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Fighting for trans rights can, at times, feel like an isolating experience. Institutions lend megaphones to privileged people and groups to boom anti-trans views, while lawmakers work to erode what little rights, if any, the community exercises.

Yet, tens of thousands of Twitter users made one thing perfectly clear Sunday night (19 July): Why they are an ally to the trans community.

In short, the more than 36,000 tweets that became the number one trending hashtag in the UK can be summarised as follows: People are trans allies because they are decent human beings.

The “#WhyImATransAlly” was set in motion by Helen, the mother of a trans son based in the UK, who sought to start the trend to remind the world of the overwhelming amount of support there is for the trans community.

Why I’m a trans ally...

I have a trans son.

I also hate bullies!#WhyImATransAlly

— Helen ♀ (@mimmymum) July 19, 2020

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View this post on Instagram Asked @AOC for her thoughts on #AllStars5 and was served up a congressional readout in response. I'm floored.

A post shared by Evan Ross Katz (@evanrosskatz) on Jul 14, 2020 at 8:17pm PDT

It's no secret that Democrat Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is a major fan of *RuPaul's Drag Race*, and now she's just decreed her *All Stars 5* faves and yes, they are all being written into law.

Yes, to say you are not a stan of Shea Couleé or Jujubee is now punishable with three lifetimes in prison. Sorry, reader, we do not make the rules.

Obviously, we are kidding here (maybe) but the representative for New York's 14th congressional district, who graced the pink and red panelled judge's table earlier this year, revealed her piping hot take on the current VH1 season Wednesday morning (14 July).

Gay journalist Evan Katz did the Lord's work by direct messaging Ocasio-Cortez over Instagram, who proceeded to serve "up a congressional readout in response," Katz wrote in an Instagram caption.

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UK prime minister Boris Johnson has apparently confirmed that the results of the Gender Recognition Act consultation will not be announced before parliament breaks for recess but will instead be delayed – again.

Johnson's equalities chief Liz Truss had promised that the results of the huge 2018 public consultation on proposed changes to the GRA, along with the government's plan for the legislation, would be published before parliament breaks for summer recess on Wednesday (July 22).

But in an interview with *ITV* on July 20, Johnson appeared to confirm growing

speculation that the GRA results would not be published before Wednesday, saying that the Tories response will be published “over the summer”.

“On the general issue of our response to the Gender Recognition Act, we’ve said that we’ll be responding over the summer and that’s what we’re gonna do,” Johnson said.

'On gay conversion therapy, it's absolutely abhorrent and has no place in a civilised society.'

Boris Johnson says there are plans to ban so-called gay 'conversion therapy', after @itvnews revealed the majority of the public want it outlawed
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— ITV News (@itvnews) July 20, 2020

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British Medical Association demands immediate conversion therapy ban

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Two senior doctors representing the British Medical Association (BMA) have demanded that the UK government immediately bans the “harmful and unethical” practice of so-called conversion therapy.

While conversion therapy is completely outlawed in five countries – Germany, Malta, Ecuador, Brazil, and Taiwan – and 20 US states, the horrific practice is still legal in the UK, despite the Tories having pledged to introduce legislation two years ago.

Following an open letter from MPs and activists including Elton John and Munroe Bergdorf demanding the government to introduce an immediate ban, two of Britain’s most senior doctors have joined calls for legislation.

Dr Tom Dolphin, an elected member of the BMA council, and Dr John

Chisholm, chair of the BMA medical ethics committee, have spoken out on behalf of the trade union, which represents all doctors and medical students in the UK.

“Conversion therapy is a violation of human rights and of medical ethics, and there is no clinical evidence to support it,” they said in a statement seen by *PinkNews*.

“As doctors, we know at first hand that this so-called therapy does not work, and can cause depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and suicidal thoughts and attempts.

“LGBT+ people are twice as likely to commit suicide as non-LGBT+ people, and conversion therapy only increases this risk.”

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All Elite Wrestling (AEW) announced yesterday (July 12) that TNT champion Cody Rhodes will face off against gay wrestler Sonny Kiss in a title match at the Fight for the Fallen TV special this Wednesday (July 15).

The news was met with excitement from many wrestling fans – but, needless to say, some took issue with Kiss making the line-up.

Pro-wrestling star Cody Rhodes slammed a homophobic fan who targeted Sonny Kiss.

Kiss, who is openly gay and uses both he and she pronouns, immediately faced horrific homophobic abuse from some fans – and one tweet in particular stood out to Rhodes.

And he wasn't prepared to let the homophobic abuse slide.

Rhodes, who has almost one million followers on Twitter, shared the offending tweet – which called Sonny Kiss a ‘faggot’, and has since been deleted – and wrote: “This is terrible. And you're not worth the signal boost.”

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He added: “But I'll make this clear to fans worldwide. If you have a problem with a gay man receiving a title shot, you can kiss my a**.

“I'm proud to share the ring with Sonny.”

Rhodes has been inundated with praise from fans for standing up against homophobic abuse.

Rhodes has won praise from wrestling fans for taking the time to stand up against homophobic abuse on Kiss's behalf.

One fan commented: “I really want to thank you for taking the time to say this, even if it means giving this person a moment of spotlight. The more important message is seeing athletes on the roster who are constantly receiving hate get supported and you telling everyone this is not okay.”

Another said: “As a gay woman... thank you for sticking up for our type. Sonny is an awesome person and great in the ring with a huge upside. And your response is exactly what we need.”

