

US Congressional review into Covid-19

What's the difference between a conspiracy theory and the truth? As the joke has it, it's about six months. In fact, it could be more like two years, which is around the time it's taken a US Congressional review into Covid-19 to publish its findings.

It was worth the wait. Almost every so-called conspiracy theory—voiced by WDDTY and many others at the time—turned out to be right, the House of Representatives' Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic has concluded after interviewing hundreds of key players about the US's response to the epidemic.

Yes, the virus was man-made and leaked from a laboratory in Wuhan, China, yes, the gain-of-function research was funded by the National Institutes of Health via the charity EcoHealth Alliance, headed by Peter Daszak, yes, the mRNA vaccine research was rushed and the vaccine wasn't safe and didn't prevent the virus's spread. And, no, social isolation, lockdowns and mask-wearing didn't work, and schools should never have been closed.

There is a political slant to the select committee's review: the House is Republican and it's an attack on the Big State response to the epidemic by outgoing President Biden, a Democrat. Taking that into account, it is still one of the most damning reports ever issued by a government. It calls for the arrest of former New York governor Andrew Cuomo for allowing infected people into care homes—thus endangering the lives of the most vulnerable—and the ending of any funding for Peter Daszak and his charity.

The committee discovered a coverup at the highest levels of government, and this continued during the review as the committee said it was repeatedly lied to by some of the key actors. The coverup extended beyond immediate government pronouncements, and social media platforms such as Facebook were brow-beaten by government agencies into banning any posts that went against the official narrative.

Dr Anthony Fauci, 'America's doctor' who headed up the country's Covid response, is in the crosshairs of the Republicans. The next health secretary, Robert F Kennedy Jr, who is expected to take up his office on the inauguration of Donald Trump in January, certainly wants Fauci to be held to account. He's even written a book -- *The Real Anthony Fauci: Bill Gates, Big Pharma, and the Global War on Democracy and Public Health* – about the doctor's malfeasance.

As ever with Trump, we live in interesting times.

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