How ‘detransitioners’ are affecting gender-affirming care laws across the US

At 25, college student Prisha Mosley doesn’t consider herself conservative. She was raised “a leftist my whole life, and quite radical at times.”

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In her teens, Mosley transitioned from female to male. Last year, she detransitioned and joined forces with conservative activists fighting to ban the gender-affirming care she had received.

Mosley is among more than a dozen detransitioners who have gained prominence this year, suing the doctors and clinics from which they received care in more than half a dozen states, headlining conservative events and starring in documentaries often sponsored by right-wing groups.

Some have testified for restrictions on gender-affirming care for minors.

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Perhaps 1.6 million people age 13 or older in the United States identify as transgender, according to a survey by the UCLA School of Law’s Williams Institute. Less than a third of people who consider themselves transgender have used hormone treatments or puberty blockers, and only about 1 in 6 have undergone gender-affirming surgery, the Washington Post-KFF poll found. Fewer still have sought to reverse those actions.

But as conservatives have mounted a concerted effort to limit trans and gay rights, particularly in red-state legislatures, a small minority of detransitioners like Mosley have gained prominence.

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