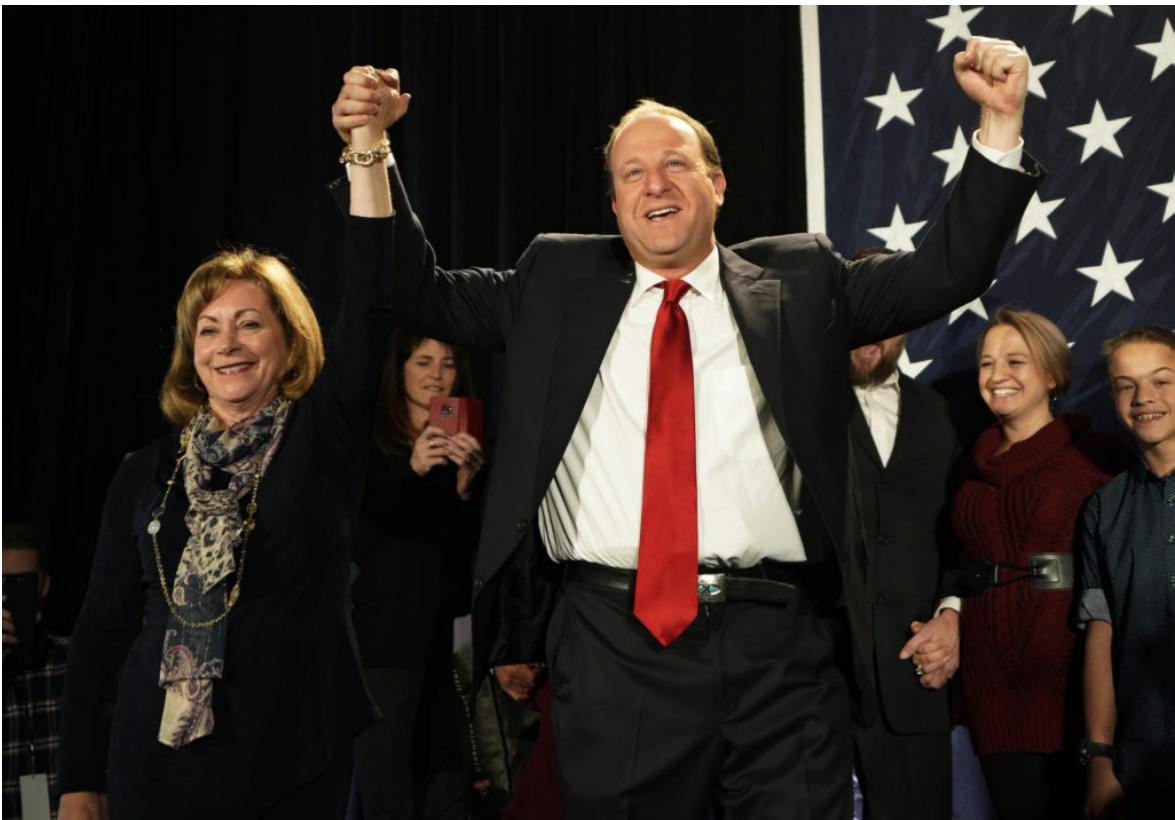
One fan simply said: “Sonny is amazing and 100 per cent deserves this shot! I can't wait for this match,” while another said: “Sonny Kiss is dope. F**k the haters.”

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Colorado has now followed suit thanks to governor Jared Polis, the first openly gay man in the country to be elected governor.

“We’ve come a long way here in Colorado since our days as the Hate State,” he said as he signed the bill, SB20-221, on Monday (July 13).

“We really went from a place where discrimination was legalised in the 1990s to where we are today, where Colorado is a leader.”

The bill states that such justifications for violent actions appeal to irrational fears and hatred, and that legally sanctioned discrimination against sexual orientation or gender identity must end.

As well as Polis, the 22 elected district attorneys also supported the legislation.

Its passing was celebrated by many LGBT+ advocates including Amanda Gall, a sexual assault resource prosecutor with the Colorado District Attorneys’ Council.

“I think it’s long overdue, frankly. That we’re the eleventh state just points out that the American Bar Association is correct when they say every state should do this. I hope other states follow,” she told KOAA News.

She explained that although the ‘gay panic’ defence was used infrequently, it did still occur – and once a person has been acquitted in Colorado, regardless of the defence, the case can be sealed.

“This bill is going to make it possible to have safer and healthier communities for all in Colorado,” she said.

“When somebody is targeted because of their sexual orientation or gender, we want to make sure that that victim has a fair day in court, and this bill is going to help us ensure that there aren’t biased arguments or bigoted arguments in our courtrooms here in Colorado.”

SB20-221 was one of several LGBT+ protection bills signed by Polis, including legislation granting coverage for HIV/AIDS prevention medications and a new process for getting government documents for one’s gender identity.

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Dua Lipa, who invented disco earlier this year with *Future Nostalgia*, left fans sufficiently confused Sunday night (19 July) when she appeared to throw her support to Albanian nationalism on Twitter.

Did anybody have that on their 2020 bingo cards?

The “Physical” hitmaker shared a cropped photograph of a nationalist flag bearing the double-headed black Albanian eagle. A map of “Greater Albania”—an ultra-nationalist concept where Albania absorbs several neighbouring regions—was printed on the flag’s centre.

The abruptness of the declaration left some fans stunned. Her mentions quickly bristled with tension as many struggled to process her tweet.

au•toch•tho•nous adjective
(of an inhabitant of a place) indigenous rather than descended from migrants or colonists pic.twitter.com/OD9bNmLcZ4
— DUA LIPA (@DUALIPA) July 19, 2020

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House of Tulip to open the first shelter for homeless transgender people

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A house for homeless transgender people is set to open in New Orleans – and will be the first shelter of its kind in the US.

The House of Tulip, a community land trust, has been fundraising to buy property in Louisiana that can be converted into safe housing for homeless transgender and gender non-conforming people.

Over \$280,000 has been raised, of a target of \$400,000, and the founders told local media over the weekend that they've placed a bid on some housing in New Orleans.

"Imagine if you had your own small safe place, surrounded by people who are there to protect you," said Mariah Moore, co-founder of the House of Tulip and

an organiser with the Transgender Law Centre.

Moore added that something like the House of Tulip could have changed her life when she was a young trans woman without a permanent home, doing sex work to survive.

The House of Tulip – which stands for “Trans United Leading Intersectional Progress” – is “a multicultural and multigenerational leadership body of 11 individuals in the New Orleans area” that is “majority-Black and majority-women”.

According to the fundraiser, the plan “isn’t an emergency shelter or a transitional living house. It’s a long-term investment in housing solutions. As members of our community gain stability through housing, they’ll have a path to homeownership”.

Ultimately, the project hopes that the occupants will be able to rent and then buy the houses. The House of Tulip is also thinking about other ways of investing in housing for the trans community, inspired by Tennessee grassroots organisation My Sistah’s House, which is fundraising to build “tiny homes” for Black trans women and non-binary people in Memphis.

