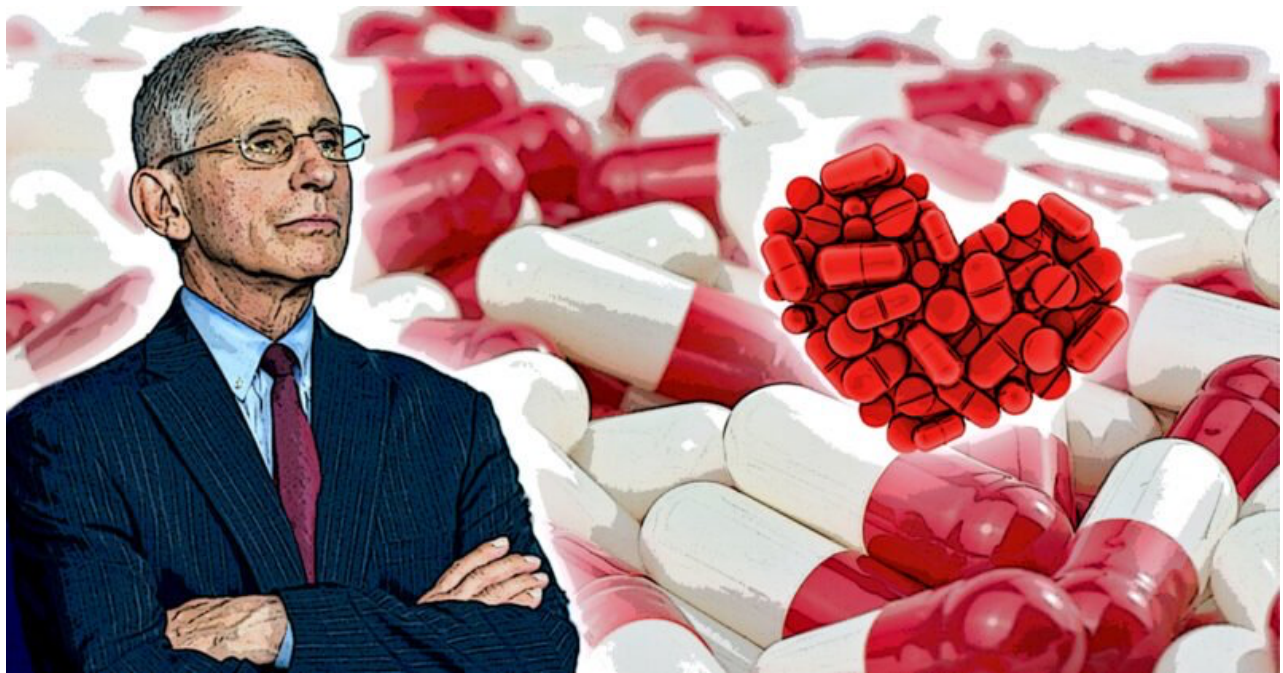


Fauci's Love Affair With Pharma and the 'Dark Role' He Played in Pandemic

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After forty-eight years of leading the U.S. government's responses to infectious diseases, [Dr. Anthony Fauci](#) recently announced his plans to retire at the end of the year.

His story warrants a closer look at what it tells us about American politics, business and healthcare.

For decades before his recent fame, [Fauci](#) has been a medical researcher credited with important new understandings of the human immune response, particularly in [HIV](#) and AIDS.

He also helped develop therapies for several previously fatal diseases, including a [treatment](#) of [vasculitis](#) which turned a 98% mortality rate into a 93% survival rate.

For most of his career, he has been the world's most-cited [researcher](#) on AIDS and infectious diseases.

He has received many awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Ironically, Fauci has also presided over a decades-long [decline](#) in the overall [health](#) of American citizens.

During his time in public health, a great number of chronic illnesses have become commonplace.

[Food allergies](#), [autoimmune diseases](#) and [cancer](#) now affect more than half of American children.

[Autism](#), once rare, now affects 1 in 44 children.

A lifetime in public health

Dr. Anthony Fauci was born in Brooklyn in 1940, the son of a pharmacist. Pharmacy was the family business, and both his mother and sister worked in his father's shop beneath their apartment.

