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### **Body**

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Anti-abortion protestors took their march into Kogan Plaza late last month, and I was proud of the way students responded. Minutes after the protestors arrived, students surrounded them with makeshift signs and chants to show their opposition to a pro-life position that is clearly not welcome for many students on campus.

Students have counter-protested against white nationalists marching through campus, multiple pro-life activists, anti-transgender protesters and the Westboro Baptist Church, an anti-gay organization. Critics of counter-protesting may say it gives a platform to the initial protestors, who often unite in small groups. But counter-protesting is not about the platform, it is about drowning out hateful speech. Students did not protest these groups to gain attention or give platforms to hate groups - they protested to silence them.

Being politically active is part of the campus culture, and that should not be limited to fighting for movements students support like gun control and stopping climate change. It should also encompass the fight to overwhelm movements that students do not support. Students should continue counter-protesting because it is a powerful tool to stand up to hate speech.

Hannah Thacker | Cartoonist

Counter-protesting is not just about an individual student's beliefs, it is also about standing up for the students who are affected by the initial protests. While the act is likely not going to change minds, it is not supposed to change minds. Instead, counter-protesting offers allies an opportunity to stand up for the people who are hurt by the opposing movement and gives people who are hurt the ability to stand up without feeling like they have to take up the fight alone.

When Unite the Right 2 protestors marched through campus last year, students were rightfully fearful - the first protest resulted in the death of one person. When anti-abortion protestors came to campus last month, students did not feel safe because of the protestors' message. Anti-transgender protests in 2017 also made people feel unsafe. It is the responsibility of students to show support for those who feel unsafe in the face of protestors.

Yelling back at a protestor sends a message to them that they are not welcome on campus and tells students who are hurt by hateful protests that they are supported. Protesters should have their hate refuted at every stop,

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because ignoring it is as good as tolerating it. Standing up to controversial **protests** gives students the opportunity to affirm what is appropriate behavior on campus. Even if it will never change the minds of the protestors, it shows other students what is OK on campus and what is not.

Students made the right decision when they stood up to groups that are unwelcome on campus. Students should not feel that they gave protestors a platform but should be proud that they defended our campus from **hate**, and they should keep doing it.

Kiran Hoeffner-Shah, a junior majoring in political science and psychology, is the opinions editor.

Read the other side of the argument

Students made the right decision when they stood up to groups that are unwelcome on campus. [READ MORE](#)

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- World Naked Bike Ride **protested** for a better environment and safer cycling
- Bike ride passed College Green where Standing for Women were holding **protest**
- A larger group of trans rights activists also staged a counter-rally in same place
- Atmosphere was acrimonious and threatened to escalate until the bikers arrived

Huge roars were heard in Bristol city centre today as a group of naked cyclists bowled right past a pair of opposition **protest** groups and defused a bizarrely polarising civil rights exhibition.

Dozens of raucous riders were participating in the World Naked Bike Ride, an annual event designed to raise awareness of environmental concerns, safer cycling and body positivity.

They set off from the Full Moon pub near Cabot Circus, at around 12.30pm, but their planned route took them right past College Green, which just happened to be the scene of an angry standoff between two opposing sets of demonstrators.

Around 60 individuals from women's rights group Standing for Women were holding a **protest** when around 100 members of trans rights organisation Bristol Against **Hate** staged a counter-rally, according to BristolLive.

Although there were no incidents of violence on College Green, the initially peaceful atmosphere steadily grew more tense as the Bristol Against **Hate** contingent of harbouring 'transphobic' views.

But the tension sensationally dissipated when hordes of bikers wearing little other than their birthday suits came breezing past, drawing roars of approval and delight from the partisan crowds.

The World Naked Bike Ride has been held every year since 2004, with the exception of 2020 as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

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The annual event initially aimed to campaign for environmental sustainability and improved safety conditions for cyclists in busy cities.

But it has since transformed to promote a variety of causes including body positivity, inclusivity and personal freedom.

Nude cyclists take to the streets of more than 200 cities around the world to celebrate the event, including London, Buenos Aires, Melbourne, Vienna, Sao Paulo, Vancouver, Copenhagen, Paris, Thessaloniki, Tel Aviv and Tokyo.

Prior to the timely arrival of the nude cyclists in Bristol, the women's rights and trans rights groups were locked in a shouting match promoting their respective causes.

A protester supporting the Standing for Women **protest** said: 'Women are a group defined as a "sex" under the Equalities Act 2010 and our rights are being demeaned despite being protected under the Equalities Act at the moment.