“There is no model for what we’re doing,” said Dylan Waguespack, 28, the House of Tulip’s treasurer and one of 10 founders. “This is something brand new.”

Waguespack has also experienced homelessness, and said that as a young trans man staying in public homelessness shelters he would have welcomed “anything that said ‘Trans kids are safe here’.”

“It’s sometimes important just to be in a room with other people that look like you and feel like you do,” he said.

He added that surveys had found that one in three trans people in Louisiana will experience homelessness in their lives.

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Kevin McHale reflected on the body of Naya Rivera being found on the seven-year-anniversary of the death of Cory Monteith, saying the late star “helped find her body”.

Investigators found the body of Rivera, 33, at a lake in California, US, bringing a potential end of a nauseating search for the singer.

For the cast of Glee, July 13 was already a devastating day. Many fans and stars paid tribute to Monteith, found dead in a hotel room in 2013 from a drug overdose aged 31, when the news of Rivera’s body broke.

‘I’m not religious by any means but you’d be hard-pressed to convince me

that Cory Monteith didn't help find our girl today.'

McHale retweeted and the shared footage of Rivera and Monteith signing autographs and chatting and hugging joyous fans. Reflecting, he said that he believes that Monteith helped lead searchers, who had been combing Lake Piru for days.

"I'm not religious by any means," McHale tweeted, "but you'd be hard-pressed to convince me that Cory didn't help find our girl today.

I'm not religious by any means, but you'd be hard-pressed to convince me that Cory didn't help find our girl today. These 2, in many ways, were the male and female versions of one another. So nice, cared deeply, were stupidly talented, the most fun, and really really good people.

<https://t.co/qsvThOJxL7>

— Kevin McHale (@druidDUDE) July 14, 2020

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Miriam Margolyes: Harry Potter star distances herself from JK Rowling

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Miriam Margolyes poses with Peter Rabbit (Mike Marsland/Mike Marsland/WireImage)

Harry Potter star Miriam Margolyes has distanced herself from JK Rowling's "conservative" views about trans people, urging people not to be "fascist" about gender.

The prominent lesbian actress, who played Professor Sprout in the *Harry Potter* film series, added her voices to those of film's cast members who have challenged Rowling's frequent remarks about transgender people.

Miriam Margolyes says people shouldn't be so 'fascist' about trans people.

In an interview with The Times, Margolyes said of Rowling: “I know what has happened... She has a rather conservative view of transgender people. I don’t think I do.”

Of anti-trans rhetoric, she added: “I can’t make it out. It’s a matter of personal happiness for people and I think that’s what you should concentrate on.

“If you seriously want to become a woman you should be allowed to. You can’t be fascist about it. I think it’s confusing.”



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Margolyes also recalled that her since-deceased former Latin tutor Agatha, who she regularly corresponded with, had come out to her as trans while continuing to live a dual life in public as a married Oxford don.

The actress recalled: “I thought [she] was going to tell me [she] was in love with me, but [she] said, ‘I want to be a woman. I was always meant to be a woman.’

“I have had always that quality that people have thought they can talk to me and I think I had it then. He was a darling and he was married but he wanted to be a woman. [She] said, ‘I want to cut this pole off.’”

Harry Potter stars have distanced themselves from JK Rowling.

Many *Harry Potter* cast members have placed their support for trans rights on the record due to Rowling's repeated interventions, including Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Bonnie Wright and Katie Leung – as well as *Fantastic Beasts* star Eddie Redmayne.

In one of her most recent outburst, Rowling claimed without any evidence that “young people struggling with their mental health are being shunted towards hormones and surgery”.

In a Twitter thread last week, Rowling added: “Many, myself included, believe we are watching a new kind of conversion therapy for young gay people, who are being set on a lifelong path of medicalisation that may result in the loss of their fertility and/or full sexual function.”

The bizarre, evidence-free claims from the author – who has not once supported efforts to ban actual, still-ongoing conversion therapy – was condemned by more than a hundred parents of transgender children, who released messages denouncing the suggestion they are homophobes.

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Nigel Farage has had the worst possible reaction to Andrzej Duda's presidential election win in Poland – even by his standards.

Duda has hinged his re-election campaign on hateful anti-LGBT+ sentiment, even promising to ban same-sex couples from adopting children.

But Farage welcomed news of his re-election this morning, simply tweeting: "Good to see a Eurosceptic win in Poland."

The Brexit Party leader's comments did not go down well on Twitter.

Nigel Farage welcomed the re-election of Andrzej Duda, and people were not impressed.

“Nigel, is Euroscepticism more important than defeating rampant homophobia? Don’t answer, we know you, after all,” one Twitter user replied.

“He campaigned in anti-LGBT rhetoric comparing gay rights to communism. Do you endorse that Nigel?” another wrote.

One Twitter user shared Farage’s tweet and wrote: “You’ll have been worried by the more important anti-gay aspect of the campaign though – and the strong tinges of anti-Semitism too – won’t you Nigel?”

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A man holds a European Union's flag during an anti-government protest in Sofia, Bulgaria, July 14, 2020. (Source: REUTERS/Stoyan Nenov)

The European Union's most recent response to disinformation contains one measure that deserves particular attention: a proposal to limit advertising placements on social media for third-party websites that profit off of COVID-19 disinformation.

This proposal is significant because it makes the act of disseminating disinformation more costly for those doing it. Imposing significant costs on bad actors in the form of lost revenue is one potential way to deter future aggression.

As described in the 17-page EU disinformation document:

The signatories of the Code [i.e. the Code of Practice signed by Google, Facebook, Twitter, Mozilla, Microsoft, and TikTok, among others] should provide data, broken down by Member State where possible, on policies undertaken to limit advertising placements related to disinformation on COVID-19 on their own services. Platforms and advertising network operators, should

also provide such data on policies to limit advertising placements on third-party websites using disinformation around COVID-19 to attract advertising revenues.

There have been similar measures in previous EU documents. In a 2018 document titled “Tackling online disinformation,” the European Commission stated that online platforms and the advertising industry should “significantly improve the scrutiny of advertisement placements, notably in order to reduce revenues for purveyors of disinformation, and restrict targeting options for political advertising.” This concept was also reiterated also in the aforementioned Code of Practice.

