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David Hogg, 17, went from Florida high school student to mass shooting survivor to telegenic advocate for gun-control laws in a few days. And just as quickly, online conspiracy theorists began spinning viral lies attacking the teenager's credibility.

By Wednesday — a week after a gunman wielding a semiautomatic rifle killed 17 people at Hogg's Parkland, Fla., school — online media sites including YouTube [swelled with false allegations](#) that Hogg was secretly a "crisis actor" playing the part of a grieving student in local and national television news reports.

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