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Trans Kids Playing Sports 'Women's Issue Of Our Time,' Nikki Haley Says

"I want everybody to live the way they want to live," the 2024 GOP presidential contender said. "But stop pushing your views on everybody else."



By Nick Visser

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Republican 2024 presidential hopeful [Nikki Haley](#) said Sunday that keeping transgender kids from playing on school sports teams was the "women's issue of our time" during a [CNN](#) town hall event.

Haley, a former governor of South Carolina and U.S. ambassador to the U.N., has [made the comment before](#), but her rhetoric Sunday plays into the [Republican Party's ongoing assault against transgender Americans](#). GOP lawmakers have made anti-LGBTQ legislation a key focus of the 2024 race, including the sports team plans and efforts to limit access to medically necessary health care for trans youth.

"How are we supposed to get girls used to the fact that biological boys are in their locker rooms?" Haley asked during the event, attempting to link the idea with the prevalence of

teen suicide among young girls. "We should be growing strong girls, confident girls."

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Nikki Haley discussing trans girls in kids sports: "How are we supposed to get our girls used to the fact that biological boys are in their locker room. And then we wonder why a third of our teenage girls seriously contemplated suicide last year."

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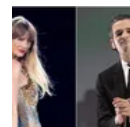
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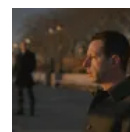
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anxieties on sports teams contributes.

In fact, more than [40% of transgender and nonbinary young people](#) in the U.S. have seriously considered suicide, according to recent findings from the Trevor Project. The group also found that two-thirds of that group say ongoing efforts to restrict freedoms for LGBTQ people have had a negative impact on their mental health.

Moderator Jake Tapper pressed Haley on her comments, and she said the country needed "to take care of these kids" and be "humane" in discussions about trans issues. But she said the discussion about inclusion on sports teams — an issue driven by Republicans — had "overtaken the entire conversation, and that's not fair to the rest of our kids."

"I want everybody to live the way they want to live," she said. "But stop pushing your views on everybody else."

