

Fauci Says The Fact That Vaccines Lack Full FDA Approval Is Just A 'Technical Issue'

Description

USA: Dr Anthony Fauci has dismissed the fact that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not yet approved vaccines for the coronavirus as merely a "technical issue."

For months, Fauci, who is President Biden's chief medical adviser, has described himself as the voice of science and has routinely dismissed those who criticize him saying they are attacking science itself.

Breitbart reports: Now, Fauci is backing the Biden administration's efforts to convince unvaccinated Americans to get the jab, flatly dismissing concerns over the FDA's lack of approval, a factor the Biden administration has routinely ignored.

While Fauci said it is "understandable" that some may want the FDA's full approval before getting the shot, he dismissed it as nothing more than a "technical issue."

"It's the FDA dotting the I's and crossing the T's," he said during an appearance on ABC's *This Week*. "But there's no doubt in my mind that these vaccines are going to get full approval because of the extraordinary amount of positive data." Despite a lack of FDA approval for the regular vaccine series, Pfizer is set to meet with U.S. health officials to request authorization for a third jab, branded as a booster.

"We believe that the third dose will raise the antibody response 10- to 20- fold," Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla said of a third coronavirus shot, likening it to an annual flu vaccine.

However, Fauci has dismissed the need for a third shot at this point, contending more Americans need to be vaccinated first. "There's a lot of work going on to examine this in real time to see if we might need a boost. But right now, given the data that the CDC and the FDA has, they don't feel that weneed to tell people right now you need to be boosted," Fauci <u>said</u>. A Morning Consult poll <u>released</u> thismonth <u>showed</u> a plurality, 49 percent, attributing their vaccine hesitancy to safety concerns and a lackof trust in the expedited development of the vaccines:

The public campaign to encourage vaccination has also made some Americans wary: "The fact that they're offering money to take, tells me that something is wrong," one respondent said. Another added they're not getting vaccinated because of "the way the media and government are pushing it."

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Many respondents cited multiple concerns, indicating an overall wariness of new vaccines that have been heavily politicized since the early days of the pandemic. People also ranged from ambivalent to wholly opposed to vaccination, underscoring that America's holdouts don't all fit neatly into the category of "vaccine hesitant."

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