

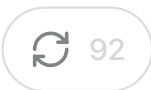
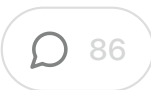
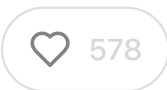
JK Rowling Falsely Claims "There Are No Trans Kids"

The children's book author and anti-trans activist has increasingly denied the existence of transgender people.



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In recent years, millions of LGBTQ+ fans of the Harry Potter series have watched in dismay as its author, J.K. Rowling, has become a prominent figure in anti-trans activism. Her increasingly hostile rhetoric has ranged from referring to a trans woman journalist as "a man... cosplaying" to dismissing the historical targeting of transgender people during the Holocaust as "a fever dream." On Saturday, Rowling escalated her attacks further, making the baseless and easily disprovable claim to millions of followers that transgender youth do not exist at all—a falsehood that directly contradicts decades of research and lived experiences of transgender people.

Rowling, responding to a commenter who implored her to end her "hateful focus on transgender youth," denied the existence of transgender youth. She replied: "There are no trans kids with a wrong body.' There are only adults like you, prepared to believe anything to bolster your belief in an ideology that will end up wrecking lives with lobotomies and false memory syndrome combined."

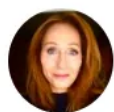
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J.K. Rowling 
@jk_rowling

There are no trans kids. No child is 'born in the wrong body'. There are only adults like you, prepared to sacrifice the health of minors to buy your belief in an ideology that will end up wreaking more harm than lobotomies and false memory syndrome combined.



I wish you would use your immense power for good. Your hateful focus on trans kids is hurtful and unnecessary.

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[JK Rowling thread](#)

Of course, Rowling's statement is easily disprovable—there are hundreds of studies documenting the existence of transgender youth and the harmful impacts of the laws she supports. The most recent and largest study of transgender youth, published in *Nature Human Behavior*, **identified 60,000 such individuals**, clearly “existing.” The study further revealed that anti-trans laws, including sports bans, bathroom restrictions, and gender-affirming care prohibitions, increased suicide attempts by up to 72% in some states. The data is unequivocal: transgender youth exist, and they fare significantly better in states that allow them access to medical care and social acceptance.

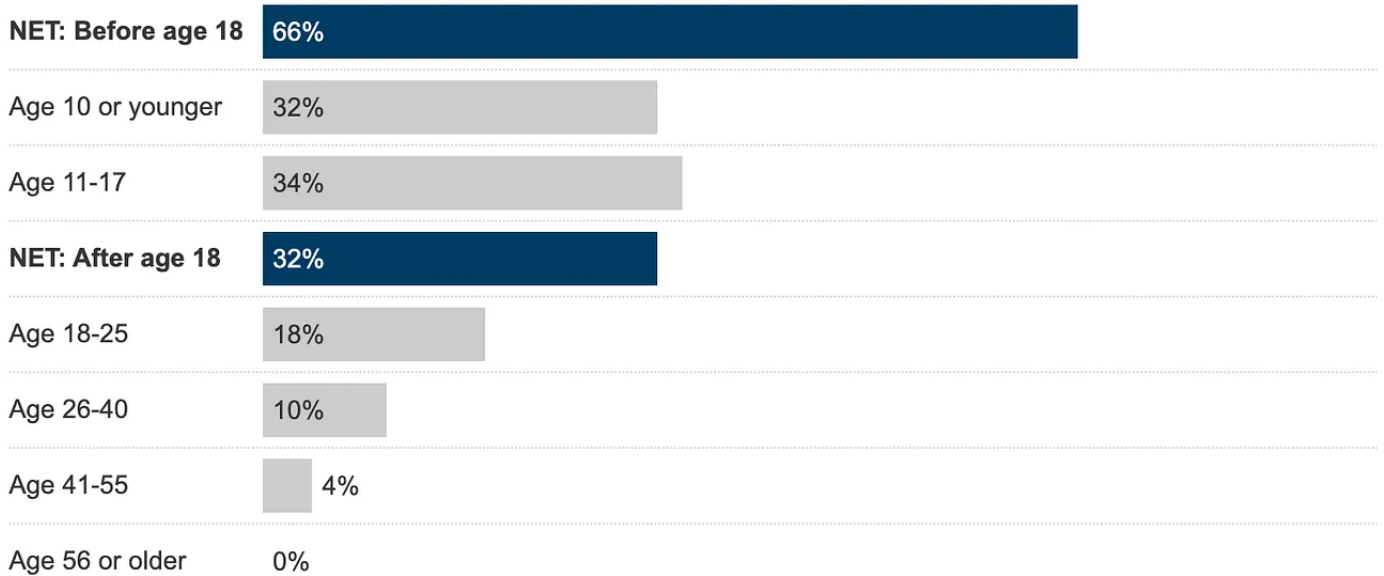
Transgender youth do not emerge “from nowhere,” nor are they “caused” by “l

watching TikTok videos,” as Rowling suggests in [another comment](#). There is no evidence that transgender identities are “caused” by any external factor. Rather, transgender people have always existed as a natural part of human diversity. Transgender individuals comprise an estimated 0.5–2% of the U.S. population, many of them have understood their identity from a young age. According to a [Family Foundation and Washington Post poll](#), 66% of transgender adults reported knowing they were transgender before the age of 18.

Figure 1

Two-Thirds Of Trans Adults Say They Understood Their Gender Was Different From Their Sex Assigned At Birth Before The Age Of 18 Including A Third Who Knew Before The Age Of 11

At what age did you begin to understand that your gender was different from the sex you were assigned at birth



NOTE: Asked of trans adults. See topline for full question wording
 SOURCE: KFF/Washington Post Trans Survey (Nov. 10-Dec. 1, 2022) • [PNG](#)



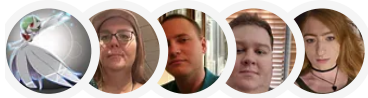
[WaPO/KFF Poll](#)

This is not the first time J.K. Rowling has spread disinformation about the existence of transgender people. Earlier this year, she claimed that the [Nazi book burnings](#)

Institute of Sexology—where groundbreaking research on transgender and LC identities was destroyed—were “a fever dream.” To bolster her claim, she [links](#) fringe researcher’s thread [dismissing transgender women](#) targeted by the Nazis “troubled males,” erasing their identities entirely. However, history is clear: transgender people existed in the 1920s and 1930s in Germany, were heavily persecuted by the Nazis, and many [fled or survived](#) to share their stories.

Though J.K. Rowling does not hold a formal political position, her influence on trans politics—particularly in the United Kingdom—is undeniable. Her thread millions on platforms like Twitter, amplified by leading anti-trans activists and right figures. As of this writing, her post denying the existence of transgender has amassed nearly six million views, along with hundreds of thousands of comments, retweets, and likes. Disinformation of this nature is uniquely dangerous: by erasing the existence of transgender people, it lays the groundwork for stripping away their rights entirely, providing a chilling justification for policies of exclusion and even erasure championed by far-right politicians.

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I wish that I could share with her and the world, My trans child's coming-out letter to m age 12. They spoke of events and aha moments over years, including and before age 5. so articulately and clearly that it was only knowing the word 'trans' that they realized th alone, and could now describe their identity. They also said, " mum, you've always said be there for me". I had, and I am. The alternate was to deny their heartfelt trust in me to exist in joy.

But, sharing such a letter would only give them fuel, and make us targets. There's no o learning, she's only seeking validation to hate, no more, no less. It's so hard to see.

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