As a young man, Fauci studied medicine at Cornell University, graduating first in his class. After his residency in 1966, he took a research job at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and he has [worked](#) for the U.S. government ever since.

In his five decades in public health, Fauci has advised every President since Ronald Reagan.

Since 1984 he has been the head of the National Institute for Allergies and Infectious Disease (NIAID), one of 27 institutes within the NIH, given the mission of researching and preventing infectious, immunologic and allergic diseases.

For many Americans, Fauci has been the trusted face of the U.S. government's response to the [pandemic](#).

It was his confident explanations, both to the public and to policymakers, which led to the use of [lockdowns](#), business closures, [masking](#) and [vaccines](#) as the response to the virus.

His many critics see a different [Dr. Anthony Fauci](#) — a bureaucrat who seems to have made a career of [putting politics](#) and [corporate profits](#) above public health.

"Dr. Fauci has shaped the American medical world," said Mary Holland, President of [Children's Health Defense](#), in an interview with The Epoch Times.

"He's moved American health institutions, NIH in particular, to a very intertwined relationship with the [pharmaceutical industry](#)."

Holland's nonprofit organization, chaired by [Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.](#), has been a prominent critic of Dr. Fauci's policies — particularly the mass vaccination of American citizens.

Censorship and control

"Dr. Fauci and his NIAID have played a very dark role in [COVID](#)," Holland said.

"The level of [propaganda](#) we have lived through in the last two years is unprecedented in my lifetime. I lived in the Soviet Union after law school, fighting for human rights and working against government propaganda and censorship. And now we are living through that in the United States."

According to Holland, Fauci is the key player in the U.S. government's efforts to [control all information](#) relating to the pandemic and the virus.

"The [documents](#) are coming out that show that the government has been censoring us, suppressing factual information that relate to this virus and the pandemic."

Even criticism of Fauci has been censored, says Holland. "Robert Kennedy's new book, ['The Real Anthony Fauci'](#) has been suppressed at every turn," she said.

The 2021 book takes a hard look at Fauci's career and his handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kennedy has found it almost impossible to promote his book.

"No major publication in the country would review the book," said Holland.

"[The New York Times](#) would not include it on their bestseller list, and he [Kennedy] was not invited on any major media platform, except for Tucker Carlson and The Epoch Times. The level of censorship has been astonishing."

Kennedy isn't the only one censored.

For two years, mainstream media outlets have ignored the scientists who have questioned Fauci's views.

These scientists have seen their ideas rejected (or later retracted) by medical journals, denounced by government officials and censored by social media platforms.

Fauci has been candid about his suppression of dissent. "Attacks on me, quite frankly, are attacks on science," Fauci [told](#) CNBC in a June 2021 interview.

In May, the attorneys general for Missouri and Louisiana filed a lawsuit against President Joe Biden and other White House officials, accusing them of violating the First Amendment by [colluding with social media giants](#) to suppress information about the pandemic.

According to recently released [court documents](#), the Biden administration worked so closely with social media that [Facebook](#) head Mark Zuckerberg gave Fauci his personal phone number when the crackdown on COVID-19 information began.

But why this need for control? What information needed to be covered up?

According to Holland, it's the role that Fauci may have played in creating and prolonging this pandemic.

"By all appearances, they have tried to [cover up their role](#) in funding lethal [gain of function research](#) in China," said Holland.

"They have also suppressed the use of lifesaving early treatments like [ivermectin](#) and [hydroxychloroquine](#), and they have suppressed valuable research into preventive measures that could have saved countless lives."

The result, says Holland and other critics, is a dark period in American history.

Fauci's pandemic?

Starting in early 2020, Americans faced unprecedented government intrusion in their lives.

Business and [school closures](#), lockdowns, [mask mandates](#) — and the man behind these government policies has been Dr. Anthony Fauci.

In countless interviews and press conferences, Fauci positioned himself as the one true source of correct COVID-19 information and guidance.

Emergency orders at the federal, state and local levels were based on Fauci's opinions.

