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One misrepresented tweet. Spread by John Pesutto, the Victorian Liberal Opposition leader, and then amplified by ABC, our state-funded broadcaster, along with corrupt journalists more concerned with spin than truth and propelled further by trans rights activists. This chain of events created an explosive fallout in the life of Angie Jones.

The consequences were devastating. There was significant online abuse and harassment, so much so that her Twitter account was temporarily suspended due to mass reporting. Media defamation followed, with Pesutto’s accusations of Nazism being widely broadcast across radio, television, and newspapers. Friends abandoned her, and even other mothers told their children to avoid Angie’s daughter.

Threats on her life and family were relentless. Her disabled brother, hospitalized at the time, was threatened with a beating if he didn’t reveal Angie’s address. She was forced to quit her job after trans rights activists targeted her workplace, leaving her dependent on a carer’s pension. For a single mother, this loss of income was catastrophic.

Angie also faced intense isolation. Fear of being attacked in public kept her off the streets, and she lost most of her activist support network—including friends in the anti-fascist and feminist communities—despite her years of work for these causes.

To make matters worse, her ex-husband used the media’s defamation to argue that her activism endangered their children, and for a time, Angie lost custody of one of her children. The financial strain only deepened the emotional and psychological toll, leading to PTSD and acute anxiety. Angie began experiencing delusions, seeing the faces of men who had attacked the rally everywhere. Suicidal thoughts plagued her, and at one point, she almost acted on them. She sought help from her psychologist and underwent EMDR therapy, which eventually helped her cope with the trauma.

Even today, mainstream media outlets refuse to interview her or give her a platform to explain her side of the story, leaving her without a voice to publicly defend herself. And this is just the beginning. The fallout from this deliberate political misrepresentation—amplified by the media—reveals the dangerous consequences of sacrificing truth for political gain at the expense of those with no power to fight back.

Let’s clear her name. What actually happened? Well, as a result, of MP Moira Deeming suing John Pesutto for defamation the allegations made about Angie Jones were put [into a document and filed with the federal court of Australia](#) . I decided to [address all 30 allegations in Part D](#)ⁱ, 7 concerned Angie Jones. I have replicated and addressed each allegations 82-88 below:

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ANGIE JONES – Allegations 82-88:

82. Jones has before and after the Rally engaged in disgraceful public commentary regarding the transgender community on her social media accounts and on her YouTube channel. 83. Jones posted the Jones tweet following the Rally.

Allegations 82-83. – Tweets

FINDING: Falsehoods

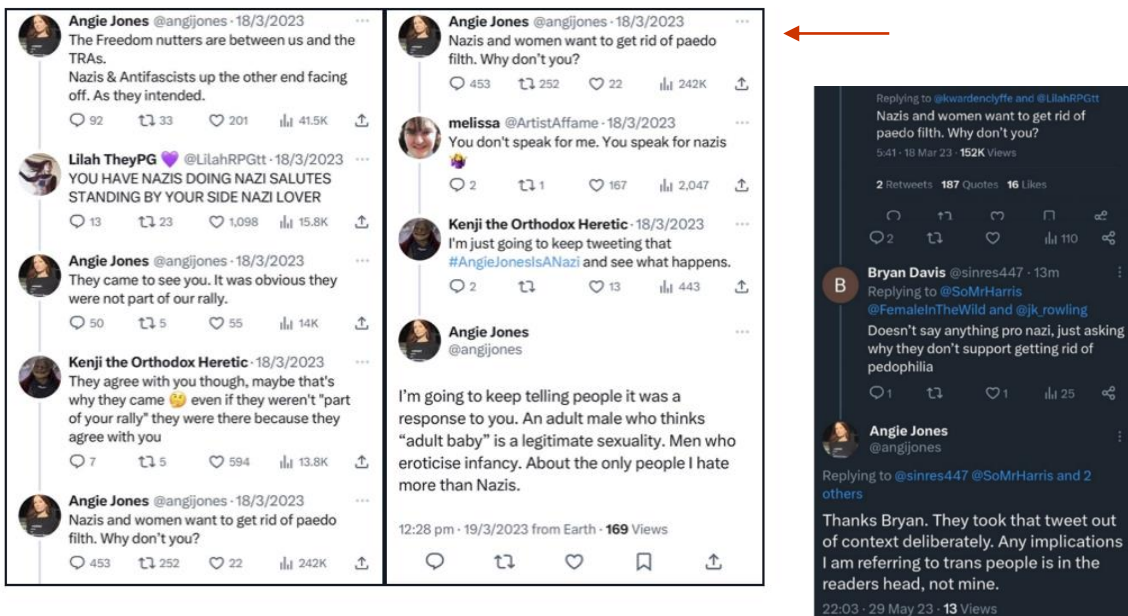
EVIDENCE: Tweet thread and the second copy of a [tweet supplied in March 2024](#)