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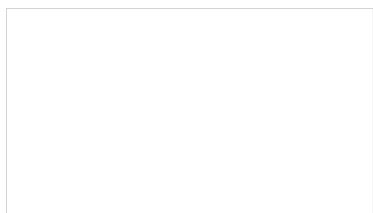
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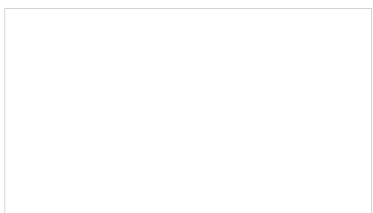
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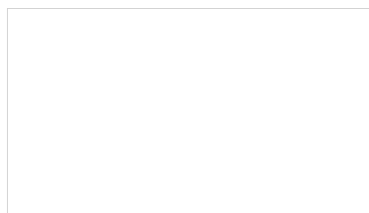
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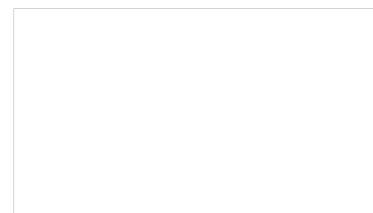
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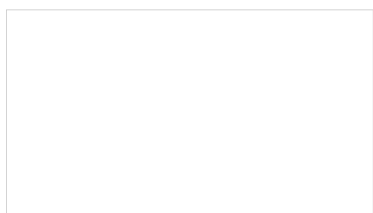
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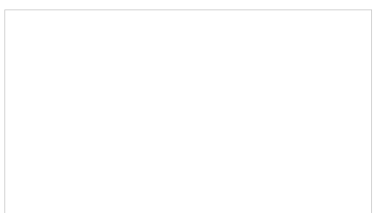
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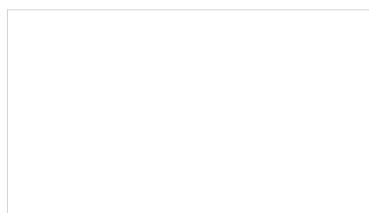
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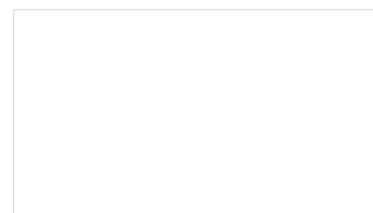
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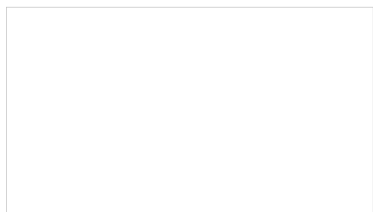
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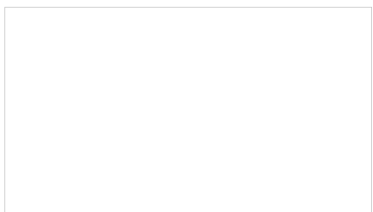
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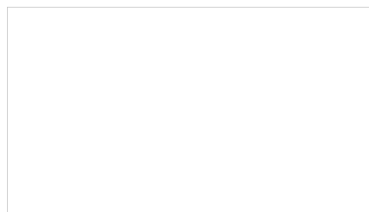
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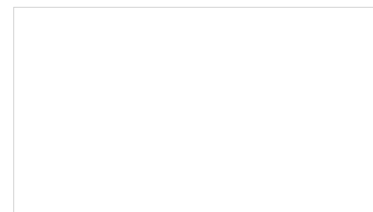
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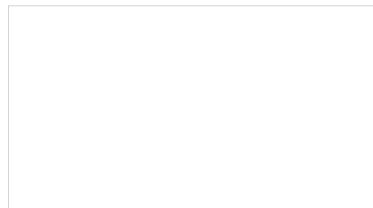
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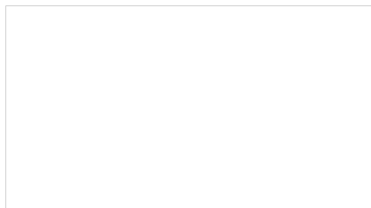
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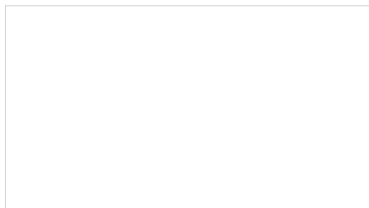
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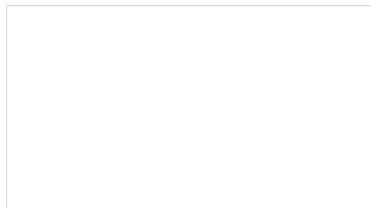
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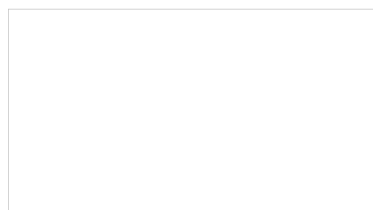
