Inside the Facebook Files: Emails Reveal the CDC's Role in **Silencing COVID-19 Dissent**

Throughout the pandemic, the CDC was in constant contact with Facebook, vetting what users were allowed to say on the social media site.

ROBBY SOAVE | 1.19.2023 6:00 AM











The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) played a direct role in policing permissible speech on social media throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Confidential emails obtained by Reason show that Facebook moderators were in constant contact with the CDC, and routinely asked government health officials to vet claims relating to the virus, mitigation efforts such as masks, and vaccines.

For a broader analysis of the federal government's pandemic-era efforts to suppress free speech—and whether they violated the First

Amendment—see *Reason*'s March 2023 cover story on the ramifications of these emails. This article provides screenshots of the emails themselves.

After Elon Musk took control of Twitter, he permitted several independent journalists to peruse the company's previous communications with the FBI, the CDC, the White House, and government officials elsewhere. These disclosures, which have become known as the Twitter Files, reveal that government bureaucrats put substantial pressure on Twitter to restrict alleged misinformation relating to elections, Hunter Biden, and COVID-19.

The Facebook Files, which were obtained by Reason as a result of the state of Missouri's lawsuit against the Biden administration, reveal that the CDC had substantial influence over what users were allowed to discuss on Meta's platforms: Facebook and Instagram.

The messages reveal an environment where the CDC kept tabs on Meta's moderation practices and regularly told the company what the agency wanted it to do.

For instance, in May 2021, CDC officials began routinely vetting claims about COVID-19 vaccines that had appeared on Facebook. The platform left it up to the federal government to determine which assertions were accurate.

From: Ppfb.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 4:19 PM
To: Crawford, Carol Y. (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: Re: Agenda item for CDC call this week

Hi Carol,

To help with scoping on your end for Thursday...here are some of the COVID contentitems that Liz will be flagging for you/CDC team:

- It is not safe for women on their period to take the COVID-19 vaccine
- Being around people who were vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine causes side effects
- a. Specifically, we have seen content claiming side effects such as menstrual cycle changes (already <u>debunked</u> by CDC) but also miscarriages, blood clotting, bleeding, bruising, general sickness
- 3. COVID-19 vaccines causing magnetism
- a. Some of the content we are seeing (simultaneously claiming COVID vaccines contain microchips) would already be violating, but we are looking for input on the broader claim
- 4. Face masks contain harmful nano worms or harmful particles
- 5. COVID-19 vaccines cause Alzheimer's
- COVID-19 vaccines cause Prion's disease
- 7. COVID-19 vaccines cause a cytokine storm
- a. We already got WHO's input on this (inconclusive) so would be good to have CDC input
- 8. COVID-19 vaccines cause bell's palsy
- We already got WHO's input on this (inconclusive) so would be good to have CDC input
- 9. COVID-19 has 99.96% survival rate

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- a. We are seeing content with rumours around mortality/survival rates, would be good to get CDC/WHO input
- 10. People who are receiving COVID-19 vaccines are subject to medical experiments
- 11. Is the claim "COVID-19 is man-made" false, unproven, unsupported by evidence, or true?
- 12. 12. COVID-19 vaccines cause erectile dysfunction

Best,



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Facebook's moderator notes that some of the above claims "would already be violating"—an implicit admission that the CDC's opinion on the other claims would be a deciding factor in whether the platform would restrict such content. Facebook was clearly a willing participant in this process; moderators repeatedly thanked the CDC for its "help in debunking."

Claims vetted by the CDC included whether "COVID-19 is man-made." The CDC told Facebook that it was "theoretically possible, but extremely unlikely."

From: Sept. Monday, May 24, 2021 1:57 PM

To: Crawford, Carol Y. (CDC/OD/OADC) @cdc.gov>
Cc: @fb.com>; @fb.com>;
Subject: RE_It was this list, sorry! FW: Agenda Item for CDC call this week

Hi Carol.

Thanks so much again for you and team's help in debunking a few COVID-19 and vaccine misinformation claims for us. As follow up to our meeting, please see the list of claims below with notes from our conversation last Thursday morning.