This allegation is repeated from John [Pesutto's Letter of Motion](#) regarding Moira Deeming 20 March 2023. **On page 1, Pesutto writes:** "(b) on 19 March 2023, meeting with and publishing a video with Kellie-Jay Keen, Katherine Deves, and Angie Jones and that Angie Jones, on that day posted on Twitter words that, in the mind of any reasonable and lay observer, made association with Nazis including on 4:41pm by posting the words "Nazis and women want to get rid of paedo filth. Why don't you..." (He has a snapshot of the tweet on page 17).

However, he did not include her prior words, which were "They came to see you. It was obvious they were not part of our rally"

In doing this, **John Pesutto is deliberately taking Angie Jones' words out of context to suggest the opposite of her intent.** Namely, that #LetWomenSpeak was not a part of the Nazi Rally. Mr Pesutto engaged in a deceitful and wilful misrepresentation of Angie Jones' actual statements.

Interestingly, March 2024, Pesutto's team provided a different tweet with a different responder to the "Nazis and women want to get rid of paedo filth. Why don't you..." Which supports Moira's case not his, see black background tweet on the right below:



84. Jones has promoted *Trans* by Helen Joyce, a book which suggests, among other things, that Jewish billionaires have contributed to a global trans-activist movement.

85. Joyce has also promoted the work of Jennifer Bilek about the so-called 'billionaire funders of trans activism'.

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Allegation 84. “Jones has promoted Trans by Helen Joyce,

... a book which suggests, among other things, that Jewish billionaires have contributed to a global trans-activist movement.”

FINDING: False baseless allegation.

In response to allegation 84, which states, “Jones has promoted 'Trans' by Helen Joyce, a book that suggests, among other things, that Jewish billionaires are contributing to a global trans-activist movement,” I present the following clarification:

Allegation 84 insinuates that Joyce's narrative aligns with the antisemitic trope of a network of wealthy Jewish individuals funding policies or promoting a specific agenda. However, the opposition fails to specify who these 'Jewish Billionaires' are. Upon review, the term 'billionaire' is mentioned only five times in the context of Pritzker, Stryker, and Soros.

A detailed examination of Joyce's 'Trans' reveals that in instances where the terms 'Jewish,' 'Pritzker,' 'Stryker,' and 'Soros' are mentioned, there is no linkage made between the philanthropic endeavours of Jewish billionaires like Soros and Pritzker and their Jewish identity. The book does not imply that their support for trans activism is influenced by their Jewish identity. As for Stryker, labelling him in this context is irrelevant since he is not Jewish. Identifying prominent individuals who support trans activism does not approach the evidential threshold required to accuse someone of antisemitism. Moreover, Joyce's book discusses a variety of factors contributing to the rise of trans activism, none of which are related to race.