But the measures undertaken by the private sector so far cannot be considered a success yet. As the EU stated in 2019, “The aggregated reporting from associations in the advertising sector does not provide clarity on the extent to which brand safety practices are evolving to encompass the control of placements of advertising next to disinformation content.”

Independent initiatives have also highlighted the persistent problem of advertising being used to monetize disinformation-spreading websites. According to an estimate by the Global Disinformation Index, advertisers will unwittingly provide \$25 million “to nearly 500 English-language coronavirus disinformation sites in 2020.” According to a previous estimate by GDI, disinformation news sites as a whole take in more than \$76 million each year in revenues generated by allowing online advertising on their sites.

There are a few civil society initiatives that try to hit disinformers where it hurts by cutting off their ability to monetize disinformation. One of the first appeared in 2016 in Slovakia; earlier this year, there was a similar project announced in the Czech Republic. Meanwhile, a coalition of digital justice organizations are currently spearheading the Stop Hate For Profit campaign, which is founded on a similar principle: social media companies should not accept ad revenue from organizations that promote online hate.

But no matter how well-organized these civil society initiatives are, pressure from governments and intergovernmental organizations is likely to achieve quicker — and more decisive — results. Should the European Union — one of the largest economies in the world — decide to press for greater transparency in online advertising and limit the avenues for profit for disinformation websites, it could significantly hamper the ability of these websites to operate. If applied

effectively, these steps could signal that the act of spreading disinformation does not come without a cost.

The slow progress so far demonstrates that self-regulation on the part of the platforms is not enough. If we have not seen the desired results in the more than two years since “Tackling online disinformation” was introduced in 2018, perhaps EU authorities need to rethink the initial reluctance to take regulatory action.

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Pentagon bans Confederate and Pride flags from flying at military bases

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Concerns are being raised about a new policy on “divisive symbols” that bans the Confederate flag – but also the rainbow LGBT+ Pride flag – from being flown at US military bases.

The new guidance on flags at US military bases has been welcomed for managing to skirt around Donald Trump’s objections to banning Confederate imagery, which he says is part of US “heritage”.

The Confederacy was the group of southern US states that fought to keep slavery during the US civil war.

Recent protests against racism and police brutality have renewed calls for the Confederate flag to be banned in the US.

But Trump has defended the Confederate flag on the basis of “free speech”, making the new guidance politically sensitive.

The guidance excludes all flags other than the US flag, state flags and some listed from being flown at US military bases.

But the *Washington Blade* confirmed Friday (July 17) that this includes the LGBT+ Pride flag.

“The memorandum does not authorise public display of unlisted flags in the Department of Defense,” Pentagon spokesperson Lisa Lawrence said in a statement.

The spokesperson confirmed that it is “correct” that the guidance also means the rainbow Pride flag is prohibited.

LGBTQ groups pointing out that Pentagon also banned Pride flag on military bases today along with Confederate flag
— Erik Wasson (@elwasson) July 17, 2020

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The Old Guard features one of the best responses to casual homophobia

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Marwan Kenzari as Joe and Luca Marinelli as Nicky in *The Old Guard*
(AIMEE SPINKS/NETFLIX)

Netflix's new action flick *The Old Guard* is getting a lot of love for its diverse, queer characters.

The film stars Charlize Theron as the leader of a small cohort of immortal vigilantes.

Among them are Yusuf Al-Kaysani and Niccolò di Genova – known as Joe and Nicky – who met on opposing sides during the Crusades and have been lovers ever since.

The relationship between the pair, played by Marwan Kenzari and Luca Marinelli, is clear and prominent throughout the film.





Early on, Joe explains to newcomer Nile: “Nicky and I met in the Crusades. The love of my life was of the people I’d been taught to hate. We killed each other, many times.”

The Old Guard features a powerful declaration of love.

One stand-out moment, though, comes midway through *The Old Guard* – after the two lovers have been captured by goons working for the villainous pharma CEO Martin Shkreli – wait, no, sorry, “Steven Merrick”.

When Joe shows concern for the restrained Nicky, one of the guards mockingly asks: “Is he your boyfriend?”



In response to the jibe, Joe declares: “You’re a child. An infant. Your mocking is thus infantile.

“He’s not my boyfriend. This man is more to me than you can dream. He’s the moon when I’m lost in darkness and warmth when I shiver in cold. And his kiss still thrills me, even after a millennia.

“His heart overflows with the kindness of which this world is not worthy of. I love this man beyond measure and reason. He’s not my boyfriend. He’s all and he’s more.”

Leaning in for a passionate kiss, Nicky replies: “You’re an incurable romantic.”

The moment shuts the goons up – and, just for good measure, Nicky and Joe proceed to beat them all unconscious off-camera.

The poignant scene stems directly from the graphic novel on which the film was based, penned by Greg Rucka.

According to a Vulture feature, the scene was so important to Rucka that he “stipulated in his contract” that it must be included in the film adaptation.

Marwan Kenzari turned to Greek mythology to draw inspiration for ‘intense’ relationship.

The significance was not lost on actor Marwan Kenzari.

He told Vulture of filming the moment: “It was extremely important for me, since that scene is the heart of the character. It moved me – there’s so much depth in those words. And it was tricky, too, because it can quickly turn into a sentimental thing.”

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He added: “I was determined to get it right, and I was happy with the result. We had fun in that van and we laughed a lot. It was a long night shoot, but it was well set up, since the camera was that close it was a good way to show this bit.”



The significance of the moment was not lost on the actors

While the film does not explore the couple's Crusades backstory as much as the graphic novel, Kenzari said: "I thought it was important to focus on the fact that they started as each other's enemies. There are a couple great drawings in the novel that show them standing head-to-head on the battlefield after quite a bloody battle. It reminded me of epic scenes in *Braveheart* or *Gladiator*.

"It was important because of the fact that they are loves now — soul mates, symbiotically attached forever. It's a strong message: the one on the opposite side becomes the other side of the heart that beats."

The actor also revealed to *Vulture* that he turned to ancient gay relationships from Greek mythology for inspiration.