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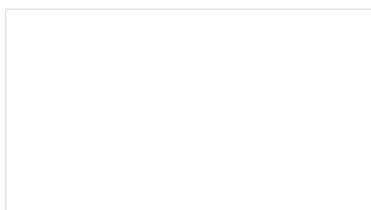
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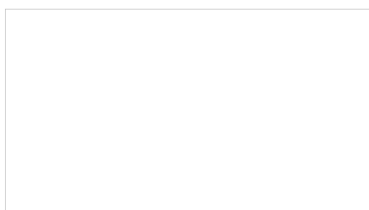
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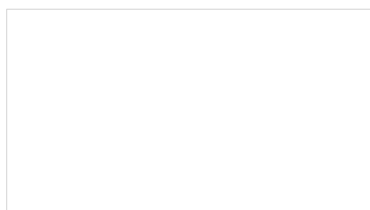
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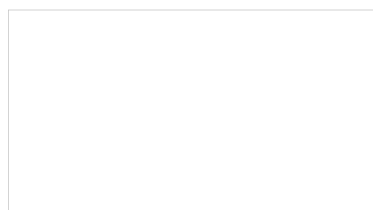
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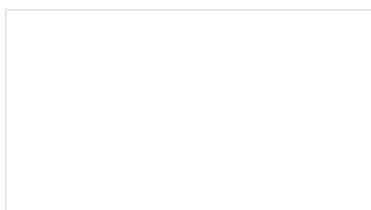
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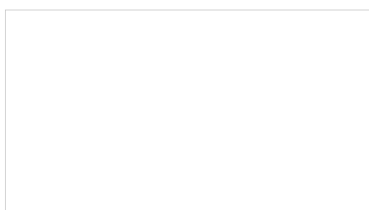
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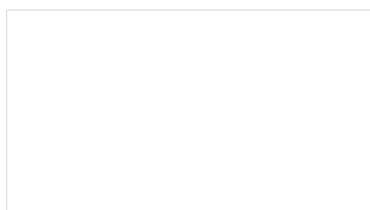
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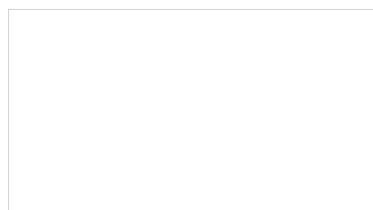
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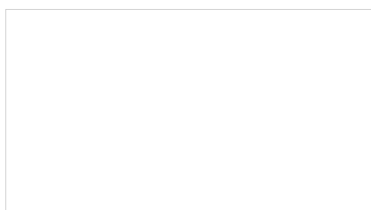
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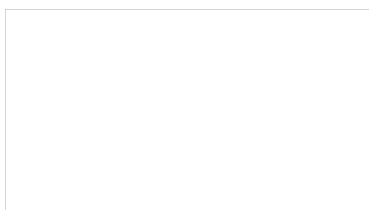
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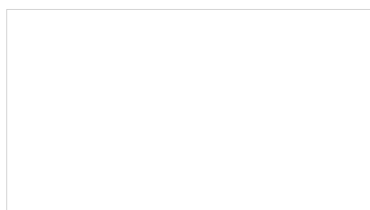
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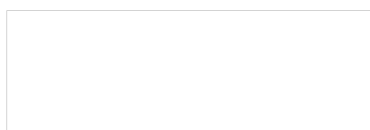
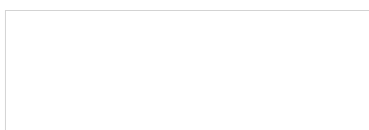
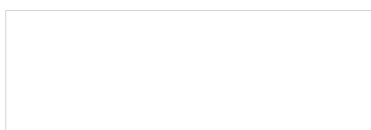
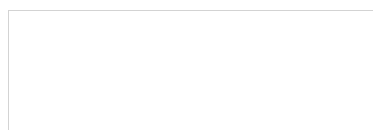
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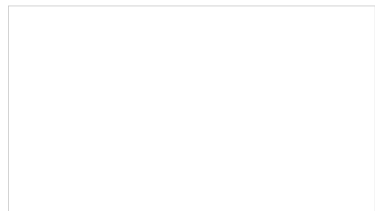
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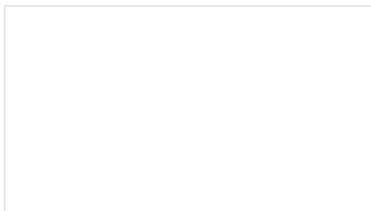
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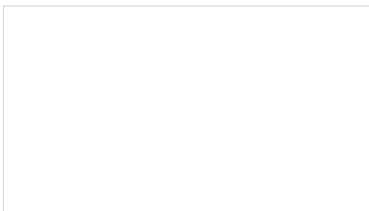
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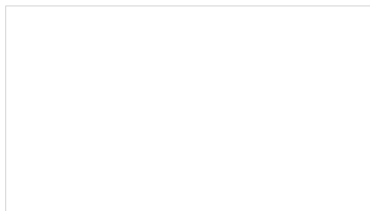
