

President Biden Must Fire Dr. Anthony Fauci

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Conservatives call on President Biden to immediately fire Dr. Anthony Fauci from his position as the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and from his position as Chief Medical Advisor to the President.

It has become increasingly clear that Dr. Fauci can no longer direct a coherent and transparent leadership role in the national public health response to COVID-19. Release of documents, including Dr. Fauci's own emails, show he misled the country with regard to masking, virus origin theories, and herd immunity based on his own beliefs about what he thought the country "needed to hear."

Public health is not an invitation to dictatorship. Rather, it is a position of trust, empiricism, and guidance, one that Dr. Fauci has come to abuse through his overt politicking and lack of transparency with the public – including with Members of Congress.

In multiple congressional hearings, Dr. Fauci has denied that the National Institutes of Health, under his direction, funded gain-of-function research in China. Most recently in June, Dr. Fauci responded to questioning from Sen. Rand Paul by claiming that the NIH "has not ever and does not now fund gain-of-function research in the Wuhan Institute of Virology." He went on, "if anyone is lying here, senator, it is you."

Yet, documents recently obtained by The Intercept via a Freedom of Information Act request reveal that at least two NIH grants to the EcoHealth Alliance, which subcontracted to the Wuhan Institute, funded gain-of-function research. More specifically, the grant funding supported the Wuhan-based construction of a novel chimeric SARS-related coronavirus that resulted in viruses which could infect human cells. In other words, the United States government was funding research to supercharge bat coronaviruses for infection in humans – research that was, at different times, deemed too risky to fund, and barred by both the Obama and Trump administrations.

Research that modifies animal viruses for infection into humans is definitionally gain-of-function research, despite Dr. Fauci's repeated claims to the contrary. Dr. Fauci knew this, and denied it in front of Congress – while calling a United States senator a liar, to boot. He is guilty of perjury.

We call on President Biden to fire Dr. Fauci, and if he does not, we call on Congress to impeach him and remove him from his public service positions at the White House and the NIAID.

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