He said: "You're talking about characters that are together for so long – if you and I are lucky, we can be with someone that you love for a maximum amount of time as a human being. But you can only imagine what that would be like if you could be 1,000 years old.

"That creates a love relationship, but also a psychological relationship, a spiritual relationship, and emotional relationship that's something we've never seen or experienced.

"In Greek mythology, and I especially thought of Achilles and Patroclus, they have this indescribable attachment, a huge rope that goes from Achilles's heart to Patroclus's heart... Joe and Nicky, their souls are connected."

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The disinformation campaign to define U.S. protesters as ‘terrorists’

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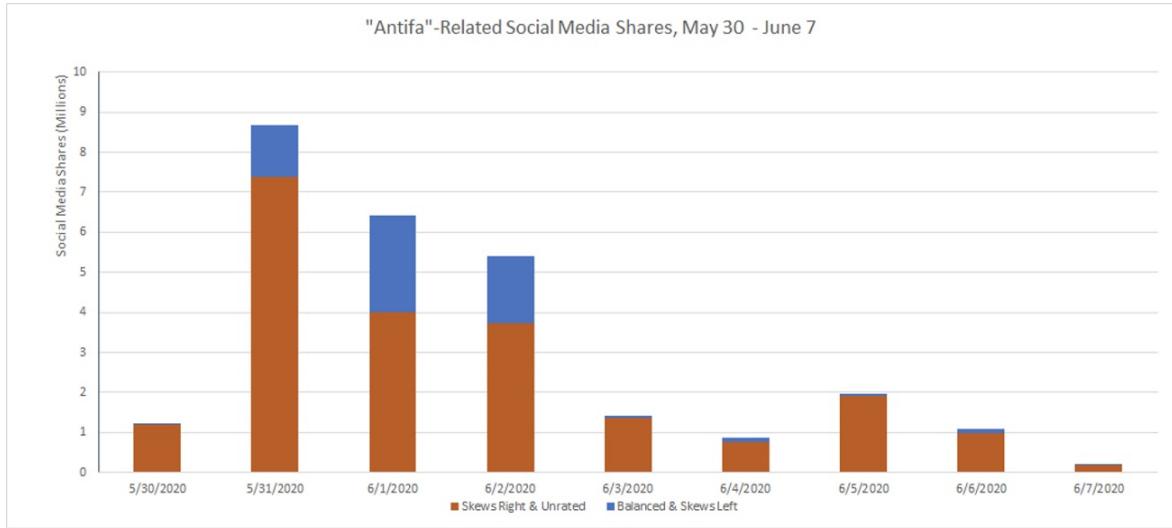
(Source: @etbrooking/DFRLab via Wikimedia/Fibonacci Blue)

A disinformation campaign has gained traction across the United States, spreading fears of antifa “terrorism” by way of largely spurious, decontextualized, or provably false claims. These fears have been cited by some U.S. officials as they push for a punitive law enforcement response and military deployments against overwhelmingly peaceful protesters. These fears have also sparked acts of targeted harassment, armed assaults, and general panic in American towns.

This case demonstrates the unique threat that viral falsehoods pose during rapidly evolving events. It also shows how false claims, circulated by a powerful network of social media influencers, can shape public perception and delegitimize popular movements like the George Floyd protests.

Following the May 25, 2020 killing of George Floyd, an unarmed African American man, by Minneapolis police, far-right activists began waging a disinformation campaign to discredit the resultant protests against police violence and systemic racism. The campaign has sought to connect the sporadic street violence of “antifa” direct action groups with domestic terrorism, erase distinctions between this small number of antifa activists and hundreds of

thousands of peaceful demonstrators, and generally confuse conversation around the protest movement. The intent appears to be the conflation of the broader protests with terrorist activities.



Roughly three-fourths of the 27 million shares of antifa-related content spread on social media from May 30, 2020 (the first day of significant antifa-related content production) to June 7, 2020 has originated from right-leaning* web publications. This content has included numerous misleading or fabricated narratives. (Source: DFRLab via BuzzSumo)

On social media, antifa-related content has seen a surge in engagement. Between May 25 and June 7, approximately 12,000 articles and videos shared on major platforms — Facebook, Twitter, and Reddit — included a keyword reference to “antifa,” according to a scan conducted via BuzzSumo. This content has received roughly 27 million shares in total, three-fourths of which originated from right-leaning media outlets. Many of these stories are alarmist in nature, misrepresenting or fabricating violent incidents in order to maximize their digital traction. Over time, they have begun to claim a larger share of antifa-related content. Indeed, according to Google Trends, total search interest in “antifa” outperformed that in the Black Lives Matter movement between May 25 and June 7.

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[WATCH: Antifa Members Discuss Violent Tactics, 'Eye-Gouging,' 'Destroying Your Enemy,' Undercover Video Claims](#)

By James Barrett - Jun 5, 2020

dailystrike.com

87.7K

A sample of headlines drawn from right-leaning* web publications alongside total Facebook shares. There were roughly 22 million shares of such alarmist content between May 25 and June 7. (Source: DFRLab via BuzzSumo)

This audience reach is not limited to web publications. According to data collected via CrowdTangle, there were roughly 44,000 antifa-related Facebook posts between May 25 and June 7, receiving approximately 28 million interactions. All 10 of the most popular posts associated antifa with domestic terrorism. Additionally, 5,600 antifa-related Instagram posts received 12 million interactions over this same period. Seven of the 10 most popular posts again associated antifa with domestic terrorism. Of the remainder, one was an apolitical post via Worldstarhiphop; two were messages of solidarity from a popular Spanish-language anti-fascist account in Brazil.

The campaign is most apparent on Twitter. According to a review of the platform using social media monitoring tool Meltwater Explore, “antifa” received approximately 16 million mentions between May 25 and June 7. The majority of these mentions were deeply negative, accusing antifa of terrorism, arson, and even child trafficking. Each of these claims was amplified hundreds of thousands of times.