'We are speaking out for those women who are being incarcerated with men in women's prisons, women who are being forced to compete against men in women's sport, which is ultimately going to lead to the destruction of women's sport, women who are no longer having a right to be counselled by a female adviser in a rape crisis centre... and women who are not having the right to a women-only space in domestic violence refuges as well.

'We think that is a serious attack on women's rights.'

But Standing For Women members said that balaclava-clad trans rights activists arrived on the scene yelling 'trans rights are human rights' and chanting slogans to **protest** against TERFs - an acronym which stands for trans-exclusionary radical feminist, i.e., feminists who are gender critical.

The Standing for Women founder, Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull, made headlines in 2018 when she erected a billboard in Liverpool which defined a 'woman' as an 'adult human female'.

The banner was removed when Dr Adrian Harrop, who is not transgender, complained to billboard company Primesight that it would serve to make transgender women feel unsafe.

Kellie-Jay later drew plaudits and critics in equal measure when she appeared on This Morning to defend the billboard, and her views, in a debate with transgender activist India Willoughby, who transitioned three years ago.

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## **Vermont LGBTQ+ groups contend with anti-trans protestors**

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Counter-protesters surround Christopher-Aaron Felker at the Outright Vermont Fire Truck Pull fundraiser in Burlington on Saturday, October 1, 2022. Photo by Glenn Russell/VTDigger

At noon on Oct. 1, a crowd surrounded Burlington Fire Department's Engine 6, parked on Church Street and decorated with bright rainbow banners.

Outright Vermont's annual fire truck pull has been taking place since 2005. The mood was festive at the LGBTQ+ youth advocacy organization's biggest fundraiser. There were families, children, pets, supportive businesses and student groups. There was loud music, dancing, silly costumes and face paint.

And, for the first time in the history of the event, according to Outright's executive director, Dana Kaplan, there were also protestors.

As an emcee kicked off the event, a handful of people lifted signs with transphobic messages. Almost immediately, supporters of the transgender community swarmed the protestors and lifted an array of flags — including a large light blue, pink and white one, the transgender pride flag — to hide the anti-trans slogans.

Outright supporters were perhaps prepared this time because of a similar provocation involving some of the same people, which took place at the Vermont Pride Parade on Sept. 18. That incident — in which an anti-trans **protest** devolved into a physical altercation — garnered widespread coverage among rightwing outlets.

Much of the subsequent vitriol has been aimed at Vermont's LGBTQ+ advocacy organizations, including Outright Vermont and the Pride Center of Vermont.

'It wasn't shocking,' Kaplan said in an emailed statement, referring to the fire truck pull **protest**. 'Because the protestors made visible the fact that no matter where LGBTQ+ youth live in Vermont, they experience violence, the constant threat of harm, and a continuous barrage of messages that target them, telling them they're not valued, cared for, or allowed to exist.'

The situation echoes a recent incident in Randolph<sup>[1]</sup>, where a transgender high school volleyball player and her family have reported receiving an onslaught of transphobic messages. The harassment followed a WCAX story that focused on a teammate objecting to the girl's use of the team's locker room. The story was picked up by Fox News, the New York Post and other outlets, leading to a barrage of abusive rhetoric aimed at the girl and her family.

'We don't need to look any farther than what's happening in the Randolph situation to see that there are coordinated efforts that are happening nationally and internationally,' Kaplan said.

Pride **protest**

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Fred Sargeant, of New Haven, calls himself a 'gay American same-sex rights activist.' He is also a vocal **anti-transgender** activist. The retired police officer attended the Vermont Pride Parade on Sept. 18 bearing a sign with the words 'Black Face' and 'Woman Face' crossed out in red.

In social media posts made prior to the parade, Sargeant announced he was heading to Burlington to **protest** the parade and shared a meme that read, 'Wait'll they get a load of me.'

Afterward, Sargeant said he was assaulted at the event, claiming that people poured coffee on him, slapped the back of his head and pushed an umbrella into his back.

A short video posted to Facebook showing one angle of an incident at that parade shows an unidentified person struggling to take Sargeant's sign in the middle of a large crowd. Christopher-Aaron Felker, the chair of the Burlington Republican Party, stands close by and confronts the person while filming on his phone. Sargeant appears to remain standing in the 13-second clip, but in posts online, he said he was knocked to the ground.

Acting Burlington Police Chief Jon Murad confirmed that there is an active investigation into the incident.

Sargeant denied VTDigger's interview requests, but in a YouTube interview and other public statements, he has claimed that members of Outright Vermont were responsible for the alleged assault.

