

# The Great COVID Cover-Ups

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## STORY AT-A-GLANCE

- › The COVID pandemic is rife with cover-ups, starting with China intentionally allowing the outbreak to spread by saying there was no evidence of human-to-human transmission
- › In 2019, Dr. Anthony Fauci and a former director of the U.S. Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) hinted at a pandemic being a perfect excuse for transitioning from conventional vaccine manufacturing into experimental mRNA technology that would otherwise take decades to bring to market
- › Two of the biggest cover-ups have been the persistent denials of SARS-CoV-2 being the result of gain-of-function research, and that the pandemic was the result of a lab leak (whether accidental or intentional)
- › Cover-ups have created irrational narratives, which in turn have resulted in a number of irrational beliefs and behaviors, including the excessive dependence on plastic sheathing, plastic barriers, single-directional walking directives, the idea that natural herd immunity doesn't exist but asymptomatic spread does, and the belief that lockdowns lower infection rates
- › One of the most persistent irrational beliefs spawned during this pandemic is that masks prevent the spread of the virus. A recent U.K. Department of Education report found no evidence that universal mask wearing in schools reduced absences due to illness, and therefore should not be mandated

From the initial cover-up of human-to-human transmission of SARS-CoV-2, there's been one cover-up after the other. There are so many, I can only review some of the most

obvious and persistent ones here.

While one of the latest ones on the scene, there are clear indications that the “ultimate” pandemic countermeasure, the so-called COVID “vaccines,” are not what they’ve been made out to be, and the redefinition of “vaccine” is only the tip of the iceberg.

## **The Secret Plan to Force mRNA Vaccines on a Reticent Public**

The video above features NIAID director Dr. Anthony Fauci, Health and Human Services officials and other health experts, including Dr. Rick Bright, former director of the U.S. Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), now a senior vice president of pandemic Prevention and Response at The Rockefeller Foundation.

All participated in a panel hosted by the Milken Institute, October 28 through 30, 2019, to discuss how they might achieve the transition from conventional vaccine development to novel mRNA technology.<sup>1</sup>

Here, the discussion revolved specifically around the introduction of an mRNA-based universal flu vaccine. The fact that the public might be reticent is noted, as are the regulatory hurdles that such a product would entail. Bright stated:

*“There may be a need, even an urgent call, for an entity of excitement out there which is completely disruptive, not beholden to bureaucratic strings and processes ...*

*It is not too crazy to think that an outbreak of a novel avian virus could occur in China somewhere. We could get the RNA sequence from that and beam it to a number of regional centers, if not local, if not even in your home at some point, and print those vaccines on a patch to be self-administered.”*

Fauci, for his part, pointed out that going through the process of proving an mRNA safe and effective would take a decade or more. He also noted that it would be very difficult to change people’s perception of influenza and the flu vaccine — “unless you do it from

within and say, 'I don't care what your perception is, we're going to address the problem ...'"

## Reading Between the Lines

Reading between the lines, it seems Bright and Fauci hinted at a pandemic being the perfect opportunity to roll out this mRNA technology and just call it a vaccine. If the situation were to be dire enough, there might be sufficient "excitement" capable of disrupting the status quo and warranting wild experimentation with something brand-new — all while circumventing "bureaucratic strings and processes."

Well, by the looks of it, Bright and Fauci got their wish, and the global population is paying the price for their decision to throw bureaucratic strings and processes to the wind, along with caution.

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At present, it looks like somewhere between 64,600 and 407,400 Americans have been killed by these injections (using an underreporting factor of 6.5, as suggested by the CDC,<sup>2</sup> or 41, as calculated by Steve Kirsch, executive director of the COVID-19 Early Treatment Fund), and that's in a single year.

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They ignored everyone's perceptions and concerns and barreled ahead, changing definitions along the way to make their narrative work. To this day, there are many who do not understand that the COVID shots are unlike any other vaccine. They don't understand how they work, and hence they have a hard time believing that people are having such devastating side effects, or that people are dying from them by the dozens each and every day.

The COVID jab cover-up is undoubtedly something that will be exposed more and more as time goes on. Eventually, the effects will become too blatant and widespread to ignore – even for those intentionally turning a blind eye.

