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## Anti-trans speaker's fans throw Nazi salute amid counter-protest

Protesters have raised their arms in a shocking Nazi salute as hundreds of people clash over a controversial activist.

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Protest groups face off in front of the Victorian Parliament where UK far right activist Kellie-Jay Keen is due to speak. Picture: NCA NewsWire / David Crosling

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Large crowds of protesters from two competing rallies have clashed in the streets of Melbourne over LGBTQI+ issues as an anti-transgender activist continues her speaking tour of Australia.

Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull, who goes by the moniker Posie Parker, is a British woman who founded group Standing for Women.

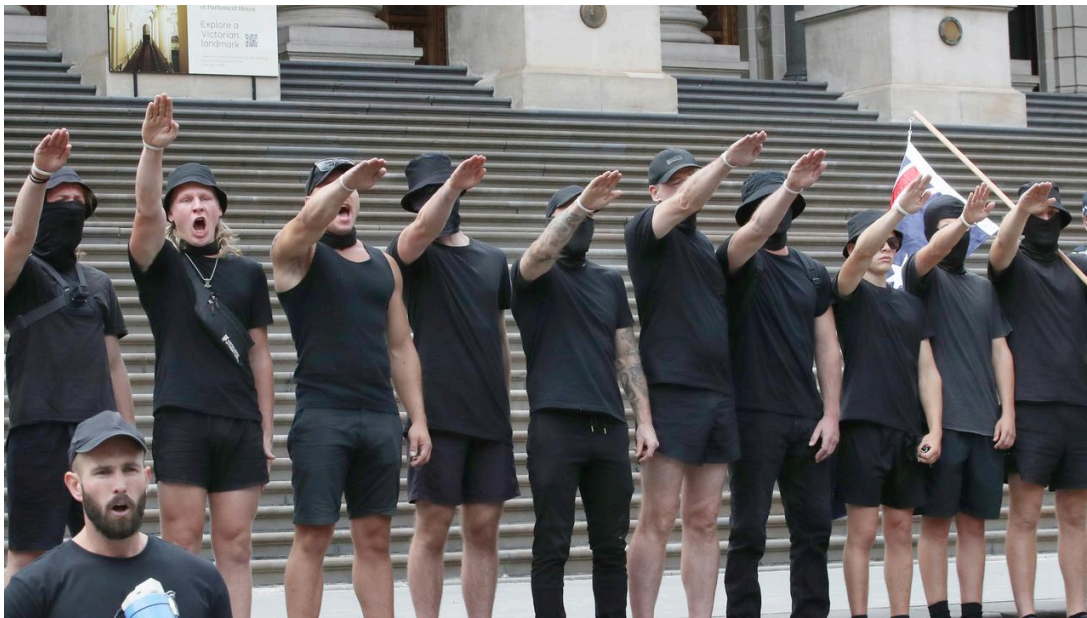
She describes herself as a women's rights activist, but she is mostly known for her anti-transgender opinions.

On Saturday, her controversial views sparked a tense clash between anti-trans and pro-trans activists in front of Victoria's Parliament House.



About 30 members of the far-right National Socialist Movement made their way down Spring St in support of Ms Keen-Minshull. Picture: NCA NewsWire / David Crosling





Members of the NSM perform the Nazi salute on the steps of Victorian parliament. Picture: NCA NewsWire / David Crosling

At least 30 members of the far-right Nationalist Socialist Movement were seen marching down Melbourne's Spring St in support of Ms Keen-Minshull.

The men were all wearing black and some of the marchers wore balaclava-type masks during the protest.

The group was seen shouting slurs at transgender activists and performing the Nazi salute as they stood on the steps of parliament.

They were opposed by an even larger group of people advocating for transgender issues, who were heard chanting "Posie Parker you can't hide, you've got Nazis on your side".

The chant has been used at other rallies against the anti-trans speaker across the country.



Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull (R) has been speaking at a number of engagements outside state parliaments this week. Picture: NCA NewsWire / David Crosling



Ms Keen-Minshull clashing with pro-trans supporters on Saturday along Spring St. Picture: NCA NewsWire / David Crosling

Victoria Police tried to keep both groups separate, but there were some clashes between the two sides.

It's estimated there were about 400 people there to support Ms Keen-Minshull — but pro-transgender supporters outnumbered them at least 2:1.

It's unclear at this stage if there have been any arrests or serious injury, as the event is still ongoing.

Victoria Police confirmed they were aware of the gathering.

“There is a highly visible police presence in the area to ensure there are no breaches of the peace and to keep the community safe,” said a police spokesman.

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Ms Keen-Minshull's tour started in Sydney last Saturday, and includes stops in Perth, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart, and Canberra, before heading to New Zealand.

The contentious speaker was also met with protest action at other stops, although it's understood this is the first time her supporters have clashed with pro-trans groups on the tour.





The police presence at the protest was heavy, with officers trying to keep both groups separated.  
Picture: NCA NewsWire / David Crosling

Victoria Police said they were on site to preserve the peace. Picture: NCA NewsWire / David Crosling

She has made headlines in recent months after a speaker at one of her events quoted Adolf Hitler.

The anti-trans activist was critical of a member of Britain's House of Commons mentioning murdered US trans teen Brianna Ghey in an International Women's Day speech.

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