

'There needs to be a quick and devastating take down': Emails show how Fauci and head of NIH worked to discredit three experts who penned the Great Barrington Declaration which called for an end to lockdowns

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- Fauci later sends Collins multiple op-eds trashing the GBD in Wired and The Nation Magazine
- Dr. Jay Bhattacharya - one of the authors and a DailyMail.com contributor - tweeted that he was the subject of a propaganda attack by his own government

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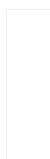
Dr. **Anthony Fauci** and the head of the National Institute of Health (NIH) colluded on a way to discredit an alternative plan to deal with COVID from a group of experts, released emails reveal.

The emails, some of which were tweeted out on Saturday by Phil Magness, senior research faculty and interim research and education director at the American Institute for Economic Research (AIER), show Fauci and Francis Collins attempting to coordinate a 'devastating takedown' of the **Great Barrington Declaration**.

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Later in the day, Fauci sends Collins a Wired op-ed that refutes the notion of herd immunity stopping the pandemic.

Collins then sends Fauci an op-ed in The Nation also trashing the GBD.

From: Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 2:31 PM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6); Lane, Cliff (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)
Cc: Tabak, Lawrence (NIH/OD) [E] (b) (6)
Subject: Great Barrington Declaration

Hi Tony and Cliff,

See <https://gbdeclaration.org/> This proposal from the three fringe epidemiologists who met with the Secretary seems to be getting a lot of attention – and even a co-signature from Nobel Prize winner Mike Leavitt at Stanford. There needs to be a quick and devastating published take down of its premises. I don't see anything like that on line yet – is it underway?

Francis

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An email from NIH Director Francis Collins telling Anthony Fauci that there needed to be a 'devastating published take down' of the Great Barrington Declaration

From: Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Thu, 8 Oct 2020 19:53:51 +0000
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Lane, Cliff (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Cc: Tabak, Lawrence (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: RE: Great Barrington Declaration

Excellent.

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 2:41 PM
To: Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E] (b) (6); Lane, Cliff (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)
Cc: Tabak, Lawrence (NIH/OD) [E] (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Great Barrington Declaration


Francis:

I am pasting in below a piece from *Wired* that debunks this theory.

Best,
 Tony

There is no 'scientific divide' over herd immunity

There's a lot of talk of scientists divided over Covid-19, but when you look at the evidence any so-called divide starts to evaporate



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Later in the day, Fauci sends along a piece from wired that Fauci said 'debunks this theory,' which relies heavily on ending lockdowns and herd immunity

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From: Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Fri, 9 Oct 2020 01:37:32 +0000
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Cc: Lane, Cliff (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: RE: The Nation/ Gregg Gonsalves: Focused Protection, Herd Immunity, and Other Deadly Delusions

Indeed, and well said.

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 7:46 PM
To: Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E]; Lane, Cliff (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: FW: The Nation/ Gregg Gonsalves: Focused Protection, Herd Immunity, and Other Deadly Delusions

Another refutation of the herd immunity approach.

Focused Protection, Herd Immunity, and Other Deadly Delusions

Abandoning solidarity for the siren song of age-targeted reopening is a political error and a medical mistake.

By [Gregg Gonsalves](#) [Twitter](#)

Today 5:30 am



Fauci sends him along another op-ed from The Nation Magazine trashing the Great Barrington Declaration

A few days later, Collins emails Fauci a Washington Post op-ed he's quoted in headlined 'Proposal to hasten herd immunity to the coronavirus grabs White House attention but appalls top scientists.'

Collins - working under former President Donald Trump at the time - said 'my quotes are accurate but will not be appreciated in the [White House].'

Fauci responds: 'They are too busy with other things to worry about this. What you said was entirely correct.'

Later, Gregg Gonsalves - the writer of The Nation op-ed - sends Collins an email thanking him with a subject line that includes saying legendary AIDS activist Larry Kramer 'would be proud.'

Collins responds with a smiley face.

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Tue, 13 Oct 2020 22:43:53 +0000
To: Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: RE: Story online on "focused protection" and the Great Barrington Declaration

They are too busy with other things to worry about this. What you said was entirely correct.

From: Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Myles, Renate (NIH/OD) [E]; Burklow, John (NIH/OD) [E]; Tabak, Lawrence (NIH/OD) [E]; Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: Story online on "focused protection" and the Great Barrington Declaration

My quotes are accurate, but will not be appreciated in the WH.

FC

https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/covid-herd-immunity/2020/10/10/3910251c-0a60-11eb-859b-f9c27abe638d_story.html

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From: Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Wed, 14 Oct 2020 21:20:55 +0000
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Tabak, Lawrence (NIH/OD) [E]; Wolinetz, Carrie (NIH/OD) [E]; Myles, Renate (NIH/OD) [E]; Burklow, John (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: FW: Thank You for Your Frank Comments on Herd Immunity (Larry Kramer Would Be Proud)



From: Gregg Gonsalves <gregg.gonsalves@yale.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E] (b) (6)
Subject: Thank You for Your Frank Comments on Herd Immunity (Larry Kramer Would Be Proud)

Dear Francis, we haven't met but have been on calls with you in the past on the NIH AIDS budget. Saw your comments on the ludicrous Great Barrington Declaration and wanted to thank you for speaking out and doing it "undiplomatically."
Rochelle Walensky, Carlos Del Rio, Marc Lipsitch and I just wrote a piece for the WaPo on this: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/10/14/herd-immunity-barrington-declaration/>
After we saw what you had said about "fringe" epidemiology, we wondered why we were so nice in our op-ed.