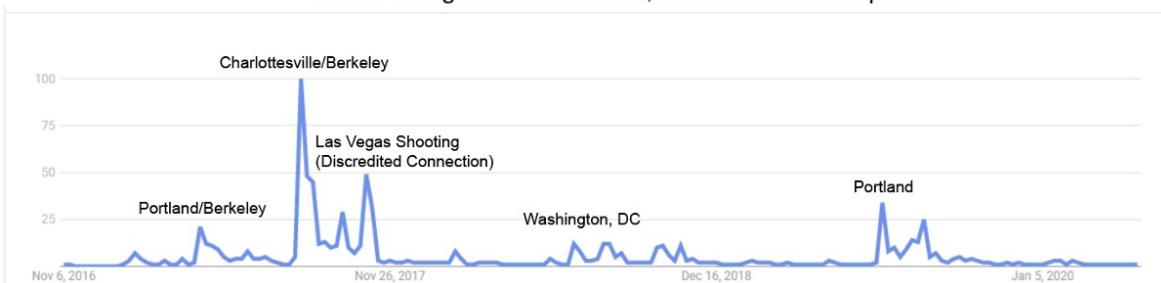
Antifa and U.S. protests since 2016



Screengrab of a November 5, 2017 Fox News segment. (Source: Caleb Ecarma/Mediate)

The origins of the far-right campaign against antifa can be traced to street violence that has erupted intermittently between anti-fascist and far-right demonstrators since President Trump's election in November 2016. These have notably included nationwide protests that occurred in November 2016 and again in January 2017; confrontations at the University of Berkeley in February and August 2017; violence during the "Unite the Right" white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia in August 2017; and prolonged fighting at Portland, Oregon protests in April 2017 and June 2019. Because of the volume of far-right influencers present at these events — each with a large, highly engaged online following — these events had an outsize digital footprint and received significant coverage from conservative media, and subsequently more mainstream media outlets.

“Antifa” Google Search Interest, November 2016 - April 2020



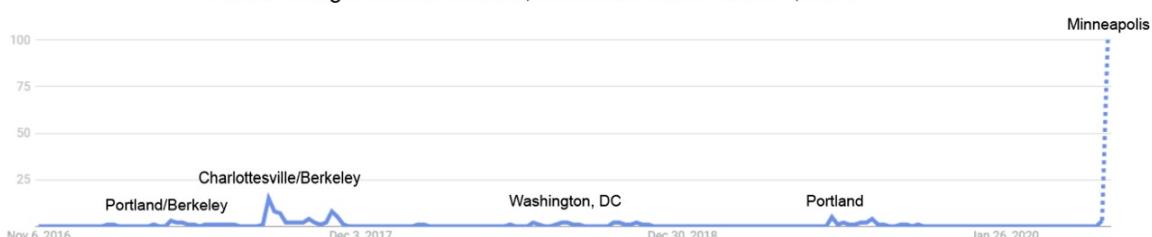
“Antifa” Google search interest over time, overlaid with incidents of street violence between antifa and far-right and alt right demonstrators.
(Source: DFRLab via Google Trends)

During and after each of these confrontations, far-right activists have sought to describe antifa as a domestic terrorist organization, occasionally amplified by Russian sockpuppets. Here, however they have run into definitional challenges. Antifa is not an organization, but rather a general movement that advocates for direct physical confrontation with perceived fascist forces. Its adherents represent a mix of anarchists, communists, Marxists, and militant socialists — but only a small fraction of any one of these communities.

Moreover, it has never been apparent that antifa poses an organized terrorist threat. According to a comprehensive database maintained by the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, “Far-Left” ideologies accounted for zero deaths between 2010 and Q1 2019, in contrast to 140 deaths due to “Far-Right” ideologies. Virtually all U.S. terror plots in the last three years have been linked to white-nationalist extremists.

Despite this evidence, far-right activists have remained persistent in their attacks on antifa and vocal in their desire to see the movement labeled as a terrorist organization. Shortly after the killing of George Floyd and resultant protests against police violence and systemic racism, these activists set to work.

“Antifa” Google Search Interest, November 2016 - June 4, 2020



“Antifa” Google search interest over time, including web traffic in the aftermath of George Floyd’s killing. (Source: DFRLab via Google

Trends)

From online misinformation to U.S. government policy



God Wins ★★★
@Educati0n4Libs

A friend of mine who is an officer in Minneapolis said Soros flew in paid agitators to cause chaos.

The Deep State wants to take advantage of this situation to start a race war before the election.

Antifa & BLM are domestic terrorist organizations that need to be STOPPED.

10:54 PM · May 27, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

8.5K Retweets 12K Likes

Associations between antifa “terrorism” and the George Floyd protests began the evening of May 27, thanks to viral misinformation spread by a popular QAnon account. (Source: @Educati0n4Libs/Twitter)

The first noteworthy Twitter mention of antifa in relation to the George Floyd protests came late in the evening of May 27, on the second night of demonstrations in Minneapolis. The tweet, from a popular QAnon account, alleged that the protests were the work of financier George Soros and that the “Deep State” intended to start a “race war.” The tweet accused both antifa and the Black Lives Matter movement of being terrorist organizations. This false claim was shared roughly 8,500 times over the next 24 hours, igniting a frenzy of speculation and further responses.

By May 29, Twitter mentions of antifa and “terrorism” reached 21,000. On May 30, they grew by an order of magnitude to 173,000. Thousands of influential far-right Twitter accounts began to lobby President Trump directly to designate

antifa a domestic terrorist organization. That same day, the campaign moved into right-leaning web publications, resulting in more than 1 million article and video shares. Virtually all of this content accused antifa of terrorist activities.

The screenshot shows a Twitter thread from May 30, 2020, featuring four tweets:

- Ann Vandersteel SteelTruth™ TrumpTeam2020 Florida** (@annvandersteel) at 10:57 AM · May 30, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone:
RT if you would like President Trump to designate ANTIFA a domestic terrorist organization & George Soros a domestic terrorist!
- Ryan Fournier** (@RyanAFournier) at 11:43 AM · May 30, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone:
RT if you believe it's time to classify ANTIFA as a domestic terror organization, and charge participants as terrorists!
- thebradfordfile™** (@thebradfordfile) at 8:24 PM · May 29, 2020 · TweetDeck:
RT if you agree ANTIFA should be declared a terrorist organization.
- Ted Cruz** (@tedcruz) at 8:46 PM · May 30, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone:
STOP THIS NOW: It is long past time for DOJ & FBI to designate Antifa as a domestic terrorist organization.