Kaplan said if members of the organization were, in fact, responsible, 'They acted alone and without our knowledge.'

'While the urge — and for some, need — to respond to blatant messages of personal and transphobic **hate** targeting our community are warranted, how we do so matters,' Kaplan continued. 'We do not condone violence, ever.'

Fred Sargeant is surrounded by counter-protestors as he and other members of LGB Alliance VT demonstrate at the Outright Vermont Fire Truck Pull fundraiser in Burlington on Oct. 1. LGB Alliance VT alleges that Sargeant, a veteran of the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City, was assaulted at the Burlington Pride Parade on Sept. 18. Photo by Glenn Russell/VTDigger

In the aftermath of the incident, Sargeant posted frequently about it on his Facebook page, including pictures of people who had confronted him and, in some cases, making transphobic comments about them.

On Sept. 19, LGB Alliance, a British group opposing transgender rights with which Sargeant and Felker are involved, tweeted about the incident. A day later, accounts of the incident, citing Sargeant's Facebook posts, appeared in conservative publications including the National Review and The Daily Caller. Author J.K. Rowling, who has previously made transphobic statements, tweeted in support of Sargeant. The stories and Rowling's tweet emphasized Sargeant's status as a 'gay rights icon.'

Sargeant has also emphasized his role in the gay rights movement, including his participation in the Stonewall riots, an early uprising for gay rights in New York City in 1969. In public statements, Sargeant has denied that he is 'anti-trans' but said he 'will not take a backseat to anyone in the movement that we created.'

Sargeant has continued his push against transgender people, but since the incident at the Pride Parade has specifically and repeatedly called out both Outright Vermont and Pride Center of Vermont, which organized the event. In interviews with another **anti-transgender** activist on YouTube, Sargeant referred to Outright multiple times as 'brownshirts,' an apparent reference to Nazis, and also said that 'what they let loose on the streets of Burlington was a gang.'

One day before the fire truck pull, Felker issued a press release stating that Sargeant would be **protesting** the event, claiming that he was 'physically assaulted and robbed' by members of Outright.

Felker, who is gay, was called out during an unsuccessful run for the Burlington City Council last year when Seven Days revealed anti-trans social media posts he authored[2].

Felker also arrived at Mayor Miro Weinberger's office on Thursday to demand that Burlington's top official make a 'full throated condemnation of the apparent **hate**-motivated assault of Mr. Sargeant.' Felker said the mayor's office declined the meeting. Weinberger's office confirmed that Felker's request for a meeting was denied.

Sargeant also described the Pride Center as a 'potentially violent group' in the YouTube interview, and later in a public statement said 'Burlington Pride has now become a platform for misogyny, exclusion and **hate**.'

The organization's executive director, Mike Bense, described the center in a different way.



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'The Annual Vermont Pride Festival and Parade is about the celebration of LGBTQ+ Identities, the joy we share in our connections, and a recognition of the strides we have made towards liberation,' Benseal said in an emailed statement. 'The spirit of the day is grounded in creating access, visibility, and togetherness among the LGBTQ+ and greater allied communities of Vermont.'

Benseal also said the group was aware of the incident at the parade.

'Pride Center staff were not involved and did not witness the incident. We are currently working to gain more clarity regarding the situation,' Benseal said. 'While we're still learning the details, it is important to state that we do not condone written or physical acts of harm.'

There have been other recent examples of local members of the gay and lesbian community lashing out against the transgender rights movement.

In another city council race earlier last year, Peggy Luhrs, who described herself as a feminist and lesbian, was also criticized[3] for making **anti-transgender** comments. Luhrs died earlier this year.

'Even in a progressive state, **hate** can thrive when unchecked,' Kaplan said. He said Outright works to support transgender youth and allow their identity to be something that is 'celebrated, embraced, and powers them through life.'

'We won't let adults who bully kids get in the way of that,' he said.

Read the story on VTDigger here: Vermont LGBTQ+ groups contend with anti-trans protestors[4].

[ 1]: <https://vtdigger.org/2022/10/03/family-of-transgender-student-in-randolph-faces-wildfire-of-bigotry-following-media-coverage-of-locker-room-use/> [ 2]: <https://www.sevendaysvt.com/OffMessage/archives/2021/06/22/burlington-gop-council-candidates-transphobic-tweets-resurface> [ 3]: <https://vtdigger.org/2021/03/01/concerns-raised-over-anti-transgender-burlington-city-council-candidate/> [ 4]: <https://vtdigger.org/2022/10/07/vermont-lgbtq-groups-contend-with-anti-trans-protestors/>

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LOS ANGELES - Netflix employees who walked out Wednesday in **protest** of Dave Chappelle's special and its **anti-transgender** comments were joined by allies who chanted "Trans lives matter," getting pushback from counterprotesters who also showed up.