Unfortunately, by then it will be too late for tens of millions of people who were snookered into participating in a medical experiment that Fauci himself, in 2019, said would take a decade or longer to do correctly. Today, he stands before the TV cameras claiming they got it right on the first try, having skipped animal trials, toxicology tests and oversight boards.

## **The Cover-Up of SARS-CoV-2's Origin**

The origin of SARS-CoV-2 – which conveniently allowed Fauci and Bright to fulfill their vision of ushering in mRNA vaccines without having to jump through too many hoops – is another major cover-up that needs to be dismantled.

In a January 14, 2022, article in The Japan Times,<sup>3</sup> Brahma Chellaney, professor of strategic studies at the Center for Policy Research in Delhi, highlights the need to identify the missteps that resulted in the COVID pandemic, and to do that, we must investigate what happened in China.

*"If we are to forestall another coronavirus pandemic in the 21st century, understanding the causes of the current one is imperative," Chellaney writes.*

*“Already, COVID-19 has caused more than 5.4 million deaths. But that is just the beginning: The toll of the pandemic includes increased rates of obesity, unemployment, poverty, depression, alcoholism, homicide, domestic violence, divorce and suicide.*

*And, as the omicron variant fuels record infection rates and disrupts economies in many parts of the world, pandemic fatigue is morphing into pandemic burnout.*

*Our chances of eliminating COVID-19 now appear increasingly remote. But, as we attempt to figure out how to live with the virus, we must also identify the missteps – accidental and otherwise – that led us here. And that means, first and foremost, turning a critical eye toward China.”*

## **Why Were Facts About Human-to-Human Transmission Censored?**

In the earliest days of the initial outbreak in Wuhan, China, the Chinese regime denied any evidence of human-to-human transmission, a fallacy that was then echoed by the World Health Organization in a January 14, 2020, tweet.<sup>4</sup> Less than two months later, the WHO declared COVID-19 a global pandemic.

According to the South China Morning Post,<sup>5</sup> the Chinese government knew full well that the virus was spreading between people. Government records seen by the South China Morning Post traced the earliest known COVID case back to mid-November 2019, with one to five cases per day being reported thereafter. Clearly, transmission was taking place.

By denying the likelihood of human-to-human transmission, the Chinese government and the WHO allowed the virus to spread across international borders for several weeks. China also expelled all American journalists, prompting this March 18, 2020, tweet by Axios reporter Jonathan Swan:<sup>6</sup>

*“Terrible. We desperately need accurate reporting from China. The pandemic originated in Wuhan & was initially covered up by Chinese authorities. University of Southampton study found there would have been a 95% REDUCTION in cases & less spread if Beijing intervened 3 wks sooner.”*

Early on, Chinese authorities were also accused of suppressing the voices of doctors who were sounding the alarm and of censoring public health information shared online. Things only grew worse from there. Over the past two years, we’ve seen truly unprecedented medical, scientific and political censorship all across the world.

It would have been easy to assume the Chinese regime was running the media narrative globally. But, of course, we’ve since learned that the true source behind this coordinated campaign is the work of a much more hidden system, a “deep state” run by unelected technocrats with a network of connections into government agencies, media, Big Pharma, Big Tech and finance worldwide.

Fauci may have wanted a pandemic to usher in untested mRNA technology, but this deep state network has a far larger agenda, which includes enslaving the global population through technology and digital surveillance, and stripping us of our personal wealth in the process.

The COVID shots served their role in this larger takeover scheme, in that they could insist on tracking people’s vaccination status using health passports that could then be expanded into digital IDs and centrally controlled financial tracking tools.

## **The Lab Leak Cover-Up**

Two of the biggest cover-ups have undoubtedly been the persistent denials of SARS-CoV-2 being the result of gain-of-function research, and the pandemic the result of a lab leak (whether accidental or intentional). Chellaney writes:<sup>7</sup>

*“Here, too, China has embraced obfuscation rather than transparency. Xi’s regime has blocked an independent forensic inquiry into COVID-19’s origins, arguing that any such investigation amounts to ‘origin-tracing terrorism.’*

*After Australia called for a probe into China's handling of the outbreak, Xi's government punished it with a raft of informal sanctions.*

*China had help covering up its bad behavior. Early in the pandemic, World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus parroted the Chinese government's talking points and praised its handling of the outbreak. Instead of verifying China's claims, the WHO broadcast them to the world ...*