If you could please confirm the conclusions I've noted below based on our discussion, that would be great, and I've also indicated the one your team noted follow up was needed before debunking (#12).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks!



- 1. Is the claim "COVID-19 is man-made" false, unproven, unsupported by evidence, or true?
- a. Inconclusive: It is most likely that this virus started within animals and jumped to humans, however, CDC director in her testimony yesterday said being man made was technically possible because we do not know the origin still. It being man made is theoretically possible, but extremely unlikely.

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For months, it was Meta policy to prohibit users from asserting that the pandemic may have originated from a lab leak. The platform <u>revised</u> this policy around the same time that the above email exchange took place.

By July 2021, the CDC wasn't just evaluating which claims it thought were false, but whether they could "cause harm."

Hi Carol, I hope you're well!

Our Misinformation Policy team has identified some claims that we were hoping your team could help us understand if they are false and can lead to harm? The three claims include:

- Spike protein in COVID-19 vaccines is dangerous/cytotoxic
- 2. Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) is a possible side effect of the COVID vaccine
- Heart Inflammation is a possible side effect of all COVID-19 vaccines (including non mRNA vaccines)

In addition, I was wondering if your team was aware of any global source of truth/database for vaccine adverse effects including possibly vaccine-related deaths?

Please let me know if you have any questions about the above, and thank you so much again for the CDC's help!



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Then, in November, the Food and Drug Administration granted emergency authorization for children to receive Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine. Meta proudly informed the CDC that it would remove false claims—"i.e. the COVID vaccine is not safe for kids"—from Facebook and Instagram. Meta also provided the CDC with a list of new claims about vaccines and asked whether the government thought they could "contribute to vaccine refusals."

From the Augusta Ph. com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Crawford, Carol Y. (CDC/OD/OADC) Caroly, CDC/OD/OADC) CDC/OD/OADC) Caroly, CDC/OD/OADC) CD

Hi Carol, Kristen, and team!

Kristen, thanks so much for confirming the ability for the claims in question last week having the risk of causing vaccine refusals. And thank you all so much for your input over the last week on our many questions about vaccine misinformation relative to the EUA.

I wanted to share that as a result of our work together, when the FDA gave emergency use authorization to the Pfizer vaccine for children last week, we immediately <u>updated</u> our policies globally to remove additional false claims about the COVID-19 vaccine for children (e.g. "the COVID vaccine is not safe for kids"). We also launched a new feature on Instagram, where accounts that repeatedly post content that violates our policies on COVID-19 or vaccine misinformation may now lose the ability to be tagged or mentioned or may see pop-ups asking if they'd like to delete certain posts that may violate our policies.

As part of our regular monitoring of new claims about vaccines prevalent on our platform, we have identified a number of additional claims we would like to get your team's assessment on (apologies this is coming so quickly after the last round that were specific to the EAU's timing!). Would it at all be possible to get input by Monday, November 8th?

For each of the following new claims, which we've recently identified on the platform, can you please tell us if:

- The claim is false; and
- 2. If believed, could this claim contribute to vaccine refusals?

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, and otherwise thank you so much in advance for your help!

Best,

The CDC determined that this label applied to all such claims.

From: Crawford, Carol Y. (CDC/OD/OADC) < @@cdc.gov>
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 at 11:25 AM

To: @@fb.com>, Dempsey, Jay H. (CDC/OD/OADC) < @@cdc.gov>, Gordon, Stephanie (CDC/OD/OADC) < @@cdc.gov>
Cc: @@fb.com>
Subject: RE: New Claims & Policy updates following EAU authorization for 5-11 yearlds

We are still working on the "All Vaccines" section but here are some responses for COVID. Thanks!

It appears that any of these could potentially cause vaccine refusal.

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It's important to consider the ramifications. Meta gave the CDC de facto power to police COVID-19 misinformation on the platforms; the CDC took the position that essentially any erroneous claim could contribute to vaccine hesitancy and cause social harm. This was a recipe for a vast silencing across Facebook and Instagram, at the federal government's implicit behest

Meta frequently gave the CDC lists of pandemic-related topics that had gone viral, seeking guidance on how to handle them. And the CDC informed Meta "to be on the lookout" for misinformation stemming from specific alleged misconceptions.