Please refer to the following:

1. The word **billionaire** is used only 5 times in Joyce’s book **Trans**,

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“This is, rather, a book about trans activism. It is a story of policy and institutional capture; of charitable foundations controlled by **billionaires** joining forces with activist groups to pump money into lobbying behind the scenes for legal change. They have won over big political parties, notably America’s Democrats, and big businesses, including tech giants. They are backed, too, by academics in gender studies, queer theory, and allied fields, and by the pharmaceutical and health-care industries, **which have woken up to the fortunes to be made from ‘gender-affirmative’ medicine.**

Page 257.

“You do not have to be particularly cynical to think that the holder of a chair of transgender studies funded by a trans **billionaire** or campaign group is unlikely to produce research showing that gender self-identification is harmful for women. “

See pages 229, 230 quotes.

2. The word **‘Jewish’** is used only 6 times in Joyce’s book **Trans**:

Page 151, 3 times

'It is much harder to hear from women who insist on telling their own life stories from their point of view. One of the few to make it into print is Christine Benvenuto. Both she and her ex, now called Joy Ladin, have published memoirs of Ladin’s transition. The two versions had strikingly different receptions.

Through the Door of Life: A Jewish Journey Between Genders, by Ladin, was a National **Jewish** Book Award finalist and winner of a prize from *The Forward*, a **Jewish**-American news-media organisation.

Sex Changes: A Memoir of Gender, Marriage, and Moving On, published the following year, lost Benvenuto friends and almost ended her writing career. There were calls for her book to be censored, and she was

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forwarded emails sent by people close to her ex, trying to orchestrate pile-ons and ensure that she was never published again, says Benvenuto.'

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"No other consideration would count - not religion, modesty, trauma, or anything else. An Orthodox **Jewish** woman would willingly receive an internal examination from a male doctor, and a rape victim would pour her heart out to a male crisis counsellor – again, provided those males identified as women."

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Chapter 7 Endnotes: Ladin, J., *Through the Door of Life: A Jewish Journey Between Genders* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2013).

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Chapter 9 Endnotes: Bazon, E., 'Cross-court winner'. *Slate* (25 October 2012) <https://slate.com/culture/2012/10/jewish-jocks-and-renee-richards-the-life-of-the-transsexual-tennis-legend.html>.

3. The word "Pritzker" is used only three times, Stryker only once in the book.

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"A movement that focuses on the levers of power rather than building grassroots support is one in which a few wealthy people can have considerable sway. They have shaped the global agenda by funding briefing documents, campaign groups, research, and legal actions; endowing university chairs; and influencing health-care protocols.

One is an American transwoman **billionaire**, Jennifer (James) **Pritzker**, a retired soldier and one of the heirs to a vast family fortune. **Pritzker's** personal foundation, Tawani, makes grants to universities, the ACLU, GLAAD, HRC and smaller activist groups. To cite a couple of examples, in 2016 it gave the University of Victoria \$2 million to endow a chair of trans- gender studies, and throughout the 'bathroom wars' it supported Equality Illinois Education Project, which is linked to a group campaigning for gender self-ID in the state."

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"Every single member of the committee that produced the WPATH standards had potential conflicts of interest, in this sense. Some were simply experts (Ken Zucker was one). But others had received grants from trans-advocacy groups, and several members, including the chair, came from a single department at the University of Minnesota that receives funding from Jennifer **Pritzker's** Tawani Foundation."

4. The word 'Soros' is used only once in the book.

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"A third **billionaire** funder of trans activism is George Soros, via his Open Society Foundations (OSF), a network of independently managed philanthropic institutions. OSF has made large donations to the ACLU, Planned Parenthood, Human Rights Watch (including \$100 million in 2010, its biggest donation ever) and the HRC, all of which campaign for gender self-identification. "

5. The word Styker is used only twice in the book.

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"Consider the consequences for the feminist movement of accepting the activist mantra that 'transwomen are women' - or the logically equivalent proposition that 'a woman is anyone who says they're one'. I have seen these restated in many ways, sometimes quite poetically. To give just a couple of examples: women are 'an imagined community that honours the female, enacts the feminine and exceeds the limitations of a

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sexist society' (American transwoman Susan Stryker, writing in *Time* magazine); and women are 'multifaceted, intergenerational, international... limitless...formless...women are the world'.