Sen. Ted Cruz calls for designating Antifa as a hate group
Ted Cruz is calling on the U.S. Senate to designate Antifa as a hate group by passing a resolution he introduced on Thursday condemning the group.
houstonchronicle.com

By May 30, thousands of far-right activists joined pro-Trump politicians in advocating for a terrorist designation against the antifa movement. (Source: Twitter)

This lobbying effort did not escape Trump's attention. Indeed, it likely appeared directly on his smartphone. Trump follows only 46 accounts on Twitter. Excluding the accounts of U.S. officials and Trump properties, the president follows 28 American media personalities and conservative activists. On May 30, roughly 10 percent of the Twitter activity from this group regarded purported antifa terrorism. By midday, Trump himself had joined the choir. "It's ANTIFA and the Radical Left," he wrote. "Don't lay the blame on others!"

On May 31, Trump announced, "The United States of America will be designating ANTIFA as a Terrorist Organization." While the designation was legally specious (the United States has no mechanism for domestic terrorism classification), it sent shockwaves through conservative media and far-right activist communities. Twitter mentions of antifa and "terrorism" peaked at nearly 1 million, while related stories by right-leaning publications received almost 9 million social media shares. That same day, the U.S. Drug Enforcement

Administration received new authorities to “conduct covert surveillance” on the George Floyd protests, alongside an unknown number of other federal agencies.

Also on May 31, the FBI’s Washington Field Office internally concluded that it “ha[d] no intelligence indicating antifa involvement/presence” related to the sporadic violence that had broken out amid overwhelmingly peaceful protests in Washington, DC.



Map of top keywords associated with 16 million mentions of “antifa” from May 25, 2020 to June 7, 2020. What began as a QAnon conspiracy theory related to George Soros soon became codified in U.S. government policy. (Source: DFRLab via Explore)

Ongoing campaign to associate George Floyd protesters with antifa and “terrorism”

Beyond associating antifa with terrorism, far-right activists have also sought to delegitimize the broader George Floyd protests. Of 48 pieces of viral misinformation reviewed by *BuzzFeed* reporters Jane Lytvynenko and Craig Silverman between May 29 and June 7, nearly one-third involve a nonexistent attack — a suspected murder, explosion, or act of animal cruelty — intended to make the movement appear as violent as possible.

With President Trump’s declaration of antifa as a domestic terrorist organization, this delegitimization effort received a powerful new amplifier. Between June 3 and June 7, Trump’s re-election campaign sent four emails to millions of supporters that referenced “Dangerous MOBS” and “THUGS” in the process of “DESTROYING our cities and rioting.” These emails referenced the president’s designation of antifa as a domestic terrorist organization. None mentioned the broader context of the George Floyd protests or the presence of hundreds of thousands of peaceful demonstrators.



The White House ✅ @WhiteHouse · 1h

Antifa and professional anarchists are invading our communities, staging bricks and weapons to instigate violence.

These are acts of domestic terror.

The victims are the peaceful protesters, the residents of these communities, and the brave law enforcement standing watch.



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This video, shared and subsequently deleted by the official White House Twitter account, falsely claimed that protesters were “staging bricks and weapons” in strategic locations. (Source: @WhiteHouse/Twitter)

The same principle has applied to public U.S. government communications. On June 3, the official White House account shared — and subsequently deleted — a video that falsely claimed that a rock-filled anti-terrorism barrier outside a synagogue had been set up by “antifa and professional anarchists” in order to throw bricks at police officers. On June 4, Trump shared a letter with his roughly 82 million Twitter followers which referred to the George Floyd protesters as “not peaceful and...not real.” Rather, the letter claimed, “They are terrorists using idle hate filled students to burn and destroy.” On June 9, Trump implied that a 75-year-old protester critically injured by police in Buffalo, New York had in fact been an “ANTIFA provocateur.” In so doing, Trump amplified a conspiracy theory that had originated three days earlier in far-right fringe media.



Donald J. Trump 
@realDonaldTrump

Buffalo protester shoved by Police could be an ANTIFA provocateur. 75 year old Martin Gugino was pushed away after appearing to scan police communications in order to black out the equipment. [@OANN](#) I watched, he fell harder than was pushed. Was aiming scanner. Could be a set up?

8:34 AM · Jun 9, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

Viral dis- and misinformation regarding the role of antifa in the George Floyd protests has echoed through the highest levels of U.S. government. On June 9, President Trump amplified a conspiracy theory that had originated three days earlier in far-right fringe media.
(Source: @realDonaldTrump/Twitter)

Meanwhile, on June 4, U.S. Attorney General William Barr alleged that the George Floyd protests had been infiltrated by a “witch’s brew” of different extremist organizations. He cited no evidence and refused to name any group besides antifa, despite news of an FBI arrest of far-right militants that same day. They belonged to the loosely organized “Boogaloo” movement, whose most extreme adherents seek to incite a second American Civil War by means of deadly “false flag” attacks.

This flood of viral dis- and misinformation, coupled with misleading statements by President Trump and senior U.S. administration officials, has resulted in a growing national panic most concentrated in smaller U.S. communities. Local U.S. newspapers have examined and debunked rumors that antifa has dispatched “a planeload of their people” to Payette County, Idaho or that buses of violent infiltrators are descending on places like Klamath Falls, Oregon or Casper, Wyoming.



Payette County Sheriff's Office
on Monday



The Payette County Sheriff's Office has been monitoring social media posts that have stated FALSE information. The original post (with false information) states:

"Family and friends in Idaho. We were told by our Congressman that Antifa has sent a plane load of their people into Boise and three bus loads from Seattle into the rural areas. The sheriff in Payette has already spotted some of them. We were warned to lock our doors and our guns. We think they will stay in the larger communities but it is best to be prepared.."

The Payette County Sheriff's Office has not had contact with and has not verified that Antifa is in Payette County. The Payette County Sheriff's Office has not given any specific warnings to our citizens about Antifa or other organizations. The information in this social media post is not accurate.