Fauci himself took credit for the [policy of lockdowns](#), saying in

October 2020, "I recommended to the president that we [shut the country down](#). That was a very difficult decision because I knew it would have very serious economic consequences."

"Anthony Fauci is clearly at the very center of all things COVID," Holland said. "And he has been in charge of controlling the information about the pandemic."

"From the very beginning, when many scientists were pointing to a lab origin for this virus," said Holland, "Anthony Fauci put a stop to that important debate."

Despite the discovery of NIAID's [funding of gain-of-function research](#) on coronaviruses at the [Wuhan Institute of Virology](#), Fauci continues to say that the virus likely has a natural origin.

A similar thing happened with scientific opposition to Fauci's policies.

[The Great Barrington Declaration](#), written in October 2020 and signed by over 60,000 doctors and scientists, opposed lockdowns and advocated a new policy of protecting only the most vulnerable populations while allowing the rest to live freely and develop natural immunity.

Fauci called the Declaration "ridiculous" and "very dangerous," and led a [campaign](#) to attack the authors and signatories, instead of their ideas.

"It has been remarkable," Holland said, "to see one of the most influential figures in American life purposely suppressing truthful information — about a lab leak, about scientists who said there should be no lockdowns, about the value of [masks](#) and the risks of vaccines."

"In the COVID response we saw extraordinary corruption," said Holland. "The origin of the virus was covered up. Important treatments were suppressed. And vaccines were authorized, and mandated on inadequate science."

Suppression of cures

One of the most astonishing aspects of Fauci's leadership during the pandemic has been his strong opposition to any potential treatment.

In two years, neither Fauci nor any U.S. government agency has published a single treatment protocol for COVID-19 patients.

In contrast, China had a treatment protocol [online](#) by mid-March of 2020.

The result of an organized collection of data from hundreds of hospitals treating thousands of patients, the Chinese protocol included simple solutions like saline nasal lavage, an antiseptic mouthwash to reduce viral loads and cheap drugs like zinc, Pepcid, chloroquine and antibiotics.

As of this writing, the United States still has no official treatment protocol.

And no protocols have been proposed by any major American university or research hospital. Yet every American doctor who has tried to publish one has been quickly censored and ridiculed.

[Dr. Peter McCullough](#) knows this firsthand.

The author of the protocol that became the most downloaded [medical paper](#) of 2020, McCullough was among the first American doctors to

develop, test and publish a successful treatment protocol, resulting in an 85% reduction in hospitalizations and death among his patients.

A medical doctor and author of over 600 peer-reviewed research articles, McCullough at first had no thought of developing his own treatment plan.

But he soon became alarmed at the government's failure to provide treatment advice to America's doctors.

By May 2020, McCullough began taking action.

He quickly set up a network of doctors to share information about effective treatments — something Fauci never did.

For his efforts, he found himself [sued](#) by Baylor University, had his Wikipedia page re-written to label him a source of "COVID misinformation," and had his reputation attacked in print and online.

All while major medical institutions did nothing to find a treatment.

"They didn't even try," McCullough is quoted as saying in "The Real Anthony Fauci."

"Harvard, John Hopkins, Duke, you name it. There wasn't an ounce of original research coming out of America to fight COVID — other than vaccines."

Across the country, [Dr. Pierre Kory](#) was fighting the same battle.

The co-founder of the [Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance](#), Kory and a team of doctors were quickly developing their own protocol and putting it online.

Like McCullough, Kory had discovered the effectiveness of ivermectin, hydroxychloroquine, and a number of other inexpensive and easily available drugs.

Kory [testified](#) twice to the U.S. Senate explaining the success of his treatment protocol.

He also submitted a formal paper to the NIH, which quickly dismissed the results as “insufficient data” lacking proper clinical trials.

Another research paper explaining the protocol was retracted by the journal *Frontiers in Pharmacology* due to “unsupported claims.”

“The efficacy of some of these drugs... is almost miraculous. We could have stopped the pandemic in its tracks in the Spring of 2020,” said Kory.