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Two other **billionaires**, neither transgender, also spend lavishly on trans activism. One is Jon **Stryker**, another heir to a fortune."

Allegation 85. Joyce has also promoted the work of Jennifer Bilek

...about the so-called 'billionaire funders of trans activism.'

FINDING: Guilt by association with a falsely maligned journalist.

EVIDENCE: Review of Bilek's works. (see allegations 74-76)

This point implies that because Bilek has been accused of antisemitism in allegations 74-76 of the brief, Joyce's commendation of Bilek indirectly supports antisemitism through association. Joyce has praised Bilek's articles on the financing behind trans activism on two occasions. However, this support falls significantly short of proving an intent to spread antisemitism, labelling someone as antisemitic requires a more substantial standard of evidence.

Furthermore, there is no direct evidence of antisemitism on Bilek's part. Notably, Bilek's work received backing from the Jewish magazine [The Tablet, which published her article on the Pritzkers](#), (i.e. 'the billionaire funders of trans activism'), and The Times of Israel. The latter, addressing the accusations of antisemitism against Bilek, declared that it [does not believe Bilek harbours any hatred toward Jews](#) or seeks to promote such animosity.

On October 9, 2020, Helen Joyce expressed her regard for Bilek's insights, stating, "[Jennifer is always, always worth reading](#)." Again, on January 2, 2021, she acknowledged the significant funding coming from the US for trans activism, recommending Bilek's articles for further details, which discuss how such funds are partially channelled through European and UK organizations.

However, on July 18, 2021, responding to a tweet from Levins Solicitors, Joyce sharply distanced herself from Bilek, who was accused by [Levins Solicitor@LevinsLaw](#) of being an antisemitic conspiracy theorist, suggesting that dissociation from Bilek would be prudent. Joyce vehemently stated, "[For goodness sake, what has that got to do with me or my book!](#) I'm nothing to do with her!!" This marked a dramatic change in her previous supportive stance towards Bilek. It is believed this shift was influenced by a campaign initiated in early 2021 by trans activists to tarnish Bilek as an antisemitic conspiracy theorist.

Allegation 86. Antisemitic Conspiracy Theories

The conspiracy theory that a network of wealthy Jewish people are funding policies, or otherwise promoting an agenda, is a common and well-worn trope in antisemitic rhetoric.

Conclusion: There is no evidence that either Joyce or Bilek are antisemite. Bilek in particular has been endorsed by Jewish organisations in USA and here in Australia who dismiss these types of allegations as 'malicious absurdities.' Jones is not supporting antisemitism in respecting or share their work.

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Allegation 87. Jones has publicly stated that the ‘trans agenda’ is being promoted by ‘financially corrupted governments’.

FINDING: Persutto’s legal party gave no evidence or source for their allegation 87, via Boolean search there is only one tweet that has the phrase “[financially corrupted governments](#)”.

EVIDENCE: Interviewed Jones and [Link to Tweet thread 1 - Jan 9 2024](#): and [Tweet Thread 2 – Jan 9 2024](#)

[Tweet thread 1 Quote]: "Most people think gender ideology is “fad” or “trend” that will run its course, not realising stealthy legislation changes by **financially corrupted governments** have enshrined it in law and it will take many years & millions of dollars to reinstate sex-based rights & roles."

[Tweet thread 2 Quote:]"If there is legislated with no consultation with impacted parties then it is corrupt. Obviously." [Unquote]

[Quote – in reply to @WomensRightsNet, BREAKING 🚨 - STATE SANCTIONED SEXUAL ASSAULT
A new policy has been implemented under the radar by the majority of police forces in the country.
This allows trans-identifying male officers (men who claim to be women) to STRIP and intimately search women.