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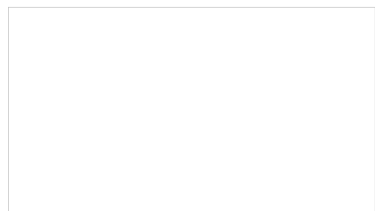
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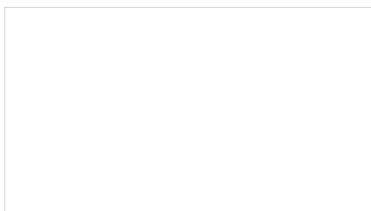
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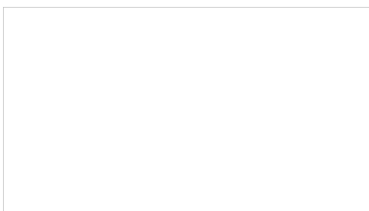
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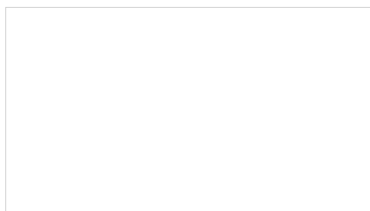
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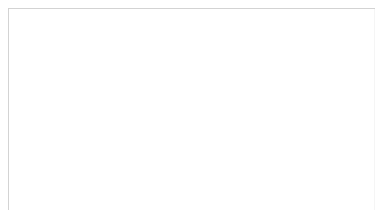
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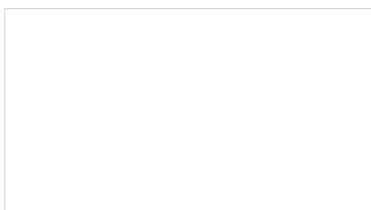
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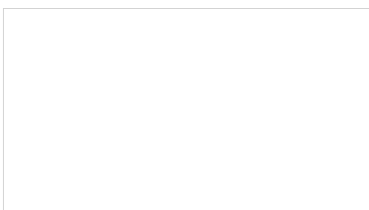
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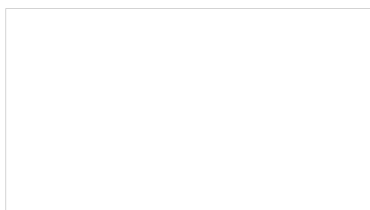
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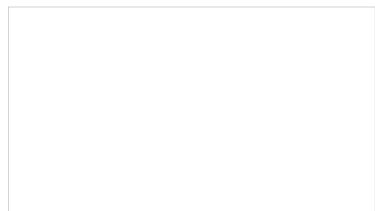
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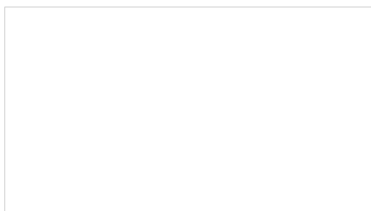
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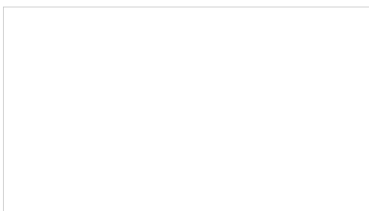
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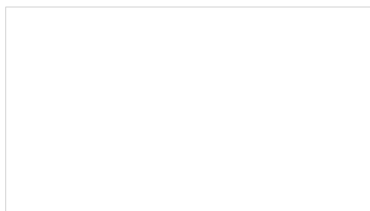
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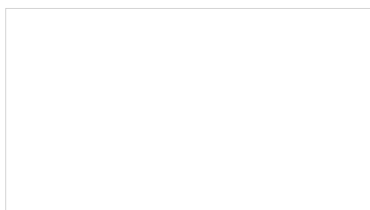
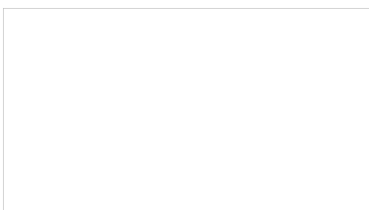
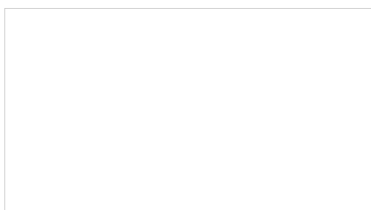
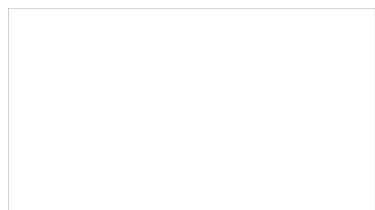
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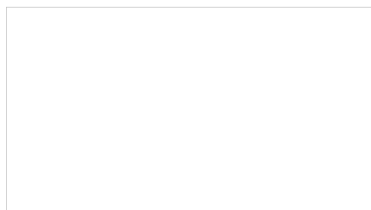
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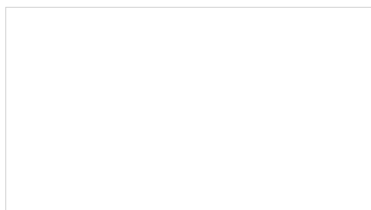
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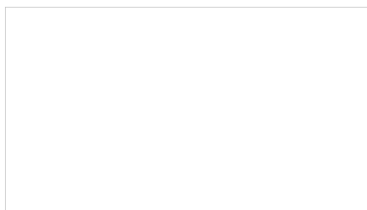
