



To the BBC, The Guardian and The New York Times:

We are writing to request that you widen your scope when reporting on gender diversity. A progressive society is characterised by a respect for thoughtful discussion and we hope that journalistic outlets of your stature could explore multiple perspectives on these important questions rather than stifling debate by covering only one side.

In her recent personal essay, J.K. Rowling outlined her concerns that extremist ideology was negatively impacting vulnerable groups. She highlighted several pressing aspects of this issue that have received scant coverage in the liberal media. The international reaction to Rowling's essay demonstrated both the lack of public awareness about these issues and the urgent need for honest and respectful dialogue.

In *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, Harry begins to receive numerous copies of his Hogwarts' acceptance letter a week before his birthday on July 31 – which is also Rowling's birthday. These letters marked a new beginning for the fictional boy wizard. We hope these letters that you are receiving will signal to you that there are many from across the political spectrum who wish to have a good-faith discussion about gender ideology and its impact on women, children, adolescents, and also on lesbian, gay, and bisexual people.

It is our hope that together we can help to usher in a new beginning where we can have important conversations that until now have been substantially ignored by the liberal mainstream media. Given our mutual desire to support gender non-conforming individuals, we believe that it is vitally important for leading media to cover these crucial and under-reported stories.

- ☛ The extraordinary growth in the number of adolescents with gender dysphoria
- ☛ The link between increasingly rigid gendered expectations and gender dysphoria in childhood
- ☛ The social pressures on lesbian, gay and bisexual youth to conform to sex role stereotypes and/or change their bodies
- ☛ The complex issues facing the growing number of detransitioners
- ☛ The potential impact the enshrinement of gender identity has upon sex-based rights, single-sex spaces, and sports for women and girls

After receiving his letters, Harry travelled to Hogwarts on September 1. We would like to follow up with you in early September to see how we might bring more nuance and depth to the current coverage about gender issues.

Hope to see you at Hogwarts!

**#ItsNotHateToWantDebate**

**#HappyBirthdayJKR**