If you object, you are guilty of HATE. Read more in our report by WRN’s @JackMerched below 📄]

“The scariest thing is that they are now fast tracking the inclusion of men with fetishes via DEI. So, the worst kind of applicants to become police will apply and be approved or claim discrimination, when 10 years ago they wouldn’t have passed the mental health tests.” [unquote]

Query

Allegation 87 is framed under ‘Jones has publicly engaged in other vile anti-transgender rhetoric, including:’

I am curious how? How is criticism of council and government policy ‘vile anti-transgender rhetoric’. I have interviewed her and reviewed all tweets of the day (i.e. search string: (from:angijones) until:2024-01-09 since:2024-01-08)

Content of Speech

Jones' commentary was centred on a matter of public concern, specifically addressing the influence of ACON's DEI audit on government policy in Victoria and also looking towards the UK, as ACON created it's [Australian Workplace Index](#) based on Stonewall UK's DEI and follows the actions of Stonewall. The Audits involve policies that affect women's rights, such as the provision of single-sex toilets. Her criticism highlights a broader debate about the extent to which unelected bodies like ACON, which [government departments pay to belong to their DEI](#) schemes, should influence [public policy that impacts all Australians](#). This discourse even at a public bar or twitter conversation level is part of a democratic society, where public policies, especially those affecting fundamental rights and societal norms, should be subject to scrutiny and debate. Jones' speech contributes to this public debate, offering a perspective on the implications of these policies for women's rights and the democratic process.

Forum and Form

Jones chose social media as her platform to express her opinions, a common and legitimate forum for political discourse. By stating her comments as her opinion, she aligns with the principles of free expression, particularly in the context of political speech, which is highly protected in Australia. Social media, given its broad reach and accessibility, has become a vital space for political communication, allowing individuals to share their views, engage with others, and participate in the democratic process.

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Impact

The core of Jones' speech was a critique of government actions and policies, rather than an attack on any individual or group. The allegations that her commentary was against transgender people misconstrue her focus on government actions and policies. Her discourse criticises government policy not the vilification of any community. Jones engages in a debate on policy, albeit at the level of a public bar conversation - rather than inciting harm, violence, or discrimination against any group, which there is no evidence of.

Legal Protections

Under the Australian legal framework, particularly the implied freedom of political communication, Jones' statements are protected as they pertain to political and public interest issues. There is no evidence to suggest that her commentary constituted vilification or hate speech towards transgender people. Instead, her focus on government policy and its implications for society aligns with the type of speech that is essential for the functioning of a democratic society. This protection is crucial for ensuring that individuals can express opinions on governmental policies without fear of undue legal reprisal, provided such speech does not cross into defamation, vilification, or incitement to discrimination or violence. Which in this case it does not.

In conclusion, Jones has a right to engage in critical discourse about government policies, the democratic value of her contributions to public debate, and the legal protections afforded to political speech in Australia. Her comments, as described, fall within the realm of protected political speech, aimed at contributing to public discourse and scrutiny of government actions, rather than inciting harm or discrimination against any group.

Allegation 88 - Jones has publicly engaged in other vile anti-transgender rhetoric, including:

88(a) describing trans women as 'pervy men';

FINDING: Over-simplified her context

EVIDENCE: A tweet.

Summary of Allegations: Jones has been accused of engaging in "vile anti-transgender rhetoric," specifically for describing trans women as 'pervy men'. This [accusation is based on a single tweet by Jones](#), where she addresses concerns regarding taxpayer funding for transgender rights initiatives and the impact of such policies on women's sex-based rights and safety in single-sex spaces.

They can paint enormous flags on the road with taxpayers money, remove our sex-based rights by stealth & allow pervy men into female only sports & spaces, but the vast majority of the general public in Australia will NEVER accept (trans) gender ideology."

