

Yesterday the *New York Times* ran this headline:

"U.S. Study on Puberty Blockers Goes Unpublished Because of Politics, Doctor Says"

Here are the politics the headline is talking about:

"The leader of the long-running study said that the drugs did not improve mental health in children with gender distress and that *the finding might be weaponized by opponents of the care.*" (Emphasis added.)

You are reading that correctly: we can't tell you the truth, because then you might try to stop what we're doing.

Author J.K. Rowling was a bit spicier:

"We must not publish a study that says we're harming children because people who say we're harming children will use the study as evidence that we're harming children, which might make it difficult for us to continue harming children."