*The West also helped China to divert attention from the lab-leak hypothesis. Not only are several labs in the West engaged in research to engineer super-viruses; Western governments have ties to the WIV [Wuhan Institute of Virology] ...*

*Both the National Institutes of Health and USAID have issued grants to EcoHealth Alliance, a group studying bat coronaviruses in collaboration with WIV researchers.*

*The U.S. government has not disclosed the full extent of its funding to WIV projects, let alone explained why its agencies would fund research at an institution linked to the Chinese military."*

## **Americans Shielded China From Blame**

Indeed, American authorities have done a great deal to shield China from fallout. For example, in February 2020, American scientists associated with Dr. Anthony Fauci's National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and the National Institutes of Health published a "consensus statement" in *The Lancet*, in which they "strongly condemned" the "conspiracy theory" that the virus was manmade and/or leaked from a lab.<sup>8</sup>

The letter was later found to have been drafted by EcoHealth Alliance president Peter Daszak, who had subcontracted gain-of-function research on coronaviruses to the WIV, paid for by the NIAID.

In the aftermath, Richard Horton, editor-in-chief of The Lancet, was publicly criticized for his defense and support of the Chinese regime, and was accused of using The Lancet to pursue political causes and stifle scientific debate.<sup>9</sup> The Lancet's bias seems unmistakable in this instance.

In January 2021, 14 global experts had submitted a letter to The Lancet in which they argued that "the natural origin is not supported by conclusive arguments and that a lab origin cannot be formally discarded." Horton rejected the submission, stating it was "not a priority" for the journal.<sup>10</sup>

In what appears to have been an act of beneficent reciprocity to its American allies, the WIV quietly deleted mentions of its collaboration with the NIAID/NIH and other American research partners from its website in March 2021, after Senate members started grilling Fauci about his funding of gain-of-function research at the WIV.<sup>11</sup> They also deleted a scientific article discussing genetic research on the SARS virus.<sup>12</sup>

## **Media Upheld the Cover-Up, Allowing China to Profit**

I first mentioned that the outbreak had the hallmarks of a laboratory escape in a February 4, 2020, article. A March 27, 2020, U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency assessment report noted that SARS-CoV-2 was likely an accidental release from an infectious diseases laboratory,<sup>13</sup> yet it took a year before mainstream media stopped dismissing the evidence out of hand.<sup>14,15</sup>

The WHO's commission charged with the investigation of SARS-CoV-2's origin also dismissed the lab-origin theory without doing a real investigation.<sup>16,17</sup> However, the backlash and incredulity was so great,<sup>18</sup> WHO's director-general Tedros Ghebreyesus had to quickly backtrack and promise that it would be looked into further.

Chellaney goes on to note that while China's president Xi Jinping has promised to place labs handling deadly pathogens under closer scrutiny, "he continues to denounce any insinuation that the coronavirus could have been leaked."



*“Meanwhile, China is profiting from the pandemic,” Chellaney writes.<sup>19</sup> “Its exports are surging. The country has capitalized on the crisis to advance its geopolitical interests, including by stepping up its territorial aggression, from East Asia to the Himalayas.*

*But a reckoning may yet come. Nearly three-quarters of Americans now believe that it is ‘likely’ that COVID-19 was leaked from the WIV. Moreover, as China’s neoimperialist ambitions have become clear, unfavorable views of China have reached record highs in many advanced economies.*

*If world leaders wanted a mandate to pursue further inquiries into the pandemic’s origins, it is safe to say they have it. This is not the first made-in-China pandemic – the country also produced SARS in 2003, the Asian flu in 1957, the Hong Kong flu in 1968 and the Russian flu in 1977. If the world keeps letting China off the hook, it will not be the last.”*

## **COVID Lies Abound**

In March 2021, I published an article<sup>20</sup> featuring the work of Dr. Malcolm Kendrick, a general practitioner in Cheshire, England, who has made it his mission to bring some balance to the widespread fearmongering that occurs at the hands of the health care lobby and media – especially in the last two years. You can [read it here](#).

In it, I summarized the top eight COVID lies that Kendrick highlighted, including the idea that natural herd immunity doesn’t exist and must be achieved through mass vaccination, that vaccines induce stronger and longer lasting immunity than immunity from natural infection, and that universal mask wearing prevents viral transmission.

