

UN Warns Of 'Worrying And Dangerous' Conspiracy Theories

Description

The United Nations would like everyone to be on the lookout for 'worrying and dangerous' conspiracy theories – especially those that might lead people to the conclusion that COVID-19 escaped from a lab in Wuhan, China... you know, the thing the WHO just admitted could very well be the case, and which Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) has launched recent investigations into.



Some background

Before we get into the UN's latest salvo in the war over narratives (*feel free to scroll down if you're a regular reader*); We know from government contracts, <u>FOIA records</u>, and leaked emails that **the US government was conducting risky gain-of-function research on US soil** until former President Obama <u>banned it in 2014</u> over ethical questions raised by the scientific community. The 'research' included manipulating bat Covid to be more transmissible to humans, and following Obama's ban, was funneled overseas through New York nonprofit, EcoHealth Alliance – whose CEO Peter Daszak secured <u>lucrative contracts</u> to study and manipulate **bat coronaviruses** in Wuhan, China **four months before Obama's ban**.

Daszak was the guy behind The Lancet's "it couldn't have come from a lab" Natural Origin statement –

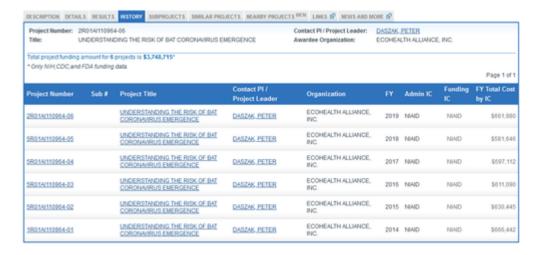
for which he reportedly engaged in a "bullying campaign" – before generating significant controversy over conflicts of interest involving many of its authors and co-signatories, to which the *Lancet* later admitted.

"And then I see the scientists. "Oh, nothing here to look at. We know it's the market. Did we find an animal? No. Do we have an explanation of where that furin cleavage site came in? No."https://t.co/SsgzzPxZc6

— Yuri Deigin (@ydeigin) August 5, 2022



The first \$666,442 installment of EcoHealth's \$3.7 million NIH grant was paid in June 2014, with similar annual payments through May 2019 under the "Understanding The Risk Of Bat Coronavirus Emergence" project.



Then, in 2017, a subagency of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) – headed by **Dr. Anthony Fauci** – resumed funding a controversial grant to **genetically modify bat coronaviruses** in Wuhan, China *without* the approval of a <u>government oversight</u> body.

Notably, the WIV "had openly participated in gain-of-function research in partnership with U.S. universities and institutions" for years under the leadership of Dr. Shi 'Batwoman' Zhengli, according to the *Washington Post*'s Josh Rogin.



We also know (thanks to a FOIA lawsuit by *The Intercept*) that **Daszak wanted to release 'Chimeric Covid Spike Proteins' Into Bat Populations Using 'Skin-Penetrating Nanoparticles,'** only for the 'DEFUSE' proposal to be denied by DARPA on the grounds that it was too risky.





Peter Daszak GREAT QUESTION, I WILL CONTINUE IN REVERSE ORDER WITH YOUR

QUESTIONS. WHY MAMMALS? IF WE DO THE MATH ON THE PREVIOUS EMERGING DISEASE EVENTS, THE MASS MAJORITY OF THE VIRUSES THAT COME FROM ANIMALS, THEY TEND TO COME FROM ANIMALS. MAMMALS COVER THE VAST MAJORITY. YOU SHOULD PROBABLY INCLUDE BIRDS, BECAUSE OF AVIAN FLU BEING SUCH A THREAT. BUT THAT DOES NOT INCREASE THE COST TO MUCH. THE FIRST QUESTION IS MORE DIFFICULT. YOU ARE RIGHT, IT IS A STAMP COLLECTING EXERCISE. SOME OF THOSE STAMPS ARE PENNY BLANKS, AND YOU HAVE TO THROW THEM OUT. SOME OF THE VIRUSES WILL BE KILLERS, AND SOME OF THEM WON'T. HOW DO WE WORK THAT OUT FROM A VIRAL SEQUENCE? IT IS NOT STRAIGHTFORWARD. FIRST OF ALL, WE ARE ONLY LOOKING AT VIRAL FAMILIES THAT INCLUDE THOSE THAT HAVE GOTTEN TO PEOPLE FROM ANIMALS. WE HAVE NARROWED IT DOWN FROM THERE. THEN, WHEN YOU GET A SEQUENCE, AND IT LOOKS LIKE A RELATIVE TO THE KNOWN NASTY PATHOGEN, JUST LIKE WE DID WITH SARS -- WE FOUND VIRUSES IN BATS. SOME OF THEM LOOKED VERY SIMILAR TO SARS. WE SEQUENCED THE SPINE PROTEIN, THE PROTEIN THAT ATTACHES TO CELLS, AND THEN YOU CREATE PSEUDO-PARTICLES, INSERT PROTEINS FROM THE VIRUSES THAT COMBINED TO HUMAN CELLS. EACH STEP OF THIS, YOU MOVE CLOSER AND CLOSER TO COULD THE VIRUS BECOME PATHOGENIC IN PEOPLE? YOU NARROW DOWN THE FIELD. YOU REDUCE THE COST, AND END UP WITH A SMALL NUMBER OF VIRUSES THAT REALLY DO LOOK LIKE KILLERS. AND YOU LOOK AT THE PEOPLE, AND THE PEOPLE IN THE REGION THAT

