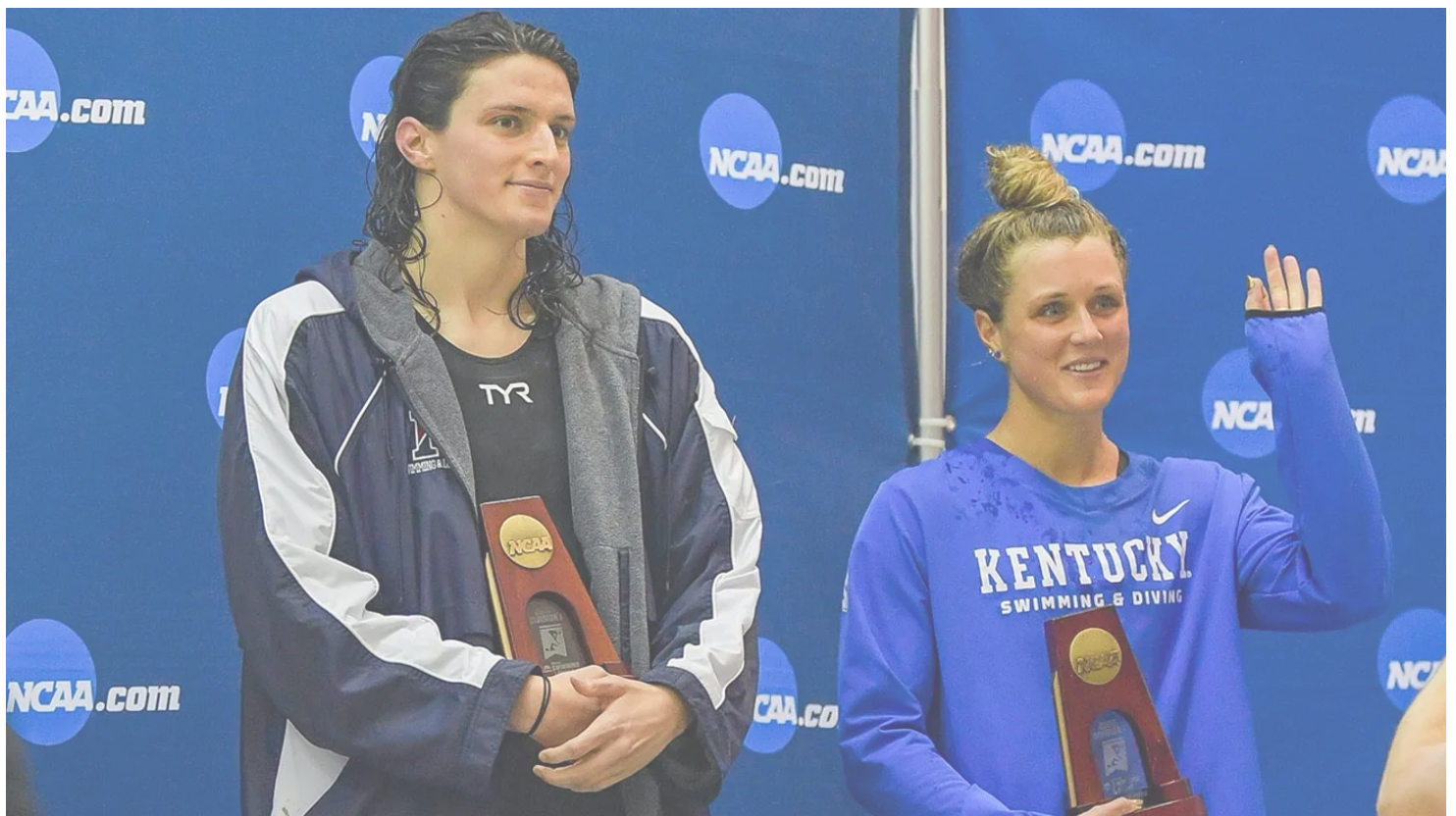
French sprinter Halba Diouf, 21, a transgender woman athlete who dreams to compete at the Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics Games, prepares to compete in the 200 Metres race during the first round of the Athletics Interclubs competition in Nice, France, May 7, 2023. (REUTERS/Eric Gaillard)

[NPR SPARKS BACKLASH BY DISPUTING THAT TRANS ATHLETES HAVE AN ADVANTAGE OVER FEMALES: 'THE SCIENCE IS CLEAR'](#)

"It's propaganda based on lies, because science is for the inclusion of trans people," [Schuyler Bailar](#) told The Chronicle. Bailar is the first openly transgender NCAA athlete who swam on the men's team at Harvard University during the 2018-19 season.

"These statements like 'what is a woman' or 'women equals adult female' are harmful to cis women too, because it reduces a woman to her reproductive capacity in order to distinguish her from a trans woman. That is not a primary cornerstone of feminism – women are more than their bodies," Bailar continued.

