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Rand Paul: Dr. Fauci lied to Congress about Wuhan lab research funding

Fauci denies US funded 'gain of function' research in China

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Rand Paul claims Dr. Fauci's denial of Wuhan lab funding by the NIH is 'verifiably false'

Sen. Rand Paul claims that Dr. Anthony Fauci is lying about alleged NIH funding for gain-of-function research at the Wuhan lab.

Sen. [Rand Paul](#), R-Ky., claimed on Wednesday that [Dr. Anthony Fauci](#) lied to Congress when he denied that the [National Institute of Health](#) was funding research at the controversial [Wuhan lab](#).

"I would say what Dr. Fauci said yesterday was verifiably false," alleged Paul during an appearance on ["America's Newsroom."](#)

Paul was referencing his most recent clash with Fauci at Tuesday's Senate hearing in which the Kentucky senator alleged that a U.S. virologist had been working with the Chinese institute on such research and said it was funded by the NIH.

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"Dr. Fauci, do you still support funding of the NIH funding of the lab in Wuhan?" he asked the NIH chief.

"Senator Paul, with all due respect, you are entirely, entirely, and completely incorrect," a clearly irritated Fauci shot back. "The NIH has not ever and does not now fund gain of function research in the Wuhan Institute of Virology."

While speaking to co-host [Bill Hemmer](#), Paul elaborated on his allegation and claimed that [Dr. Shi Zhengli](#), the Wuhan-based 'bat woman' virologist who researched coronavirus variants in animals, wrote a paper that MIT scientists surmised was referencing gain-of-function research (making pathogens deadlier or more easily transmissible).



Paul claims that the paper acknowledged that their funding came from the [National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease](#) (NIAID), a subset of the NIH where Dr. Fauci is the director.

Paul added that he has looked at the grant application for the Wuhan lab research, which he says also references gain-of-function research, based on the analysis of a Rutgers cellular biologist.

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When pressed by Hemmer on why Dr. Fauci would lie about the funding, Paul said that the NIAID director was afraid of "culpability," since he allegedly sent the money to the same people who may have caused the outbreak.

While U.S. officials during the Trump administration believed the virus may have originated from the lab, some experts have doubted that explanation. But so far, investigations have been hampered by a secretive Chinese regime.

"So, Dr. Fauci came to Congress yesterday and lied. We can't prove the virus came from the lab. I'm not saying it did. I'm saying there is very much suspicious evidence that it might have," said Paul.

Fox News' Adam Shaw contributed to this report.

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- OrangeSushi** ⋮
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 The bigger question is whether gain-of-function research should continue in the U.S... or anywhere. No security measures are infallible, and contamination from high security labs has occurred before. *(Edited)*
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- onemanmanyvoices > OrangeSushi ⋮

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It was discontinued in the U.S. in 2014....that's why the funding was directed to the Wuhan lab.

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Golffool3169 

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I agree he lied, but where is the accountability? If I, or anyone else, lied before congress we would be sitting in jail right now. When will constituents demand that those in government be held to the same standards as those who pay their inflated salary?

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steky9999196 > **Golffool3169** 

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He didn't lie. The answer was already given many times you simply refuse to accept the answer. You won't be able to prosecute the doctor because at the end of the day professional people who are involved in deciding what things get processed understand how this works and there is not evidence to do so. It'll go just like Hillary where nobody except the answers the woman gives for any question because they don't like her. And ultimately at the end of the day they are forced to let the case go because they have no evidence.

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Kepanta > **Golffool3169** 

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You agree he lied why, because Paul Moron Ryan said he did, Ryan has the credibility of a gnat

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Type it up and send it over to Justice and ask them to indict. Isn't it amazing, we prosecute some people for not remembering the details of a email from 5 years earlier, but won't prosecute people for lying in congressional testimony.

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B 2 days ago
Sources say, that Rand Paul is lying to congress

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Lock him up!

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Jose9056
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What Senator Paul said is absolutely correct. One part is missing, though. Recipients of RO1 grants are subject to oversight. Where was Dr. Fauci's oversight? None. Dereliction of duty. He should be fired and investigated for potential criminal negligence. *(Edited)*

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dirka084 > Jose9056
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And you have some evidence of this?

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H **honestgent** > Jose9056
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It is hard to oversee yourself.

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km99
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Lying under oath to congress is supposed to be a crime. The oath congressmen take does not include not lying; many take full advantage of that exclusion.

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c **countryoutofitsmind** > km99
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as long as you perpetuate any democrat lie, then you don't get in trouble...

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That's nothing, over 180K people have come across the southern border this year and all of them have broken the law. What was their punishment free room and board,

free medical care and a free education.

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glene126 

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The may not have PROOF the virus started in that lab but they have ABSOLUTE PROOF the NIH gave money to the entity that then sent it to a virology lab that uses the safety protocol level of a dentist office for these level virus!. That is in itself culpability.


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hannitysucs926 > glene126 

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And just where is that PROOF that you have?

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c CaringCitizen12345 

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I find the last line of this article very interesting:

"So, Dr. Fauci came to Congress yesterday and lied. We can't prove the virus came from the lab. I'm not saying it did. I'm saying there is very much suspicious evidence that it might have."

So Paul is saying that NIH funded this. Fauci is saying that they received a grant but not for this type of research. So we are going to keep looking into this.

I'll save everyone time and the government a lot of money. They will find no correlation between Fauci and the lab creating the virus. This is for one of two reasons: Either it did not happen or they don't want you to know it happened. Either way a certain population will not believe the report.

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c cyberpunkspike > CaringCitizen12345 

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EcoHealth has said in public conferences that his group was engaging in Gain of Function research, as well as numerous scientists familiar with their work.

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s steelwig > CaringCitizen12345 

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Google Peter Dayzak EchoHealth Alliance

Reply  2 **P** **probonohumani** 

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Gain of function experiments are useful tools in genetics research but should never be performed on potential human pathogens. The supreme irony is that this research was initiated with the intent of preventing a coronavirus pandemic and instead caused one. This research was stimulated as a result of the original SARS-1 bat coronavirus that was deadly in humans but ultimately self contained two decades ago. In order to prevent this from happening again, the goal of this research was to generate a bat coronavirus that gained the ability to be infectious in humans. This would then allow identification of the genetic basis for human infectivity and thus point to possible ways of blocking the virus to prevent a pandemic. Unfortunately, the infectious SARS-2 coronavirus was accidentally released and caused a pandemic. The reason everyone dances around the origins of SARS-2 is that this well intentioned but misguided research led to millions of deaths, trillions in economic damage, and social upheaval. Essentially, a monster was created and accidentally escaped. A very tragic tale of caution about gain of function research on infectious diseases.

Reply  25  3**despe666** > **probonohumani** 

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It's a fascinating hypothesis but there's not a shred of evidence to support it.

Reply  7  17 Show 3 more replies**trafficman** 

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When elected officials are more concerned about their foreign interest and partners than they are U.S. citizens and taxpayers you know it is time to evict them from their offices and positions in gov't.

Reply  51  3**despe666** > **trafficman** 

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Kentucky voters will get their chance next year. Considering they reelected Moscow Mitch, I don't have much faith they won't reelect Paul.

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90 days ago we were energy independent. What happened?

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markwilke > TheBigDifference




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We have never been energy independent.

Just because Trump said we were that does not make it true.

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dhminnc448 > TheBigDifference



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We still import oil and always will. We now are one of the largest exporters of oil. If we increase our renewables, we will continue to to be energy independent.

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