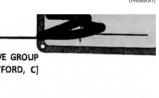
From: @fb.com> Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 5:22 PM To: Crawford, Carol Y. (CDC/OD/OADC) < ___@cdc.gov> @fb.com>; R @fb.com>: 0 @fb.com>: @fb.com> Subject: Re: Crowd Tangle COVID-19 reports

Hi Carol,

Attached, please find the latest CrowdTangle content insights report for the period of June 30 - July 13 (attached). Here's the summary from this report, below:

Highly engaged COVID vaccine-related content overall [Slides 3-4] across Pages continues to include UNICEF's posts, as well as posts related to Pres. Biden's new strategy to increase vaccinations. In public groups, the posts with high interactions feature content debating COVID-19 vaccinations. In this report, we also explore highly engaging content within the following themes:

Reopening of Institutions: Many of the highest engaged Page posts with keywords related to this theme share



From:

Crawford, Carol Y. (CDC/OD/OADC) [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=73787F96AAFD47E18CBC4A593B134E43-CRAWFORD, C) 9/1/2021 4:21:33 PM

Sent: To:

ofb.com

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Meta also kept the CDC apprised of criticism of Anthony Fauci, the White House's COVID-19 advisor and head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). One email warned the CDC that Facebook users were mocking Fauci for changing his mind about masking and double-masking. The CDC replied that this information was "very helpful."

From: "Crawford, Carol Y. (CDC/OD/OADC)" < COCC.gov>
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 5:37 AM
To: Cocc.gov>
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Cocc.gov>
Cocc.gov>
Cocc.gov>
Cocc.gov>
Subject: RE: Crowd Tangle COVID-19 reports

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• Personal reports of vaccination continue as more people are vaccinated. On Pages, highly engaged posts tend to highlight the experiences of public figures or government officials, but more graphic experiences with side effects - some looking for reassurance - garnered high interactions in Groups. [Sildes 9-10]

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or particular keywords/topics you'd like us to explore for the

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If the tone of Meta's communications seems overly friendly, it's worth noting that staffers viewed government employees at the CDC as their "colleagues." In one email, Meta discussed providing said colleagues with access to a "reporting channel" for COVID-19 misinformation. The list of individuals with access included CDC staff, as well as employees at Reingold, a communications firm advising government health agencies.

Prom: ______@fb.com>
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 3:50 PM
To: Crawford, Carol Y. (CDC/OD/OADC) < ____@cdc.gov>
Cc: ______@fb.com>, G_______ < _____@fb.com>
Subject: CV19 misinfo reporting channel

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This is just a snapshot of the messages exchanged between the CDC and Meta. They also had regular conference calls. The CDC was not the only arm of the federal government engaged in this work, of course: White House staffers also <u>castigated</u> Meta for not deplatforming alleged misinformation fast enough. President Joe Biden himself <u>accused</u> Facebook of "killing people" in July 2021.

One wonders whether these condemnations, from Biden and others in his administration—which <u>included the specific</u> <u>threat of punitive regulation</u> if demands for greater censorship were not met—influenced Meta's decision to delegate COVID-19 content moderation to the CDC.

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MWAocdoc 14 hours ago

Although I have never been a Twitter or Instagram user, I had an even worse experience with Facebook, because of which I am no longer a Facebook user. I enjoyed the ability to share family photos and social events, interesting family tree discoveries and so on, but being banned arbitrarily at unpredictable intervals for discussing anything else was finally too much for me. I wonder if Facebook is clueless, just don't care or are actively hostile to free discussion that runs counter to their social and political narrative?

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TJJ2000 13 hours ago

They get paid by the government for doing it. Probably a massive portion of their profit margin.

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KelleyACortez 11 hours ago (edited)

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Everybody must try this job now by just using this website.. http://www.Payathome7.com

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KristenAvila 9 hours ago (edited)

I get paid over 190\$ per hour working from home with 2 kids at home. I never thought I'd be able to do it but my best friend earns over 10k a month doing this and she convinced me to try. The potential with this is endless. Heres what I've been doing..