The article also reviewed how COVID death statistics were inflated using a faulty PCR test, why the Swedish COVID-19 response was not at all “a disaster” as the media claimed, the myth that lockdowns resulted in lower case rates, and the fallacy that asymptomatic spread was driving the pandemic.

All of these myths were sown by government authorities with an ulterior motive to manufacture a pandemic for geopolitical purposes, and carefully tended by a dishonest press corps that refused to ask even the most obvious of questions.

## **Lack of Honesty Has Resulted in Ridiculous Beliefs**

Never in my life did I think I would ever see people buy into the kind of nonsense we've seen in the last two years, and one reason for this irrationality is, I believe, because health authorities, political leaders and the media all lied about facts, data and science. By crafting an irrational narrative and pushing it to the exclusion of everything else, they brainwashed people into relinquishing all sense and sensibility.

For example, by the end of November 2020, retirement communities were setting up "hugging walls" where visitors could hug their loved ones through thick sheets of plastic. The AARP reported<sup>21</sup> this as an ingenious invention to help loved ones connect, but in reality, it's but one step from madness. Did no one think that an airborne virus might travel over or under the plastic curtain?

And don't even get me started on the single-directional walking rules that stores imposed, where large arrows on the floor directed people to walk in a single direction down aisles. Fortunately, that was apparently so over-the-top idiotic that it didn't last very long.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for all those plastic barriers erected on desks and checkout counters. Untold amounts of money have been spent on these useless contraptions that diminish human interactions far more efficiently than they block viruses.

It took well over a year and a half before media even started questioning the usefulness of these soul-sucking barriers. In an August 19, 2021, New York Times article,<sup>22</sup> Tara Parker-Pope highlighted research suggesting the barriers "can interfere with normal ventilation" and airflow,<sup>23</sup> which can make viral spread more likely. One study – by the

CDC, no less – found the barriers had no impact on the risk of infection,<sup>24</sup> and another found they worsened it.<sup>25</sup>

*“Under normal conditions in stores, classrooms and offices, exhaled breath particles disperse, carried by air currents and, depending on the ventilation system, are replaced by fresh air roughly every 15 to 30 minutes,” Parker-Pope wrote.*

*“But erecting plastic barriers can change air flow in a room, disrupt normal ventilation and create ‘dead zones,’ where viral aerosol particles can build up and become highly concentrated.*

*‘If you have a forest of barriers in a classroom, it’s going to interfere with proper ventilation of that room,’ said Linsey Marr, professor of civil and environmental engineering at Virginia Tech and one of the world’s leading experts on viral transmission. ‘Everybody’s aerosols are going to be trapped and stuck there and building up, and they will end up spreading beyond your own desk.’”*

## **Masks Still Don’t Work**

One of the most persistent irrational beliefs spawned during this pandemic is that masks prevent the spread of the virus. Before 2020, you’d have been hard-pressed to find a health care professional who thought a surgical face mask could block an airborne virus. Well, I don’t need to tell you what happened. You’ve all lived through it.

In addition to the many studies that in years’ past demonstrated that masks don’t work against viruses, we can now point to a U.K. Department of Education report,<sup>26,27</sup> which found no evidence that universal mask wearing in schools reduced absences due to illness. Sarah Lewis, professor of molecular epidemiology at the University of Bristol told Bloomberg:<sup>28</sup>

*“Mask mandates can detract from the quality of education and exclude pupils with hearing difficulties from discussions. Where there is insufficient evidence*

*of a benefit of a policy and evidence of harms the default should be not to intervene.”*

Even so, researchers who apparently want masks to be the rule rather than the exception continue to pursue “studies” that purportedly prove everyone is better off with their face covered. For example, a study supporting mask usage<sup>29</sup> came out in January 2022 as part of a National Science Foundation initiative to study disease transmission in classrooms. The study consisted of just 14 people.

The insanity of the mask is perhaps best illustrated by school marching bands being forced to wear masks with a giant hole at the mouth, through which they can play their wind instruments.

The only good thing about this sad story is that sale of these useless facial feature blockers – reportedly picked up by universities and high schools across the U.S. – had by the end of August 2020 raised \$12,000 for the New Mexico State University’s music scholarship fund.<sup>30</sup>

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