“Yet Dr. Fauci refused to promote any of these interventions. It’s not just that he made no effort to find effective off-the-shelf cures — he aggressively suppressed them.”

“You had Birx, Fauci and Redfield doing press conferences every day,” Kory said in an interview. “And not one of them ever treated a COVID patient or worked in an emergency room or ICU. They knew nothing.”

“Dr. Fauci’s suppression of early treatments,” said Kory, “will go down in history as having caused the death of half a million Americans.”

But why would Anthony Fauci suppress effective treatments? Why attack doctors trying to find a solution?

According to Robert Kennedy, it might be because safe and effective treatments for COVID-19 would make the new vaccines unnecessary.

Successful treatments aren't just a marketing challenge for the vaccine manufacturers — they're a legal obstacle, too.

Once a successful treatment for COVID-19 is established, it becomes much less likely that the FDA will grant Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to new vaccines and new drugs.

Under federal law, there must be no approved alternative way of treating or preventing a disease before authorizing an EUA.

The EUA under which the experimental vaccines were given to millions of Americans would never have been granted if COVID-19 was known to be an easily treatable disease.

In "The Real Anthony Fauci", Robert Kennedy writes, "His bizarre and inexplicable actions give credence to the suspicions held by many Americans that Dr. Fauci is working to prolong the epidemic in order to impose expensive patented drugs and vaccines on a captive population."

AIDS

COVID-19 isn't the first time that Anthony Fauci has been accused of using public policy to benefit [big pharma](#) corporations.

Forty years ago, at the height of the [AIDS crisis](#) in America, many AIDS activists called Anthony Fauci a sellout to the drug companies.

"You are responsible for all government-funded AIDS treatment research," said activist Larry Kramer in an [open letter](#) to Fauci in the San Francisco Examiner in 1988.

"You are part of a government bureaucracy that values thriving

pharmaceutical company entrepreneurism over the health of people with HIV."

Kramer's criticism: instead of focusing on improving patients' health, Fauci's only answer to AIDS was the development of new drugs.

"How long will it take you to start focusing on the immune system, how to boost it and how to prevent the opportunistic infections that are killing people with AIDS? Still, you give your blessing to clinical trials of highly profitable toxins..."

"You are a pill-pushing pimp that cooperates with drug companies in forcing dangerous concoctions down the throats of a desperate community," wrote Kramer. "AIDS drugs are not sold to help people, they are sold to make a profit."

Conflicts of interest

Despite the criticism Fauci endured, the AIDS crisis produced the most important opportunity of his career: using NIAID to develop and profit from new drugs.

His collaboration with pharmaceutical companies quickly grew into a billion-dollar business.

The 1980 [Bayh-Dole Act](#) allowed NIAID and government scientists like Fauci to directly profit from drug development.

Under the law, NIAID was now allowed to file patents on the new drugs that their research was creating, and then license those drug patents back to pharmaceutical companies.

Individual government scientists could also put their names on

patents and collect royalties.

This created a new income stream for Anthony Fauci: [royalties](#) on the sales of all drugs developed through NIAID-funded research.

Drug development very quickly became the focus of Fauci's NIAID, and millions of dollars in royalties started to pour in.

According to a 2006 [investigation](#) by the Associated Press, NIH and NIAID were concealing millions of dollars in royalties paid not just to the agencies, but to individual officials including Fauci, with little regard for the ethical and legal conflicts of interest.

This information was not made public until the Associated Press obtained the information under the Freedom of Information Act.

In early 2022, OpenTheBooks.com, a government watchdog nonprofit, [reported](#) over 22,000 royalty payments totaling nearly \$134 million in royalty payments from pharma companies to the NIH and directly to over 1,600 NIH scientists.

These payments occurred between 2009 and 2014. Data from 2015 onward is not yet available.

As a co-owner of drug and vaccine patents, Fauci himself receives royalty payments, including from the development of the [Moderna COVID-19 vaccine](#).

The amount of these payments has not been made public.

It is perhaps no coincidence then, that the Biden administration's [COVID-19 plan](#), "The Path out of the Pandemic," consists of only one strategy: more government vaccination mandates.