HERE = = = =) > http://WWW.NETPAYFAST.COM

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JC2 4 hours ago

Yes, along with the msm to ignore stories that go against the narrative. Just as the gov is doing with pain patients who are allowed to cry to each other on FB of how they're suffering to death by being denied access to legal pain meds but msm doesn't say a word about the suffering or the suicides. The CDC and other beaurocrats continue to say nonsense and use junk science to justify the situation.

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JenniferGriffin 12 hours ago (edited)

Google pay 200\$ per hour my last pay check was \$8500 working 10 hours a week online. My younger brother friend has been averaging 12000 for months now and he works about 22 hours a week. I cant believe how easy it was once I tried it outit.. ???? AND GOOD LUCK.:)

https://WWW.APPRICHS.com

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Red Rocks White Privilege 10 hours ago

Most of these companies are fully captured by mentally ill dangerhair and tranny administrators with a vested interest in advancing leftist political narratives. Look at that freak the news interviewed who was one of Twitter's "disinformation" janny contractors—a male LARPing as a woman who couldn't even be bothered to brush his disgusting, greasy, stringy hair for the interview.

None of this is really going to come to light unless Republican state DAs sue these companies into oblivion in order to get discovery going and expose just how deep the relationship between the Tech Trust, the DNC, and the government bureaucracies actually go. Public trust in these companies and the US government needs to be completely, utterly broken so that the clearing out of all this dead weight can be justified.

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Hank Ferrous 9 hours ago

Could the answer to your question be some combination of the 3? Ignorance, unconcerned w/ the opinions of others, and actively hostile to the outgroup? It seems to be the trend for their in-group. Add the collusion w/ government agencies and political parties, and it's a potent set of factors creating some really shitty people, decision, policies and products.

Log in to Reply

A Cynical Asshole 9 hours ago

I wonder if Facebook is clueless, just don't care or are actively hostile to free discussion that runs counter to their social and political narrative?

Depending on the Facebook moderator it could be any of the above, or any combination of motivations. Whatever their motives, fuck Facebook.

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Nardz 7 hours ago

"or are actively hostile to free discussion that runs counter to their social and political narrative"

This one.

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Page Turner 7 hours ago

As the journalists releasing the Twitter files admit, even the documents they're now allowed to see is being filtered by...someone.

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Mockamodo 14 hours ago

In China everyone wears a mask at all times, not doing so is a crime and you're arrested and sent for "re-education". If masks are the great breaker of epidemic the CDC says they are why is China having a massive outbreak?

Log in to Reply

Spiritus Mundi 12 hours ago

That is not real masking, just like all the times it wasn't real socialism.

Log in to Reply

Don't look at me! 11 hours ago

Yes, it's the perfect experiment that proves the futility of masks in fighting viruses.

Log in to Reply

iustme 5 hours ago

masking never worked and never will. it's nothing more than a way for the tyrants to control the sheep. i refused to ever wear one and i never will. i will not comply with these low iq tyrants.

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Chumby 14 hours ago

Center for Disinformation Control and Prevention

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Ted AKA Teddy Salad, CIA/US Ballet Force 8 hours ago

Biden will probably replace Fauci with Leana Wen.

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tracerv 14 hours ago

Double masked moron.

I wonder, in her heart of hearts, if she feels like a idiot now?

Log in to Reply

swillfredo pareto 9 hours ago

I wonder, in her heart of hearts, if she feels like a idiot now?

She doesn't. She knows her behavior was a disgrace, she knows you know it was a disgrace, and she doesn't give a fraction of a shit. If she was the kind of person capable of feeling like an idiot she never would have pursued the gig.

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A Cynical Asshole 8 hours ago

I doubt it. That would require her to have an ounce of introspection and humility. She's probably still recovering from the dislocated shoulder she suffered from patting herself on the back for her strict adherence to "The Science!"

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Page Turner 7 hours ago

No. She's confident in the knowledge that she's a better person than you, me and anyone not in her immediate circle of friends.

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Jerryskids 13 hours ago

I'm sure Lizard Boy fought his partners in the federal government tooth and nail over that one.

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A Cynical Asshole 8 hours ago

When he wasn't going on about Sweet Baby Ray's.