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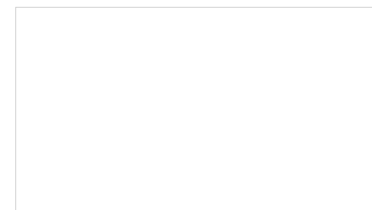
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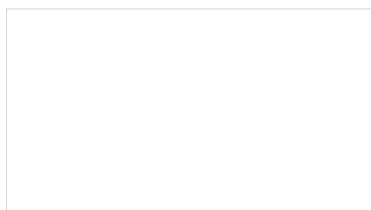
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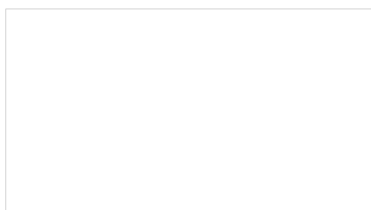
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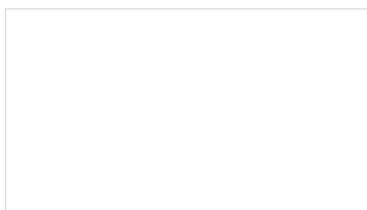
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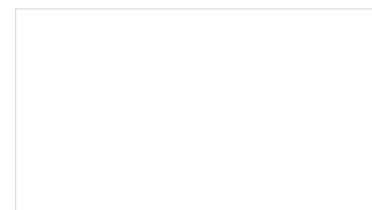
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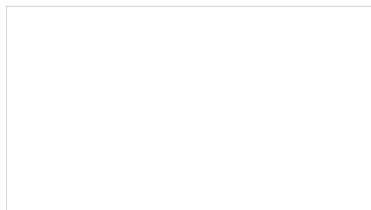
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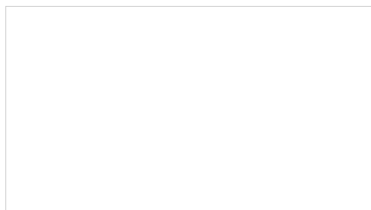
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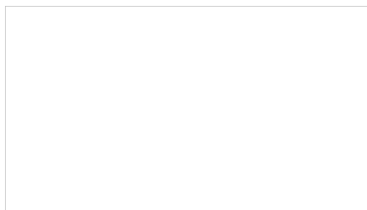
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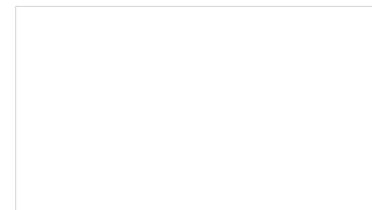
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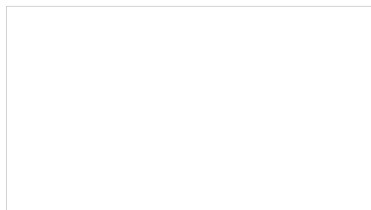
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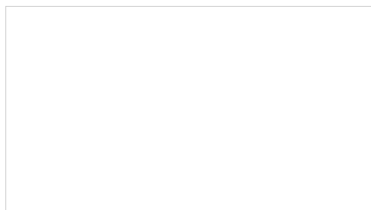
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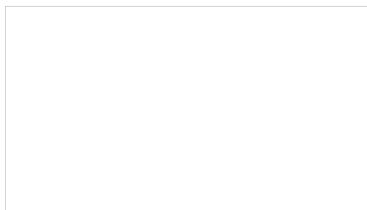
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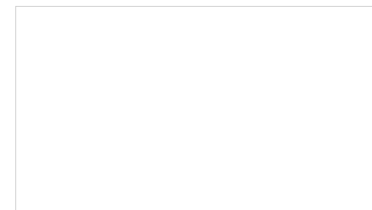
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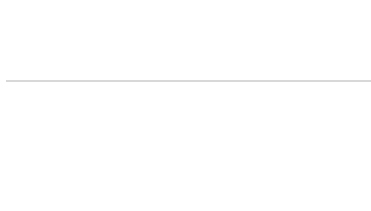
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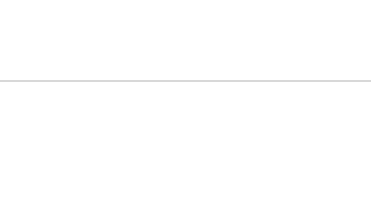
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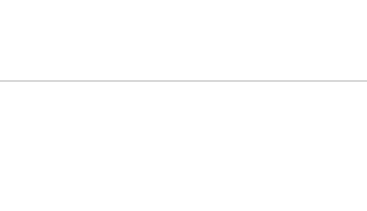
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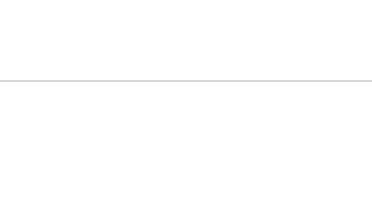
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