I just wish one of the defenders of the market theory would seriously address the DEFUSE proposal's details rather than just mischaracterising and dismissing them. https://t.co/Rbjm4wUlhE

— Matt Ridley (@mattwridley) August 6, 2022

Further reading:

Based on the circumstantial evidence, the stonewalling and silence, deleted database, and the leaked DEFUSE grant proposal, the possibility of lab leak of FCS engineered virus is too high too ignore. pic.twitter.com/KGT3YrnEAx

- victor tan (@Victorhashira) August 5, 2022

We challenge the UN to 'debunk' any of the above.

Now that you're up to speed

Enter the UN's new <u>#ThinkBeforeSharing campaign</u>, which helps people "learn how to identify, debunk, react to and report on conspiracy theories to prevent their spread."





To aid gullable individuals navigate the information highway without hitting any conspiracy potholes, **UNESCO provides some helpful infographics – one of which thanks Stephen Lewandowsky** – Australian psychologist and co-author of a March 2022 <u>Scientific American</u> report complaining about how "The Lab-Leak Hypothesis Made It Harder for Scientists to Seek the Truth."

So the default position of those behind the UN's "watch out for conspiracy theories" campaign is that the lab leak is a conspiracy theory. Right.

#ThinkBeforeSharing

CONSPIRACY THEORIES

What are they? Why do they flourish?

BE WARNED: THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS SEEN A RISE IN HARMFUL AND MISLEADING CONSPIRACY THEORIES. IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO RECOGNIZE THEM OR KNOW HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH THEM.

1 What are they?

- The belief that events are secretly manipulated behind the scenes by powerful forces with negative intent.
- 2. Conspiracy theories have these 6 things in common
 - An alleged, secret plot
 - A group of conspirators
 - (3) 'Evidence' that seems to support the conspiracy theory
 - They falsely suggest that nothing happens by accident and that there are no coincidences; nothing is as it appears and everything is connected.
 - 1 They divide the world into good or bad.
 - They scapegoat people and groups.

3. Why do they flourish?

- → They offer an explanation of events or situations which are difficult to understand and bring a false sense of control and agency. This need is heightened in times of uncertainty like the COVID-19 pandemic.
- How do they take root?
 - Conspiracy theories often start as a suspicion. They ask who is benefiting from the event or situation and thus identify the conspirators. Any 'evidence' is then forced to fit the theory.

Once they have taken root, conspiracy theories can grow quickly. They are hard to refute because any person who tries is seen as being part of the conspiracy.

5. Why do people spread them?

→ There are different reasons: Most believe they are true. Others deliberately want to provoke, manipulate or target people for political or financial reasons. Beware: They can come from many sources e.g. internet, friends, relatives.

With thanks to Michael Butter, co-author of the COMPACT Guide to Conspiracy Theories, and John Cook and Stephan Lewandowsky, authors of The Debunking Handbook and The Conspiracy Theory Handbook.



THE FIRST STEP TO PREVENT CONSPIRACY THEORIES IS TO KNOW THAT THEY EXIST. BE AWARE, STOP THE SPREAD.





They recommend **taking action** when you've "identified a conspiracy theory," but that you don't get lured into an argument with a conspiracy theorist.

"Any argument may be taken as proof that you are part of the conspiracy and reinforce that belief," which will cause the conspiracy theorist to "argue hard to defend their beliefs."

So what to do? Show "empathy," and avoid "ridiculing them."

"If you are certain you have encountered a conspiracy theory," you must "react" immediately and post a link to a "fact-checking website" in the comments.



In short – this (from 2020):

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern:

"We will continue to be your single source of truth... Unless you hear it from us it is not the truth."pic.twitter.com/WV7ZfdP2RR

— Daily Wire (@realDailyWire) July 25, 2022

Stay safe out there citizen!

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