A pre-noon rally at a Netflix office-studio complex drew about 100 people, most on the side of an estimated 30 workers at the streaming giant that joined in afterward. Some were willing to identify themselves as Netflix employees, but all declined to provide their names.

Joey Soloway, creator of the groundbreaking Emmy-winning comedy *Transparent*, was among the speakers at the rally.

Chappelle's decision to share "his outrage as comedic humiliation in front of thousands of people, and then broadcasting it to hundreds of millions of people is infinitely amplified gender violence," they said.

"I want trans representation on the Netflix board, this (expletive) week," the writer-director said.

Ashlee Marie Preston, an activist and the event's organizer, addressed the rally and spoke to The Associated Press afterward. She said that calling out Chappelle for his remarks wasn't enough.

"It was important to shift the focus to the people that sign the checks, because Dave Chappelle doesn't sign checks, Netflix does," Preston said. "If we have companies like Netflix who aren't listening to their employees, who are forcing their employees to participate in their own oppression, that's unacceptable."

"We're here to keep people accountable. We're not going anywhere," she said, adding that efforts are underway to start a dialogue with Netflix executives.

There were a few moments of shoving and pushing among the competing demonstrators, but the conflict was mostly limited to a war of words.

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Leia Figueroa, a student from Los Angeles, doesn't work at Netflix but said she wanted to back the walkout. While the streaming service offers positive fare for the LGBTQ community, she said, it's having it both ways by also offering a show like Chappelle's that includes disparaging comments about trans women.

If Netflix wants to be "an apolitical platform then they should be that," Figueroa said. "But they're saying things like 'Black lives matter' and 'We don't stand for transphobia.' If you say things like that, then you have to be vetting all of your content to reflect your values."

As she spoke, a protestor shouted, "We like jokes."

"I like funny jokes, and transphobia is not a joke," Figueroa replied.

Belissa Cohen, a former journalist, said she was on hand to "support Netflix's decision not to pull" the special.

"We want to show that there isn't unanimous support about transgender ideology when it comes to Netflix viewers," Cohen said.

She was among about a dozen people who carried placards reading "Free speech is a right" and "Truth is not transphobic." Opposite them were those carrying signs that included "Black Trans Lives Matter" and "Transphobia is not Funny."

Elliot Page, who stars in Netflix's *The Umbrella Academy* and is transgender, tweeted that he stands with the trans, nonbinary and people of color working at Netflix who are "fighting for more and better trans stories and a more inclusive workplace."

Team Trans(\*), which identifies itself as supporting "trans people working at Netflix trying to build a better world for our community," posted what it called a list of "asks" being made of Netflix by trans and nonbinary workers and allies at the company.

They are calling on the company to "repair" its relationships with staff and the audience with changes involving the hiring of trans executives and increased spending on trans and nonbinary creators and projects.

"Harm reduction" is another demand, which according to the list includes acknowledgment of what it called Netflix's "responsibility for this harm from transphobic content, and in particular harm to the Black trans community."

It also called for disclaimers to flag content that includes "transphobic language, misogyny, homophobia" and **hate** speech.

In a statement, the media watchdog group GLAAD said it salutes the Netflix's employees, allies and LGBTQ and Black advocates "calling for accountability and change within Netflix and in the entertainment industry as a whole."

The employees who walked out uniformly referred reporters to the GLAAD statement.

Netflix ran into a buzz-saw of criticism not only with the special but in how internal memos responded to employees' concerns, including co-CEO Ted Sarandos' assertion that "content on screen doesn't directly translate to real-world harm."

Sarandos also wrote that Netflix doesn't allow titles that are "designed to incite **hate** or violence, and we don't believe 'The Closer' crosses that line."

In interviews Tuesday, Sarandos said he failed to recognize that "a group of our employees was really hurting," as [he told The Wall Street Journal](#), and that his comment about the effect of TV on viewers was an oversimplification.

Terra Field, who identifies herself on Twitter as a senior software engineer at Netflix and as trans, posted tweets critical of Chappelle's special immediately after it aired and the comments were widely shared.

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In her posts, Field said the comic was being criticized not because his remarks are offensive but for the harm they do to the trans community, especially Black women. Field included a list of trans and nonbinary men and women of color who she said had been killed, adding in each case that the victim "is not offended."

