



Auschwitz Memorial says RFK Jr. speech at anti-vaccine rally exploits Holocaust tragedy

Description

USA: The Auschwitz Memorial denounced comments made by Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s at an anti-vaccine rally in Washington DC on Sunday as "exploiting the tragedy" of the Holocaust.

During a speech at the rally, Kennedy, a conspiracy theorist and prominent anti-vaxxer, warned of a massive surveillance network being created with satellites in space and 5G mobile networks collecting data.

"Even in Hitler's Germany, you could hide in the attic like Anne Frank did," Kennedy [said](#), illustrating his point that surveillance today is all-encompassing.

Anne Frank, who died in a Nazi concentration camp, achieved posthumous fame for a diary in which she documented her family's two years in hiding.

[In a response](#) to a video of the speech on Twitter, the Auschwitz Memorial said Kennedy's remarks were "a sad symptom of moral & intellectual decay."

"Exploiting of the tragedy of people who suffered, were humiliated, tortured & murdered by the totalitarian regime of Nazi Germany — including children like Anne Frank — in a debate about vaccines & limitations during global pandemic is a sad symptom of moral & intellectual decay," the organization wrote in a statement.

The speech came as thousands of demonstrators marched in Washington on Sunday to protest vaccine mandates.

[In a statement](#) to the Hill, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) said no arrests or police reports have been made from the gathering at the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument.

D.C. government recently implemented a mandate requiring that city businesses — such as restaurants, bars, gyms, entertainment venues and nightclubs — check that patrons over the age of 12

have gotten one dose of the vaccine.

An Associated Press investigation found that Kennedy's anti-vaccine charity, called Children's Health Defense, saw its revenue double in 2020 to \$6.8 million as the coronavirus pandemic took hold.

He was among a number of prominent anti-vax speakers at the rally, including Dr. Robert Malone, who prompted calls for Spotify to control COVID misinformation after appearing on Joe Rogan's podcast, and Lara Logan, a former CBS News correspondent.

In November, Logan, who is now a host on Fox News Media's streaming service, [compared Anthony Fauci](#), the nation's leading infectious disease expert, to the infamous Nazi doctor Josef Mengele, who worked at Auschwitz during the Holocaust.

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