News outlets like NPR and NBC News have been criticized for pushing this argument.



University of Pennsylvania swimmer Lia Thomas and Kentucky swimmer Riley Gaines tied for 5th in the 200 Freestyle finals at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships on March 18th, 2022 at the McAuley Aquatic Center in Atlanta Georgia. (Rich von Biberstein/Icon Sportswire via Getty Images)

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NPR issued a correction in March, after facing backlash for tweeting there was "limited scientific research" to demonstrate elite trans athletes had a biological advantage in sports against women.

A [NBC News reporter](#) made a similar statement last year during a report on its streaming service about transgender swimmer Lia Thomas.

"You have folks who say there is very little scientific evidence that shows those advantages [higher testosterone] carry over for trans women after transition," NBC Out reported.

Kristine Parks is an associate editor for Fox News Digital. [Read more.](#)

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This can be answered by a very simple analysis w existing data. Simply dump existing baseline covariates, like age, height, weight, gender and test for performance outcomes like speed, distance, etc. Statistics will answer this. However, just like pitting eighth graders against college athletes, we...

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The guy in the pic holding the poster upside down most likely works for the Chronicle.

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Lea thomas ranked in the hundreds as a male swimmer and first in the women's category. I think this is all the evidence that's needed.

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Lea Thomas? Oh, you mean WILLIAM Thomas. Yeah, his name is WILLIAM.

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The "science is unclear" because it is only now being tested in large numbers. Make no mistake, when the results show a clear advantage, these "geniuses" will then use it as an argument to allow hormone treatments and surgeries be allowed for children before they are FORCED to go through puberty.

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What a ridiculous argument they've made. If there wasn't a difference then why have women's sports at all? Just have one "open" category and let the best Man, Woman or hermaphrodite take the prize.

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Good point!

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I have been a long distance runner for over 45 years and will turn 70 in a little over a week. I am a biological male. I rarely get "chicked" even at my age in races. If so, it's rarely by 1 or 2 biological women and they are usually star athletes in their 20s. How's that for a long term scientifi...**See more**

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If you believe in science you are born either a male or female. After that you can identify with whatever you want, but you can't change your biology.

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OTOH there IS ZERO evidence that a man who dresses as a woman IS a woman.

Science says they are mentally ill.

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Libs claim to support women --- but have literally refused to define what a woman is, have stated that women should not be called 'mothers' and believe that women's sports are ONLY worth watching if MALES participate

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Male athletes have longer and larger bones, which provide a clear mechanical advantage over female athletes. The increased articular surface and larger structure of male bones provide them with a greater leverage and a wider frame on which to support muscle.

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Good to hear from you again Harry.

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Why waste time stating the obvious - no sane person is fooled by article in a left wing rag and a dnc sponsored tv station.

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Of course it has little basis in science, because science investigates the UNKNOWN. Which explains why no scientific research has been conducted into the patently obvious physical advantages that biological males have over biological females, or into whether or not water is wet.

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The San Francisco Chronicle reported that COVID came from a bat in a wet market in China, lab leak is preposterous, Hunter's laptop was Russian disinformation and Trump colluded with Russia and the border is secure and Afghanistan withdrawal was a success.

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There is little study evidence, because No studies have been done. Attempting a study at left wing universities is at best not allowed and at worst career suicide. Universities are not balanced. So of course there is no data, only common sense. And common sense tells us post pubertal males are ath...**See more**

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WRONG AGAIN.....SCIENCE IS FACT THAT MEN HAVE MORE MUSCLE MASS AND ARE STRONGER....THIS HAS BEEN A TRUTH SINCE BEFORE RECORDED HISTORY.....

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Exactly, that's why we have men's sports divisions and women's sports divisions in the first place.

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Notice how there are no women who transitioned to a man winning any competitions?

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Exactly what I have been saying for years!

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why would that be, what a ponderous enigmatic question.

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Look hard enough and you can find data to support anything you want. Especially if you're willing to throw logic, common sense, and reason to the wayside.

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We used to watch the Twilight Zone on TV. Now we are living in it.

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Wow! How true!

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The science says (said) the Covid vaccine prevents a person from getting it, or transmitting it. Science to the progressives is whatever they decide it should be.

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These are also people who claim that "the science is settled." No self respecting **newswatcher100** scientist would ever claim that.
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In a new study, researchers at the University of São Paulo assessed the strength and aerobic ability of transgender women undergoing long-term hormone therapy as well as those of cisgender men and women matched by age and physical activity levels. The researchers found that transgender women had ab...**See more**

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"cisgender" is an insult leftists use because they don't want to use the word "Normal".

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Sao Paulo couldn't convince Dr Ford to hypnotize them and produce better results for the agenda?

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As a scientist of thirty years, I am dismayed at the misuse of the word. Science no longer means "science," rather it is another political bludgeon, used primarily by non-scientists, to describe thought processes or philosophies which in no way bear resemblance to the scientific method and which ar...

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