Contextual Clarification:

The statement made by Jones was within a specific context addressing the use of public funds for initiatives she believes undermine women's sex-based rights and safety in single-sex spaces. A critical review of the tweet shows it was a commentary on policy and its societal implications, rather than an attack on individuals.

Clarification of Terminology:

Jones's use of the term "pervy men" was not a blanket characterisation of all transgender individuals but rather a critique of policies that allow any male, regardless of their identification, access to spaces where women and girls are vulnerable.

Position on Transgender Rights and Women's Spaces:

Jones has clarified that her concern lies with the safety and privacy of women and girls in single-sex spaces. Her argument is that councils need to preserve the rights and safeguarding of women and girls.

Support from the Trans Community:

The organization In Defence of Children has compiled a declaration signed by forty-nine fully medicalized trans individuals who oppose the medicalization and surgical alteration of minors. In conversation they stated they are against the removal of women's rights. It's worth noting that this indicates that there is a segment of the transsexual community that shares Jones's concerns regarding the current direction of transgender rights policies. This declaration can be found at [In Defence of Children Declaration](#) I can get signed statements with regards to women's spaces if needed.

Conclusion: The allegations against Jones oversimplify her position and remove her statements from their intended context.

Allegation 88 (b): Reposting Transphobic Memes

- **FINDING:** False Allegation
- **EVIDENCE:** Comprehensive review of Jones's entire Twitter media content (<https://twitter.com/angijones/media>) showed no instances of reposting transphobic memes. The opposition's legal team is requested to provide specific, verifiable examples to support their claim.

Allegation 88 (c): Associating Gay and Trans People with Paedophilia and Rape

- **FINDING:** False Allegation
- **EVIDENCE:** The sole instance found was the condemnation of Bianca Haven for defending paedophilia, supported by a '[Notice of Sanction](#)' from the [Australian Greens](#). This isolated case does not constitute a pattern of associating gay and trans people with paedophilia and rape by Jones.

Allegation 88 (d): Alleging the Greens Party has Links with Paedophilia

- **FINDING:** Supported by Evidence
- **EVIDENCE:** A '[Notice of Sanction](#)' from the [Australian Greens Victoria Misconduct Panel regarding Bianca Haven's](#) defense of paedophilic and other egregious views was highlighted by Jones (<https://twitter.com/angijones/status/1698978237085540766/photo/1>). The sanction's leniency suggests a concerning lax stance by the Australian Greens Victoria branch on such behaviour.

Allegation 88 (e): Asserting 'Trans Identifying Girls' are Being Used for Egg Harvesting

- **FINDING:** Misrepresented Context – Eggs harvested from pre-pubertal girls for surrogacy industry
- **EVIDENCE:** Jones referenced a story from Iceland, [reported by Eldur Deville](#), focusing on the exploitation and loss of fertility in pre-pubertal girls for egg harvesting (<https://twitter.com/angijones/status/1733890175904932019>). The context is exploitation and does not inherently convey anti-transgender rhetoric but highlights concern over the exploitation for surrogacy.

Conclusion: The allegations against Jones largely lack substantiation upon closer examination of the provided evidence and context. The claims of reposting transphobic memes and associating gay and trans people with paedophilic and rape are found to be unsubstantiated. The mention of the Greens Party's lenient stance towards behaviours defending paedophilic is supported by evidence but reflects on the party's internal disciplinary actions rather than on Jones's rhetoric.

The concern over the exploitation of trans identifying girls for egg harvesting highlights a significant issue regarding the exploitation of minors, devoid of anti-transgender sentiment when contextualized properly.

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END NOTES

ⁱ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VGn2m1UroVf2b7NBRTGKRv4BY9MUXusD/view?usp=sharing> Report from investigation into Allegations 58-88 from Part D, page 38. Addressing the allegations from:
https://www.fedcourt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/118372/Defence-29.1.24.pdf