By ALEX VEIGA and LYNN ELBER, Associated Press.

## Graphic

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People **protest** outside the Netflix building on Vine Street in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles, Wednesday. Critics and supporters of Dave Chappelle's Netflix special and its **anti-transgender** comments gathered outside the company's offices Wednesday.

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Jane Wishon, political vice president of the Stonewall Democratic Club, left, holds a sign in front of an unidentified demonstrator supporting Dave Chappelle, outside the Netflix building in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles, Wednesday. Critics and supporters of Chappelle's Netflix special and its **anti-transgender** comments gathered outside the company's offices Wednesday.

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People **protest** outside the Netflix at Vine building in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles, Wednesday. Critics and supporters of Dave Chappelle's Netflix special and its **anti-transgender** comments gathered outside the company's offices Wednesday with "Trans Lives Matter" and "Free Speech is a Right" among their competing messages.

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Producer Cheryl Rich joins protesters outside the Netflix building in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles, Wednesday. Critics and supporters of Dave Chappelle's Netflix special and its **anti-transgender** comments gathered outside the company's offices Wednesday.

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Comedian and videographer Vito Gesualdi screams profanities as he engages with peaceful protesters begging him to leave outside the Netflix building in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles, Wednesday. Critics and supporters of Dave Chappelle's Netflix special and its **anti-transgender** comments gathered outside the company's offices Wednesday, with "Trans Lives Matter" and "Free Speech is a Right" among their competing messages.

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## **Body**

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The Iona Institute has said that its inclusion on a list of alleged "far-right **hate** and extremist groups" in Ireland is extremely defamatory and it is examining legal options.

The Christian advocacy organisation is one of 12 "hateful and extremist groups in Ireland" according to a report by the Global Project Against **Hate** and Extremism (GPAHE), an American lobby group. The project accused it of having beliefs that "demean, harass and inspire violence against people based on their identity traits".

David Quinn, director of the institute and a Sunday Times columnist, said yesterday that the report was a blatant attempt by GPAHE to "demonise and delegitimise any groups they disagree with". He added: "They also throw together genuinely far-right groups with those which are not, in order to create guilt by association. It has been good to see fair-minded liberal voices denounce the tactic and defend the Iona Institute against the accusations, even though they would usually disagree with our positions."

Justifying Iona's inclusion in its report, GPAHE tweeted last week that the institute was "embedded in the anti-LGBTQ+ movement in Europe" and opposed same-sex marriage. It added: "Iona has criticised pro-LGBTQ+ teaching in schools and pushed discriminatory ideas under the guise of religious freedom."

Asked about the possible legal challenge, Wendy Via, the chief executive of GPAHE, said: "It is our hope that energy will be spent looking for inclusive ways to address the needs and rights of the LGBTQ+ community and all communities marginalised by those who currently wish to restrict their rights, and we stand by our report."

Michael Nugent, who chairs Atheist Ireland, tweeted: "The Iona Institute is not a '**hate** group'. I disagree with, and campaign against, its harmful religious policies. But calling it a '**hate** group' is unjust and devalues the power of the word '**hate**'."

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However, the state-funded National

Women's Council of Ireland posted the GPAHE report on its Twitter feed, and said: "The far right is on the rise in Ireland."

It added that the project's "report identifies at least 12 far-right groups. Eight are categorised as anti-immigrant, four as white nationalist and eight as anti-LGBTQ+ or specifically anti-trans."

The other 12 groups named by GPAHE include Yellow Vest Ireland, the Society of St Pius X Resistance, the Irish Freedom Party and Anti-Corruption Ireland.

Justifying its inclusion of the Irish

Council for Human Rights in its list GPAHE notes that it was launched in 2020 by two former members of what it alleges is the "far-right Renua party", and says its events have been attended by "racists and far-right extremists".

The LGB Alliance was also included on the list. It is a tiny offshoot of the UK LGB Alliance, which did not respond to a request for comment last week.

The project justified its inclusion on the basis that it was "anti-transgender" and said earlier this year it had publicly protested against gender-neutral bathroom policies.

GPAHE thanks Ireland's Far Right Observatory "for providing input and research for this country report".

The project claims that the far-right has grown in Ireland "in reaction to progress for LGBTQ+ equality, increased access to abortion, and the fabricated threat of the anti-immigrant and whitesupremacist great replacement lie".

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Other groups named in a report included Yellow Vest Ireland and the Irish Freedom Party, who took part in antivaccine protests

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