

# [***FACT CHECK: No, Riley Gaines Did Not Sue Whoopi Goldberg For $10 Million; The claim was originally posted by a satirical website debunked previously.***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6C0C-9V61-JBFB-H010-00000-00&context=1516831)

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A post [*shared on Facebook*](https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=122114314418267296&set=a.122097473018267296) claims swimmer and activist Riley Gaines sued talk show host Whoopi Goldberg for $10 million in a defamation case.

**Verdict: False**

There is no evidence that this occurred. The claim was originally posted by a satirical website debunked previously.

**Fact Check:**

Goldberg revealed new details about her cocaine addiction in her new memoir, “Bits and Pieces,” according to [*Business Insider*](https://www.businessinsider.com/whoopi-goldberg-cocaine-addiction-rock-bottom-hotel-room-memoir-2024-5). She wrote that the drug was “readily available” and that she had “underestimated” its effects, the outlet reported.

A Facebook post claims Gaines has sued Goldberg for $10 million in a defamation lawsuit. The post shows images of the two women along with the text, “BREAKING: Riley Gaines emerges victorious in a landmark $10 million defamation lawsuit against Whoopi Goldberg.”

The claim is inaccurate. There are no [*credible news reports*](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=d7773eb477db942c&rlz=1C1GCEA_enUS1076US1076&sxsrf=ADLYWIIfoWvKXhpRJUgYgOPi5wBYQSBaxQ:1715197509371&q=riley+gaines+sues+whoopi+goldberg+for+10+million&tbm=nws&source=lnms&prmd=nvisbmtz&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwia4I_S6P6FAxVRgIQIHStMAfAQ0pQJegQIFRAB&biw=1920&bih=911&dpr=1) to suggest such a lawsuit happened.

The claim appears to stem from [*Esspots*](https://esspots.com/true-riley-gaines-wins-10-million-defamation-lawsuit-against-whoopi-goldberg144/), where it is labeled as satire. A [*disclaimer*](https://esspots.com/disclaimer/) on the site says that it specializes in “satire, parody, and humor” and that “nothing on this website is real.” Esspots' “[*About Us*](https://esspots.com/about-us/)” page says that it is a subsidiary of [*SpaceXMania*](https://spacexmania.com/breaking-riley-gaines-wins-10-million-defamation-lawsuit-against-whoopi-goldberg1477/), which also posted the claim. Similarly, its “[*Disclaimer*](https://spacexmania.com/disclaimer/)” page indicates that the site publishes articles “satirical in nature and are not meant to be taken seriously.”

Check Your Fact has debunked [*multiple*](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/05/08/fact-check-no-keanu-reeves-did-not-decline-1-7-billion-movie-offer-from-woke-marvel/) [*previous*](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/05/06/fact-check-elon-musk-bill-gates-imprisoned/) [*claims*](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/04/09/fact-check-mark-wahlberg-mel-gibson-non-woke-studio/) from both sites. [***(RELATED: No, Guy Fieri Did Not Kick Whoopi Goldberg Out Of His Restaurant)***](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/01/04/fact-check-guy-fieri-kick-whoopi-goldberg-restaurant/)

This is not the first time misinformation involving Goldberg has spread online. Check Your Fact previously [*debunked*](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/04/02/fact-check-bud-light-whoopi-goldberg-brand-ambassador/) a claim that Bud Light appointed her as the brand's new ambassador.

**Graphic**

SEC champion swimmer Riley Gaines speaks during the general session at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Dallas, Texas, U.S., August 6, 2022. REUTERS/Go Nakamura

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