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TJJ2000 13 hours ago

There are LAWS against this... The Supreme Law of the land. The peoples LAW over their government. The very definition of the USA.

In case anyone wants to *pretend* back the USA instead of continuing to *pretend* the Democratic Nazi-Empire into existence that conquered and destroyed the USA.

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CelestineRichards 27 mins ago (edited)

If you were looking for a way to earn some extra income every week... Look no more!!!! Here is a great opportunity for everyone to make \$95/per hour by working in your free time on your computer from home... I've been doing this for 6 months now and last month i've earned my first five-figure paycheck ever!!!!

Learn more about it on following link......> > http://www.smartcash1.com

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SQRLSY One 13 hours ago

I love the conclusion to the above article..

"One wonders whether these condemnations, from Biden and others in his administration—which included the specific threat of punitive regulation if demands for greater censorship were not met—influenced Meta's decision to delegate COVID-19 content moderation to the CDC."

THE MAJOR FIRST STEP in generating specific threats of punitive regulation is... Tearing down the Section 230 that stands in the way of power-grabbing Government Almighty actors!!!

And WHAT do half of the stupid-and-evil chuckle-fucks advocate here in these comments? Yes, that... TEAR DOWN SECTION 230!!!

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Johnathan Galt 12 hours ago (edited)

And another totalitarian makes his (fake) case for retaining unconstitutional totalitarian controls in place.

Stupid can't be fixed.

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Chumby 12 hours ago

Squirrel's posts may contain CAPS LOCK, 230, clang association with Trump (e.g., Humpty Dumpty Trumpty), accusations of marxism and Stormy Daniels.

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Sevo 9 hours ago

What none will ever contain is evidence of being posted by a sentient human.

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SQRLSY One 11 hours ago

I see! So you're saying that the Intergalactic Sub-Smegmonic Boogoidian-Strawmen-Hybrids have deployed booger-beams (Those unspeakable BASTARDS) and have hijacked your tinfoil hat! You have my sympathies, but no more... I have no good advice for you, sorry! Other victims of the Intergalactic Sub-Smegmonic Boogoidian-Strawmen-Hybrids that I have known? They all ended up on Skid Row, and I could NOT help them!

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Lawification 31 mins ago

I could think of about 1,000 better ways to say this, but you're not wrong.

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Spiritus Mundi 12 hours ago

Robby lamenting yesterday:

It's no doubt true that misinformation about vaccines has spread online, causing harm.

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SQRLSY One 12 hours ago

https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2021/10/centner-academy-vaccine-rules-leila-centner-david-centner

Florida School Run by Idiots Says Vaccinated Students Must Stay Home for 30 Days After Each Shot

This is the same school where a teacher told students not to hug their vaccinated parents for more than five seconds.

(End subtitles and excerpts).

See? We are ALL data-driven by now! My data says the OTHER (evil) tribe believes in vaccines, so MY tribe must BAN and SHUN the BAD tribe (and their cooties) as much as possible!

The unvaccinated are now CLEAN and the vaccinated are UNCLEAN! Civic-minded BAD! Afraid of micro-chips in vaccines GOOD! Black is white, and good is evil!

Johnathan Galt 12 hours ago

Cry harder.

It isn't that your team was so gullible they sheepishly accepted the vaccines without question, Cletus. It's that you suppressed information and compelled everyone else to take your poisons.

Now hurry along, you're due for your 18th booster!

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Social Justice is neither 11 hours ago

This whole "how dare they" thing is performative in Robby's part. He was an advocate for the censorship and lockdowns hiding behind public health concern lies and a "private company" dodge when the truth was known of not proven yet.

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SQRLSY One 11 hours ago

"He was an advocate for the censorship..."

Citation please! Are you including things like "private owners of web sites are entitled to moderate their own web site"? Will you call it "censorshit" if I barge into your house and your private cocktail party, and start hollering shit that you don't approve of? Your kicking me out for this is "censorshit"... Right? If you call the cops (OMG! Agents of Government Almighty!) for advice on how best to kick me out of YOUR house... NOW we have Government Almighty censorshit, right? Or is it only when the facts and supposed "facts" fall in favor of you and YOUR tribe, that we have such a WIDE daffynition of censorshit?

