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Fact Check: Did Candace Owens Run a Liberal Blog Before Becoming a Conservative?

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Conservative commentator [Candace Owens](#) has become one of Monday's top trending [Twitter](#) topics after tweeting about President [Donald Trump](#)'s Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) speech Sunday that led to widespread social media criticism.

"If you guys are wondering what actual feminism is, it's Donald Trump having the courage to stand up on stage and call out the insanity of biological men dominating women's sports," Owens wrote in a tweet Sunday that garnered thousands of reactions.



On Monday, she addressed her trending status on Twitter.

"I'm trending right now and would like to publicly offer a non-apology for having stated the obvious: people purporting to be feminists that have not spoken out against the trans agenda currently eating women's rights—are frauds. Biological men have no place in women's sports."



James Kosur, senior adviser for the website Really American, tweeted Monday morning: "Just a reminder that Candace Owens tried to make money off liberals by running a very liberal blog. When she failed to get money out of liberal who are too smart to buy her crappy writing and brand, she suddenly became ultra-conservative," in a post that received about 10,000 likes and 2,400 retweets.



Just a reminder that Candace Owens tried to make money off liberals by running a very liberal blog. When she failed to get money out of liberal who are too smart to buy her crappy writing and brand, she suddenly became ultra-conservative. She's one of the worst drifters around.

— James Kosur (@JamesKosur) [March 1, 2021](#)

The Facts

Owens, 31, became one of the most recognizable and outspoken voices of the Republican Party shortly after "coming out" as a conservative in her 2017 YouTube video titled "Mom, Dad....I'm a Conservative."

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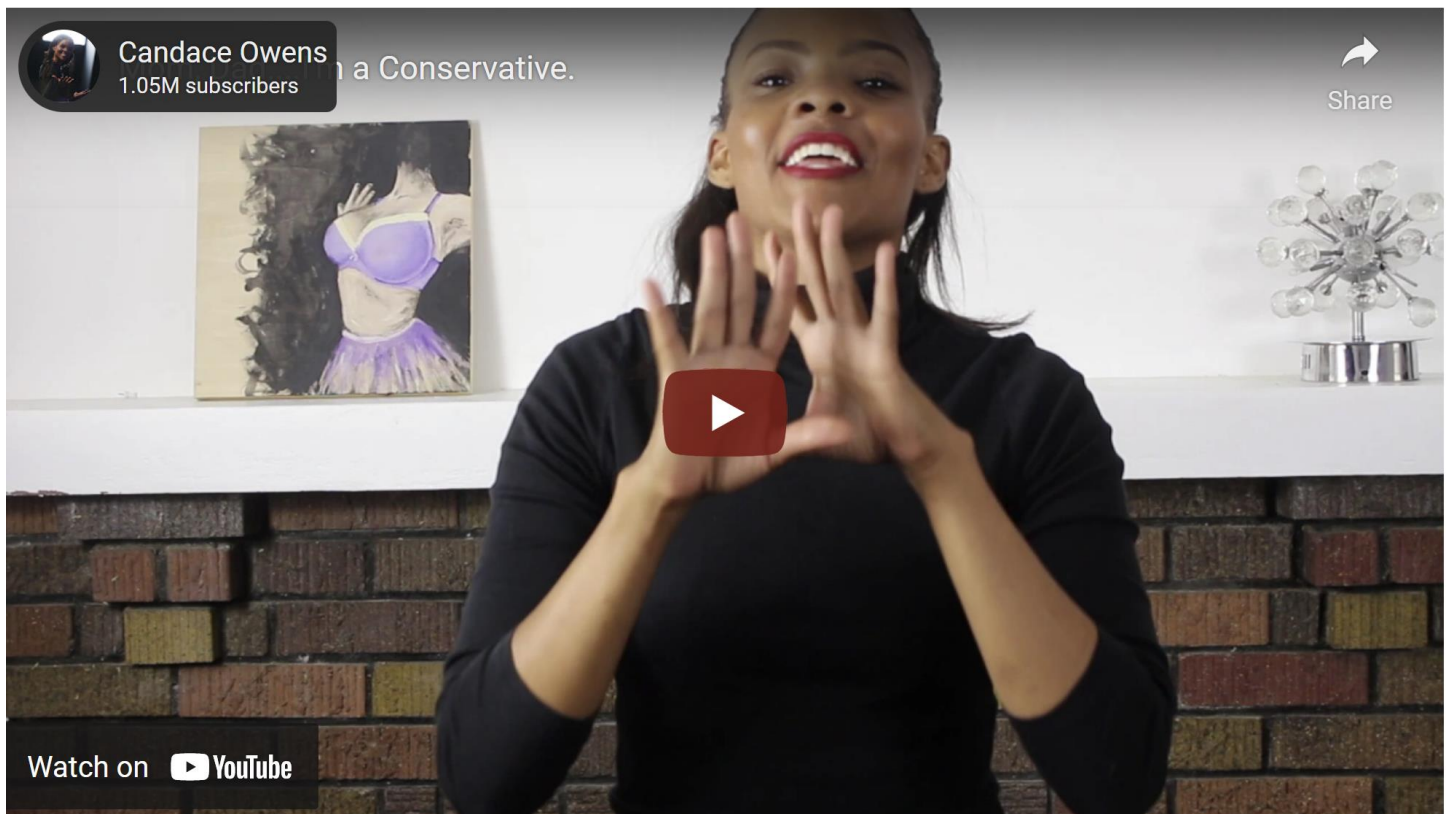


