

# Riley Gaines assaulted after speech

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Riley Gaines, former college swimmer, suffered a physical assault after making a speech about women’s sports in San Francisco.

## The Riley Gaines assault

Riley Gaines spoke at San Francisco State University Thursday evening (April 6) on reserving women’s sports for biological women. Charlie Kirk’s Turning Point USA organized the event. After that speech, someone – whom witnesses variously describe as “a guy in a dress” or a “trans-woman” – assaulted her and struck her twice. Gaines supplied video and commentary on Twitter:

The prisoners are running the asylum at SFSU...I was ambushed and physically hit twice by a man. This is proof that women need sex-protected spaces.

Still only further assures me I'm doing something right. When they want you silent, speak louder.  [pic.twitter.com/uJW3x9RERf](https://pic.twitter.com/uJW3x9RERf)

— Riley Gaines (@Riley\_Gaines\_) [April 7, 2023](#)

Apparently some protesters demanded *monetary tribute* from her.

WATCH: Former NCAA Champion Swimmer Riley Gaines Assaulted By Transgenders After Giving Speech On Saving Women's Sports.

After her speech at SFSU, angry activists crowded the exit hallway, demanding money in return for her safe passage.

<https://t.co/wQ8Fm1ArYd>

— DK 🇺🇸 🇺🇸 (@1Nicdar) April 7, 2023

Her husband was one of those witnesses:

She told me she was hit multiple times by a guy in a dress. I was shaking. It made me that mad. It makes me sick to feel so helpless about it. She was under police protection and was still hit by a man wearing a dress.

The police hustled her out of the venue into another room, and raised a barricade to keep others out.

Her spokesman said this:

Instead of a thoughtful discussion tonight at SFSU, Riley was violently accosted, shouted at, physically assaulted, and barricaded in a room by protesters. It is stunning that in America in 2023, it is acceptable for biological male students to violently assault a woman for standing up for women's rights.

And:

This will not stop Riley from boldly educating people of the dangers of biological males in women's sports. She will continue to speak the truth against the radical left that no longer understands the difference between men and women.

## Claim to fame

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Riley Gaines gained fame by tying for fifth place with University of Pennsylvania "trans-woman" Will "Lia" Thomas in 2021. But organizers awarded first place to Thomas, not Gaines.

Gaines also made recent news by directly challenging an anthropology professor to say whether he could tell the difference between a male and female unearthed skeleton. The professor replied, "No," provoking loud laughter and catcalls. "But I have a Ph.D.!" he cried, to no avail.

There's just no way to tell... [pic.twitter.com/Ha8BoY5DdT](https://pic.twitter.com/Ha8BoY5DdT)

— Vince Coglianese (@VinceCoglianese) [March 30, 2023](#)

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