Top: On June 1, the Payette County Sheriff's Office was forced to respond to widespread misinformation regarding antifa protesters en route to rural Idaho. (Facebook) Bottom: The rumors resulted in the deployment of armed volunteers to downtown Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. (Source: @MaherKXLY/Twitter)

As misinformation and paranoia spread, some Americans have tried push back against the “terrorist” threat. In Forks, WA, a multi-racial family was reportedly accused of being “members of antifa” and was subsequently harassed, including an attempt to fell trees to trap them in their isolated campsite. In McAllen, TX, a man brandished a chainsaw at peaceful protesters, screaming for them to disavow “antifa bullshit.”



On June 5, a McAllen, Texas man brandished a chainsaw as he moved aggressively to disperse George Floyd protesters. (Source: @TheHousePlug/Twitter)

The DFLRLab defines disinformation as “false or misleading information, spread with the intention to deceive.” Ongoing efforts by far-right activists to decontextualize the George Floyd protests and amplify false narratives meet this criteria. Moreover, this disinformation campaign has clearly been effective. It has already led to formal changes in U.S. government policy and sown panic in U.S. towns. In the minds of millions of Americans, it has indelibly linked the George Floyd protests to domestic terrorism. With time, it may lead to more counter-reactionary protests — and more potential for violence.

* *Determination of “Skews Left,” “Balanced,” and “Skews Rights” publication categories based on Version 5.1 of the Media Bias Chart by ad fontes media. Via BuzzSumo search, the 100 most-shared “antifa”-related articles and videos were reviewed. 30 outlets were determined to be “Balanced” or “Skews Left” and were subsequently excluded from the “Skews Right” query. Unrated outlets were included in the “Skews Right” query, as they almost universally echoed or exaggerated other “Skews Right” headlines. While one cannot determine how*

many of the 12,000 total pieces of content fit in the “Skews Left,” “Balanced,” or “Skews Right” category, one can state that “Skews Right” content constituted roughly three-fourths of the total 27 million social media shares.

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Transgender woman launches historic bid for public office in Romania

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An out transgender woman is making a historic bid for public office in Romania.

Antonella Lerca, a Roma woman and sex worker, is campaigning to run as an independent candidate for District 2 in the Romanian capital of Bucharest.

Launching her campaign today, she told *PinkNews* that she'd grown tired of seeing no representation of LGBT+ people in politics and this had made her decide to run herself.

"I'd had enough of rich white privileged men making decisions for vulnerable communities in Romania," Lerca said, "like the Roma community, transgender

community and sex worker community – the three communities I am part of.”

“We don’t have anyone from the LGBT+ community in Romanian politics. I face a lot of conservative people,” she continued.

Lerca, 30, added that she will draw on eight years experience as a human-rights activist in her campaign. “I’ve met a lot of vulnerable communities,” she said. “My entire life experience has given me the power to make this decision.”

Romania recently narrowly avoided seeing discussions of “gender identity ideology” banned in schools, when a bill passed in the senate on June 16 – but was then opposed by president Klaus Iohannis.

Today, Lerca began collecting signatures of supporters. To enter the official race she must collect signatures from at least 0.5 per cent of voters in District 2 – roughly 2,000 names.

Her platform includes a focus on providing social protection, developing investment funds for social housing, introducing a rent cap, and investing in local infrastructure and education programmes.

Issues that affect women, like combatting sexual aggression and street harassment, and building refuges for mothers and children facing emergency conditions, are also top of Lerca’s list.

“I take this step in politics today because I am willing to accept a huge responsibility in this crisis period,” Lerca said, referring to the coronavirus pandemic.

“The crisis will increase and will affect the most vulnerable communities, which need their voices to be heard and represented in local politics.”

So far, she’s consulted “hundreds” of people living in District 2 about their problems and needs. And a crowdfunder has been set up by colleagues from the activist community to help support her campaigning costs.

“I want a greener, modern, safe District 2 for all citizens,” Lerca added.

“Poverty will be fought by active measures. The old political establishment proved their malpractice in the last months and a major change is needed, and I

think I can help with that change.”

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UK's biggest cervical cancer charity shuts down disgusting anti-trans lie

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Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust says “everyone with a cervix” should have access to support and information about cervical cancer and smear tests, including trans and non-binary people, after a disgusting Twitter campaign by transphobes.

The UK’s leading cervical cancer charity was responding to a hashtag that trended on Twitter over the weekend insisting that “only females get cervical cancer”.

“We’re aware a hashtag is trending that raises the issue of gender identity and cervical health,” Jo’s Cervical Cancer Trust tweeted on July 12.

“At Jo’s we want to ensure everyone with a cervix has access to the information

and support they need to attend #CervicalScreening, regardless of their gender identity.”

The charity then added a link to its support page.

We're aware a hashtag is trending that raises the issue of gender identity and cervical health. At Jo's we want to ensure everyone with a cervix has access to the information and support they need to attend #CervicalScreening, regardless of their gender identity. (1/2)
— Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust (@JoTrust) July 12, 2020

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World Rugby: Trans women could be banned from sport under new rules

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The world governing body for rugby is reportedly considering banning trans women from playing on women's teams after a forum earlier this year was attended by bodies including an anti-trans campaign group.

A working group set up by World Rugby has compiled a 38-page draft document which argues that trans women should be banned from playing the sport, *The Guardian* has reported.

The document insists that trans women have a “significant” physical advantage over cisgender women.

It goes on to recommend that trans women be completely banned from playing

on women's rugby teams, claiming that current rules — which are based on those introduced by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 2003 — are “not fit for purpose”.

Trans men would be allowed to play rugby alongside cis men under a planned rule change.

The group's issue with trans players in sport is apparently limited to women. They recommend that trans men should be allowed to play against cis men, but suggest that they should first undergo a physical assessment and sign a consent form.

“Current policies regulating the inclusion of transgender women in sport are based on the premise that reducing testosterone levels found in biological females is sufficient to remove many of the biologically-based performance advantages,” the document says.

“However, peer-reviewed evidence suggests this is not the case.”

The document goes on to claim that cis women will play at a greater risk of sustaining an injury if trans women are allowed to participate.

Under current rugby rules, trans women must lower their testosterone levels significantly before they are allowed to play.

No one should be denied the lifesaving power of sport.

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