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Sevo 9 hours ago

Fuck off and die, spastic asshole.

Log in to Reply

MT-Man 11 hours ago

Kind of like Tony in these old threads who I haven't seen since his position got demolished. Probably just moonlighting as Anime Kirkland.

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Ted AKA Teddy Salad, CIA/US Ballet Force 8 hours ago

I thought he was just putting in more hours at the bathhouse as a hedge against Bidenflation.

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sarcasmic 11 hours ago

How dare he change his opinion as new facts come to light?

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JesseAz 11 hours ago

The facts aren't new you retarded shit. The facts are the same facts brought up here for years during the pandemic. You attacked the facts and the people who understood them. The facts didn't change. You just chose to ignore them while supporting the lefts narratives, pushing masks, and attacking those discussing the facts.

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Don't look at me! 10 hours ago

This

Log in to Reply

Sevo 9 hours ago

Ya know, I've got an idea: Sarc is a lying pile of lefty shit.

Log in to Reply

JoyBradley 9 hours ago (edited)

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Ted AKA Teddy Salad, CIA/US Ballet Force 8 hours ago

Sarc, why do you continue to embarrass yourself like this? Is it the booze?

DesigNate 5 hours ago

I would accept that, if it wasn't for the fact that people here have been saying all this for at least two years. Some people just called them Trump humpers and cultist because they didn't accept the bureaucrats narrative.

To Robby's credit, I never read anything where he implied such.

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Hank Ferrous 9 hours ago

Rico lost most of his credibility when he said there was 'more than one definition for insurrection.' This 'causing harm' canard with the attendant wishcasting erodes more of it. Soon the soave pieces that are fact-based and center of individual rights will be less frequent than the resident lefties telling the truth.

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mad.casual 2 hours ago

Rico lost most of his credibility when he said there was 'more than one definition for insurrection.'

Started hemorrhaging with "to be sure"s. Replenished reserves calling out Sabrina Ederly, and then detonated the entire credibility storage vessel with "superficially credible accusations".

Occasionally, he finds a hollowed out shard of the broken vessel and manages to pick it up and carry it for a little while without spilling all the contents.

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Minadin 6 hours ago

Yes, misinformation was spread online. It came from the CDC and NIAID . . .

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mad.casual 11 hours ago

COVID-19 vaccines causing magnetism

They should've gone with this one. About as believable and trading myocarditis for mutant superpowers is way more cool.

Log in to Reply

mad.casual 11 hours ago

And, second thought, LOL at FB for having to ask the CDC for the official take on the topic. "We can't flag that! It might be true!" Fleshy, carbon-based algorithms FTW!

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JesseAz 11 hours ago

JFree still believes.

Surprised sarc isn't here claiming at least it isnt communist Russia.

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Set Us Up The Chipper 11 hours ago

This is actual fascism, not the pretend stuff.

Log in to Reply

SimpleRules 10 hours ago

Orwell wrote history books, not dystopian fiction.

Log in to Reply

swillfredo pareto 9 hours ago (edited)

One wonders whether these condemnations, from Biden and others in his administration... influenced Meta's decision to delegate COVID-19 content moderation to the CDC.

That is a great question. One suspects the condemnations played a sufficient role and for that, the Biden administration should face consequences. But One also believes they gave the typical Facebook executive the cover to do exactly what he or she wanted all along, which is lick the Biden administration's balls. And for that, Facebook will face consequences.

Log in to Reply

Orenv 9 hours ago

 $Seems\ like\ any\ correspondence\ from\ a\ Government\ employee\ on\ a\ government\ computer\ can\ be\ compelled\ by\ congress.\ Just\ sayin.$

A Cynical Asshole 8 hours ago (edited)

I'd still like to know how many "former" FBI, CIA, DHS, and miscellaneous other three letter agency bureaucrats are infesting Meta, Google, and the other Big Tech corporation's management teams. My guess is a lot.

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Nardz 7 hours ago

1/ THREAD #TwitterFiles

@elonmusk slams CISA censorship network as 'propaganda platform.'

