

# [***FACT CHECK: No, Vice Did Not Publish This Nonsensical Headline About Baltimore Bridge; There is no evidence Vice published such a headline.***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BPG-D131-JBFB-H00G-00000-00&context=1516831)

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A photo [*shared on X*](https://twitter.com/louisvillegun/status/1772625524847792599?s=46&t=hhidIh1LOFQ5IparDvo92w) allegedly shows a Vice headline that reads, “The Racist Francis Scott Key Bridge was vital to Trans Sex Workers Addicted to Heroin.”

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- Louis vil LeGun (@LouisvilleGun) [*March 26, 2024*](https://twitter.com/LouisvilleGun/status/1772625524847792599?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

**Verdict: False**

The photo is digitally fabricated. There is no evidence Vice published such a headline.

**Fact Check:**

Six construction workers are presumed dead after a cargo ship named crashed into Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge last week, according to [*USA Today*](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2024/03/26/baltimore-francis-scott-key-collusion/73102358007/). The 985-foot-long ship lost power before it struck one of the bridge's supports at 9 mph, causing it to break and crash into the water within seconds, [*AP News*](https://apnews.com/article/baltimore-key-bridge-collapse-what-to-know-127d6ae38d63561ca4c1f18b3d508ba6) reported.

An X photo purportedly shows an unintelligible Vice headline about the bridge. The post shares a screenshot of the alleged article with the option to listen.

“The Racist Francis Scott Key Bridge was vital to Trans Sex Workers Addicted to Heroin,” the alleged headline reads. Underneath this, a subhead reads, “The pilot of the container ship was a right wing Christo-Fascist linked to the Proud Boys, is shipping the new gateway to extremism?” The byline claims it was written by someone named Tess Owen.

“I knew VICE would be able to tackle this breaking news story,” the caption reads. [***(RELATED: Does Video Show Explosion At Francis Scott Key Bridge?)***](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/03/26/fact-check-does-video-show-explosion-at-francis-scott-key-bridge/)

The photo is digitally fabricated, however. The article cannot be found through a search of Vice's [*website*](https://www.vice.com/en/search?q=The%20Racist%20Francis%20Scott%20Key%20Bridge%20was%20vital%20to%20Trans%20Sex%20Workers%20Addicted%20to%20Heroin) or on any of its [*social*](https://www.facebook.com/profile/100059489804016/search/?q=The%20Racist%20Francis%20Scott%20Key%20Bridge%20was%20vital%20to%20Trans%20Sex%20Workers%20Addicted%20to%20Heroin) [*media*](https://www.instagram.com/vice/) [*accounts*](https://twitter.com/search?q=The%20Racist%20Francis%20Scott%20Key%20Bridge%20was%20vital%20to%20Trans%20Sex%20Workers%20Addicted%20to%20Heroin%20(from%3Avice)&src=typed_query&f=live). It does not appear under articles for the alleged writer, [*Tess Owen*](https://www.vice.com/en/contributor/tess-owen). Owen made a [*post*](https://twitter.com/misstessowen/status/1773403132405432689?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Etweet) on X that reads, “Can't believe I have to say this, but this is fake.” She announced in another [*post*](https://twitter.com/misstessowen/status/1762169549191778737) in February that she was being laid off after nine years with the company.

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- Tess Owen (@misstessowen) [*March 28, 2024*](https://twitter.com/misstessowen/status/1773403132405432689?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

Check Your Fact reached out to a Vice spokesperson for comment and will update this piece accordingly if one is received.

**Graphic**

A view of the Dali cargo vessel which crashed into the Francis Scott Key Bridge causing it to collapse in Baltimore, Maryland, U.S., March 26, 2024. REUTERS/Julia Nikhinson

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