Figure 1: Mom, Dad....I'm a Conservative. <https://youtu.be/dgKc-2rFcRw>

Before that, Owens was the CEO of a blog on the website Degree180 that featured articles on a variety of topics from lifestyle and culture pieces to political commentary written by Owens and various contributors. The site is no longer active.

Some of the site's content, which has been archived and is accessible through the Internet Archive, criticized Trump, whom Owens now publicly supports, and conservatives.

Owens wrote an article criticizing the then-status of the party she currently aligns with in an October 2015 post titled "NEWS UPDATE: THE REPUBLICAN TEA PARTY IS LED BY THE MAD HATTER."

She wrote that Degree180 launched an unofficial "full-scale investigation into the bat-s***-crazy antics of the Republican Tea Party."

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"The good news is, they will eventually die off (peacefully in their sleep, we hope), and then we can get right on with the OBVIOUS social change that needs to happen, IMMEDIATELY," Owens wrote in her blog post.

She then wrote detailed elaborations under three points of social change that should be expected when "that last tea-party coffin is sealed."

A few of Degree180 contributors' articles critiqued Trump such as one piece titled "Serious Question: Is Donald Trump A Social Experiment?" that mentioned Trump's "racist, bigoted and downright offensive" actions before concluding her theory that he is a "social experiment."

While content criticizing Trump was present on Degree180, some posts also criticized Trump's 2016 presidential election opponent, [Hillary Clinton](#).

Although the site had articles that criticized Trump and the Republican Party, Degree180 did not include only liberal voices.

In the blog post titled "@LIBERALS: I'M A CONSERVATIVE, AND THAT'S OKAY TOO," a contributor defended her conservative views after she said she grew up in a blue state arguing that there are "many different strains of conservatism."

Toward the end of 2016, Degree180's blog appeared to stop publishing new content.

Newsweek reached out to Owens for comment.

The Ruling

Mostly True.

Candace Owens was in charge of Degree180's blog that contained blog posts on a range of topics from mostly liberal but occasionally conservative voices, although critiques of Trump frequently appeared on the site.

Much of Owens' authored content on the site was not entirely politically focused, but she did write one post critiquing the Republican Party in 2015 before announcing on YouTube in 2017 that she had become a conservative.



Conservative commentator Candace Owens delivers a speech during the Convention de la Droite in Paris on September 28, 2019.

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Figure 2: <https://www.newsweek.com/fact-check-did-candace-owens-run-liberal-blog-before-becoming-conservative-1573008#slideshow/1674001>

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