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Trans Violence Is Escalating-Political Correctness Wants To Ignore It



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Across America and Canada, shocking acts of violence continue to be committed by individuals identifying as transgender or gender-fluid, yet much of the mainstream media seems unwilling--or unable--to fully report the reality. In an era when public safety should be paramount, ideological caution has begun to conflict with factual reporting, leaving the public in the dark about an emerging pattern of risk.

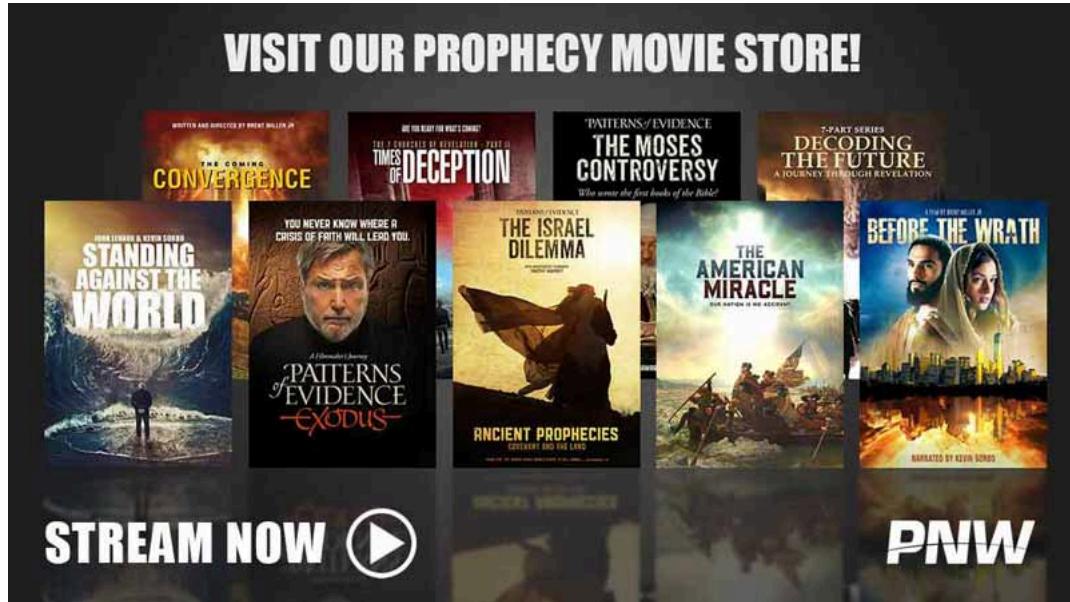
Monday's tragedy at a high-school hockey game in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, is the latest, most horrifying example. Robert Dorgan, who identified as "Roberta Esposito" and "Roberta Dorgano," shot and killed two family members and injured three others before taking his own life. Just days earlier, 18-year-old Jesse Van Rootselaar, identifying as a woman, murdered six people and critically injured two at a school in British Columbia, Canada, after first killing two family members at home. These violent acts are not isolated incidents--they are part of a troubling trend that spans schools, churches, and public spaces across North America.



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Yet as these events unfold, left-wing media outlets often struggle to even describe the perpetrators accurately. Reports hesitate over what pronouns to use, whether to refer to a shooter as a "man" or "woman (the CBC decided to use 'gunperson' to describe the shooter," and how to frame the story without appearing biased. While sensitivity is important, this overcaution can obscure critical facts about appearance, behavior, and prior criminal or mental health history--information that is vital for public safety. When news reports leave out these details, communities cannot properly assess risk or respond effectively.

Prominent commentators have begun to call out this silence. Conservative writer Clay Travis noted, "Left-wing media refuses to inform its readers of the basic facts when trans shooters are involved. This isn't journalism, it's anti-journalism--a willful and intentional avoidance of facts in favor of protecting orthodoxy." Matt Walsh, author and filmmaker, warned that the rising rate of violence linked to transgender-identifying individuals could escalate unless society treats trans ideology as a public safety concern. Ann Coulter echoed this concern, highlighting how a mass shooting in Rhode Island received far less coverage than a similar event perpetrated by a cisgender man, reflecting a broader unwillingness to confront uncomfortable truths.



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The statistics tell a stark story. From the Colorado Springs school shooting to the Covenant School attack in Nashville, and more recently in Minneapolis, Tumbler Ridge, and Rhode Island, many perpetrators identified as transgender or gender-fluid. In several cases, these individuals had prior mental health issues and histories of drug or hormone use associated with gender transitions.

Public health experts have long warned that early, intensive medical interventions in cases of unresolved psychological distress can sometimes exacerbate underlying instability. The repeated emergence of violence in these cases raises urgent questions about the intersection of mental health, gender identity treatments, and societal messaging.

Acknowledging these patterns does not mean vilifying all transgender individuals but ignoring these cases in the name of ideological purity undermines safety. When mental health issues are left untreated, or when confusion about identity is compounded with social reinforcement and pharmacological intervention, some individuals may reach a breaking point with tragic consequences. These are individuals in desperate need of help, not encouragement toward paths that could intensify confusion or instability.

Recent high-profile cases demonstrate the urgency. Jesse Van Rootselaar killed multiple family members and classmates, Dorgan massacred relatives in a public arena, and Audrey Elizabeth Hale committed a mass shooting in Nashville. Other cases include threats of sexual violence, school attacks, and attempted assassinations--all linked to individuals navigating gender dysphoria or related conditions. Experts and commentators increasingly argue that careful examination of the contributing psychological, social, and medical factors is essential to prevent future tragedies.

It is time for society to separate ideology from public safety. Families, schools, and communities need accurate information to protect themselves. Journalists must report facts clearly, including a perpetrator's biological sex, mental health history, and behaviors prior to the

attack, without fear of accusations of "transphobia."

Policymakers, medical professionals, and educators must prioritize evidence-based strategies to support vulnerable individuals while mitigating risk. And society must recognize that ignoring or suppressing information in the name of political correctness can cost lives.

The debate is no longer abstract. These tragedies are real, and they demand a sober, fact-driven response. We must provide help for those struggling with mental health and identity confusion, while acknowledging patterns that affect public safety. To protect communities, silence cannot be an option. The challenge is delicate, but the stakes are clear: inaction in the face of violent trends is not compassion--it is neglect.

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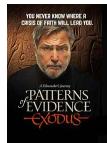
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