"Think about it," said Children's Health Defense president Mary Holland. "NIAID is a joint venture partner with Moderna! How can the government be a joint venture partner with a for-profit corporation? And then set public policy to force the use of that product? The conflict of interest is astounding."

Experiments in New York

Drug development for AIDS created a little-known episode in Fauci's career.

Starting in 1985, the NIAID provided funding for clinical drug trials on HIV-positive children, studies which included children in the New York foster care system.

According to a 2009 [report](#) by the Vera Institute of Justice, 25 of the children involved in these experiments died, though there is no evidence that they died as a direct result of the experiments.

"NIAID under Fauci exploited the most vulnerable in our society to develop new drugs," said Holland.

"These were poor children, without parents, many of whom were already very sick. Episodes like this, make one genuinely recall other medical atrocities in history, experiments conducted on vulnerable people without proper informed consent."

Experiments in Africa

Experimentation on humans has been a key part of Fauci's role in new drug and vaccine development, especially in Africa in the search for a solution to AIDS.

Since the mid-1990s Fauci has been the chief [promoter](#) of the quest for an HIV vaccine.

Under Fauci's advice, every American president since Clinton has pledged billions of taxpayer dollars to this project — foreign aid diverted away from food and infrastructure to vaccine manufacturers and their research projects, in the name of eradicating AIDS in Africa.

In early 2000, [Fauci and Bill Gates](#) formed a unique partnership to control this flow of money.

By leveraging the research funding available through Fauci's NIAID, Bill Gates' celebrity philanthropy, the tragedy of AIDS, and the massive wealth of pharmaceutical companies, Fauci and Gates acquired tremendous influence over health policy around the world.

This Fauci-Gates partnership is detailed in a 2008 report in the Journal of European Molecular Biology, provocatively titled "[The Gates Foundation](#): How Sixty Billion Dollars and One Famous Person Can Affect Spending and Research Focus of Public Agencies."

As many human rights organizations have pointed out, Fauci and Gates have spent decades profiting from the use of Africans as test subjects for experimental drugs that often do great harm.

And there still is no vaccine for HIV.

Fauci's COVID failure

Fauci and Gates haven't done any better in their battle against COVID-19.

With near-total control of American public health policies, Fauci

presided over one of the highest pandemic death rates in the world.

In 2020, the United States suffered 15% of the world's COVID-19 deaths — in a country with just 4% of the world's population.

Despite lockdowns, social distancing, masks and vaccines, as of July, the total COVID-19 [mortality](#) rate in the U.S. was 3,099 deaths per million, the 15th highest mortality rate in the world.

For comparison, the total COVID-19 mortality rate in Japan is just 250 deaths per million. Venezuela, 202 deaths per million. The Philippines, 553 deaths per million.

[Sweden](#), which never locked down, never mandated masks and never forced vaccinations, has a mortality rate of 1,849 COVID-19 deaths per million — 40% lower than the United States.

According to a June [study](#) in the British Medical Journal, average [life expectancy](#) in the United States plummeted in 2020, dropping by 1.9 years — a rate 8.5 times greater than the average drop in other developed nations.

“Dr. Fauci’s remedies,” writes Robert Kennedy, “were often more lethal than the disease they pretend to treat. His COVID prescriptions were no exception.”

“With his narrow focus on the solution of mass vaccination, Dr. Fauci... seems to have never considered that his unprecedented quarantine of the healthy would kill far more people than COVID, obliterate the global economy, [plunge millions into poverty](#) and bankruptcy and grievously wound constitutional democracy globally.”

After two years of failed interventions, Fauci says he would have done things differently.

In an interview with "The Hill" in July, he said his biggest mistake was not enacting even harsher measures. "If I knew in 2020 what I know now," said Fauci.

"There would have been much, much more stringent restrictions in the sense of very, very heavy encouragement of people to wear masks, physical distancing, what have you."

To this, Mary Holland of Children's Health Defense had a simple reply: "We cannot have one person run a whole area of public health for the country for close to 50 years. This is not the way to run health care in a democratic country."

Fauci's office and the NIAID were reached for comment.

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