This DHS-backed censorship consortium used 120 analysts to censor millions of social media posts on elections and covid-19.

[Thread, links]

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Nardz 7 hours ago

https://twitter.com/KanekoaTheGreat/status/1615834413149065218?t = qnIveZnC5BnpOITwzIFrbQ&s = 19

THREAD #OperationLockstep

Robert Kennedy Jr explains how the CIA used the Covid-19 response to vastly increase top-down government, authoritarianism, and totalitarianism.

"We're in a huge Milgram experiment here, we got Anthony Fauci in his white lab coat."

[Thread, links]

Log in to Reply

Nardz 7 hours ago

$\underline{https://twitter.com/DrewHLive/status/1616017444149264384?t = -OmYiP4qLmIIsGilk4QqA\&s = 19}$

DAVOS WATCH: Director of FBI Christopher Wray says "the level of collaboration between the private sector and the government, especially the FBI has made significant strides"

He states the FBI's concern about technology getting into who they determine are the wrong hands #wef23

[Video]

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A Cynical Asshole 5 hours ago

So now they're openly bragging about it. I guess he must feel pretty confident that either not enough people will see this, or not enough people will actually care to make a difference at this point. Sadly, he's probably right.

Log in to Reply

Nardz 6 hours ago

$\underline{https://twitter.com/NameRedacted247/status/1604641866342756352?t=stCHr4zLg0cc7lAADSePwQ\&s=19}$

1. After learning that Twitter employs at least 15 former FBI agents, I searched Facebook. What I found is alarming

Facebook currently employs at least 115 people, in high-ranking positions, that formerly worked at FBI/CIA/NSA/DHS:

17 CIA

37 FBI

23 NSA 38 DHS

[Thread, links]

Log in to Reply

A Cynical Asshole 5 hours ago

Figures...

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Use the Schwartz 8 hours ago

I wore the mask, TBH it didn't really bother me. I still wear one when I'm not feeling well. However, I recognized the ridiculousness of the double mask when I saw it. Seeing the pic of Walensky with her tragicomic double mask reminded me of her "impending doom" speech. Her reading from a script that she was going to "leave the script" would be hilarious in a Cohen Bros film. Unfortunately it was real.

BTW I still haven't caught C19 even though both my wife and son did.

Ted AKA Teddy Salad, CIA/US Ballet Force 8 hours ago

Linus still has his security blanket too.

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Use the Schwartz 8 hours ago

Hey Ted, Fuck Off.

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Ted AKA Teddy Salad, CIA/US Ballet Force 4 hours ago

Aaawwwww..... someone's upset. Did you lose your binky?

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Zeb 7 hours ago

I have an anecdote too. I didn't wear a mask if I could help it. Wearing a mask really bothers me both for the physical and psychological discomfort and the message it conveys to others. I didn't avoid social interactions or really modify my life if I could help it. I haven't had any vaccines and never took a covid test. I may have been infected at some point, but if I have been it wasn't even to the level of a moderate cold. Pretty much everyone I work with who is vaccinated has been out sick multiple times with covid. I haven't taken a sick day in years.

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Use the Schwartz 7 hours ago

The latest data I could find, more than 85% of the US population has had C19. But they have also pretty much stopped tracking, so us "Novids" are an increasingly rare bunch. That said, that wasn't really the main thrust of my comment, the Walensky double mask was the real meat. But apparently my personal mask wearing behavior was a very shiny irresistible butterfly to some.

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MK Ultra 4 hours ago (edited)

Wear a mask if you'd like. It's essentially talismanism, but people wear crucifixes to ward off vampires too, so whatever.

However, those who forced the face diapers and jabs upon us, and engaged in governmentally-sponsored censorship/propaganda are subhuman scum who should be tipped out of helicopters. Wearing a mask, even if not physically discomforting, should bother you, if for no other reason than it ought to remind you of the wholesale fuckery that these hacks and their sheeple worshippers foisted upon us for two years.

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Chumby 1 hour ago

I wore cloves of garlic around my neck.

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Zeb 3 hours ago

Sorry if that came off too critical. I read it as at least a partial defense of masking. I'm kind of hung up on the total lack of rigor behind recommendations/mandates like masking. Apologies if I totally misread your comment.

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Use the Schwartz 2 hours ago (edited)

No problem, it seems that you weren't alone.

I wear a mask when I'm sick because I think it is polite to keep my germs to myself. I did it before C19, I'll do it after. But I'm completely aware that it isn't much protection for others. I'm not defending the mask mandates at all, I think they were stupid, but my point was the absurdity of Wolensky's DOUBLE mask. Especially since we now know that she STILL caught C19 LOL!

I also try not to cough on people, and I say "excuse me" when I sneeze. Doing so is polite, and is also completely ineffective at stemming the transmission of disease.

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Lawification 24 mins ago

Because the standard was set so incredibly low that if some grad student found a mildly significant association with walking backwards while humming and a 0.0001% reduction in COVID-19 cases, the CDC would declare it the next penicillin.

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justme 5 hours ago

why would you wear a mask? they are useless and accomplish nothing other than you looking like a low iq moron. it's nothing more than theater and leftist virtue signaling.

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Lawification 26 mins ago

asked and answered

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NOYB2 8 hours ago (edited)

"Private companies" guys. Just remember, they are all "private companies"! /sarc

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Just Eric 6 hours ago

80% Walensky issued false information on both masking and vaccine effectiveness which she has not retracted. That she is still in power explains why we should distrust government and its claims to be able to judge mis-/dis-information.

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Sanjose Mike 3 hours ago

Because I am a retired doctor (owned a Medicare Certified Surgical Center), I watched both Government and various online medical sources, including "Medscape" online.

Initially, when Trump was president, everything from Media came out with the purpose of "getting rid of Trump." Whether you liked him or hate him, we can both agree with the fact that MSM would do ANYTHING to get rid of him.

That colored covered of the then "new" Covid. He did everything he could to get vaccines started and used. But I saw a narrative develop that Government pushed in every way possible, mostly pushing shutdowns.

The question for me is "what about the next pandemic?" Will we permit Government to take it over? What if they make mistakes along the way? Should they FORCE you against your will?

I generally favor freedom of speech and choice, even if you are not a doctor. Let people make up their own minds, even if their data is false. Let people have the final say for themselves. I realize some more transmission may be the result. But we are supposed to be living in a free country. That's the price we pay.

Sanjosemike (no longer in CA) Retired surgeon

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Winston in Wonderland 3 hours ago

Most of these e-mail chains appear to have been initiated by FB. Is there anything wrong with a private entity asking the Government for information?

Facebook can ban whatever it wants. Asking the Government for information to inform that process seems prudent.

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The Last American Hero 3 hours ago

They can do what they want. They engaged in fraud when they claimed to be an online forum for discussion and actively engage in dnc propaganda, and hid the fact they were colluding with the deep state.

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Winston in Wonderland 2 hours ago

I'm not claiming that FB's action are above reproach. I'm simply saying that the fact that the CDC answered questions brought to it by FB isn't exactly an indictment of the CDC.

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Lawification 22 mins ago

It's a fair point.

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Reverendcaptain 2 hours ago

This is the same Reason that for years has been telling us rubes that if we have concern about a social network platform, we should just start our own social network.

Where the hell is the mea culpa guys?

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Impeccable Compliance Environmental Yeoman (ICEY) 2 hours ago

Take note of the "claims" mantra. Simply making a "claim" about people's health is now government controlled and regulated. "Vaccine misinformation claims" are thus more regulated than journalists who publish national security secrets ... yet they both get their source of Constitutional rights from the same sentence in the First Amendment.

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James K. Polk 40 mins ago

This looks mostly like Facebook bending over and asking the CDC to fuck it in the ass, rather than the CDC demanding backdoor access or else. Of course the fuller picture may show otherwise, but while the CDC and Facebook were wrong here I doubt there are any 1A violations. The CDC should be

ashamed, they should admit they were engaged in censorship, they should apologize and swear it off forever, but that will never happen. They'll just Lizzie Borden it and double down.

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Lawification 21 mins ago

That was my takeaway too.

"Elections matter" or whatever.

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CelestineRichards 26 mins ago (edited)

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