Gregg Gonsalves

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Collins is later thanked by Gregg Gonsalves, who wrote the op-ed trashing the GBD in The Nation

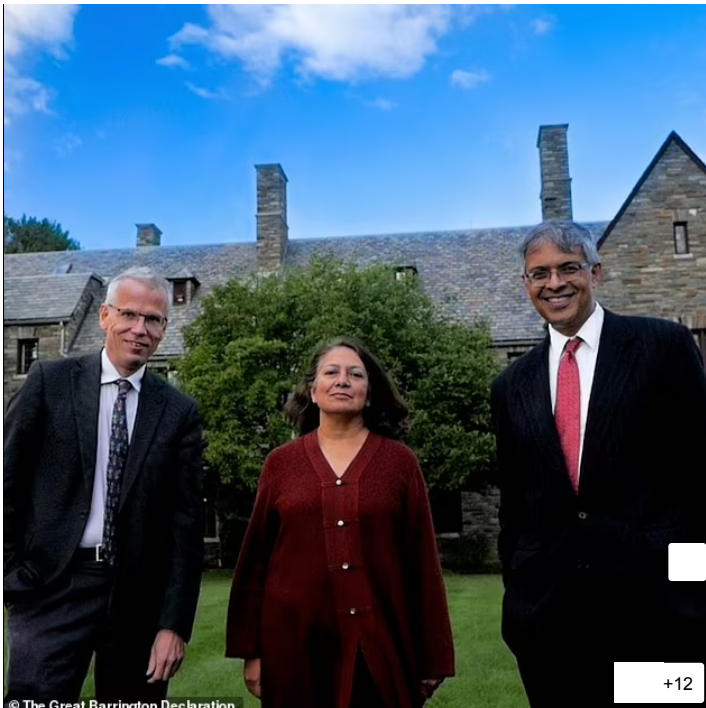
The GBD - authored by previous DailyMail.com contributor Jay Bhattacharya of Stanford University, Sunetra Gupta of the University of Oxford and Martin Kulldorff of Harvard University, calls for individuals at significantly lower risk of dying from COVID-19 - as well as those at higher risk who so wish - to be allowed 'to resume their normal lives.'

That would mean allowing people in low risk groups to go to offices, hang out in bars and restaurants and go to sporting and entertainment events.

The centerpiece of the declaration, according to Dr. Bhattacharya, is a call for increased **focused protection** of the vulnerable older population, who are more than a thousand times more likely to die from COVID infection than the young.

The declaration makes no mention of social distancing, masks, tracing, or long-term Covid cases but suggests that increased infection of those at lower risks would build herd immunity.

Bhattacharya tweeted in response to the emails: 'So now I know what it feels like to be the subject of a propaganda attack by my own government. Discussion and engagement would have been a better path.'



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Drs Jay Bhattacharya of Stanford University, Sunetra Gupta of Oxford University and Martin Kulldorff of Harvard University, the main authors of the Great Barrington Declaration

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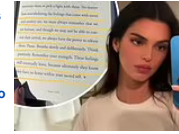
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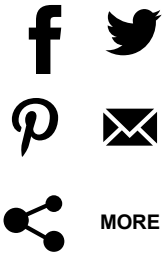
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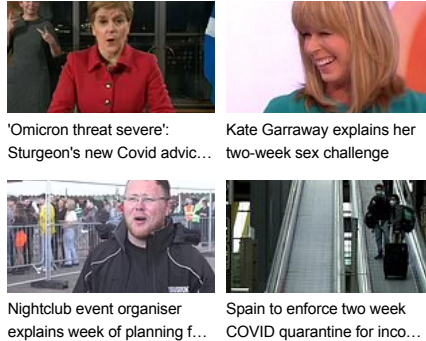
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The emails - which happened while Fauci and Collins were working under President Trump - come as President Biden continues to struggle with the explosion of the Omicron variant across the country.

Biden will deliver a speech on Tuesday to announce new Covid measures to fight the rapidly-spreading Omicron variant.

It's anticipated that he will go beyond his already revealed 'Winter Plan' and address booster shots, lockdowns and mask mandates.

Earlier this month Biden announced a Covid plan to battle the virus throughout the colder months, which included booster shots for all adults, vaccinations for kids in efforts to keep schools open and expanding free at-home Covid testing.

As of Saturday morning, there were 830 cases of the Omicron Covid-19 variant confirmed by DNA sequencing across the country, a 97 percent increase from Friday morning's tally.

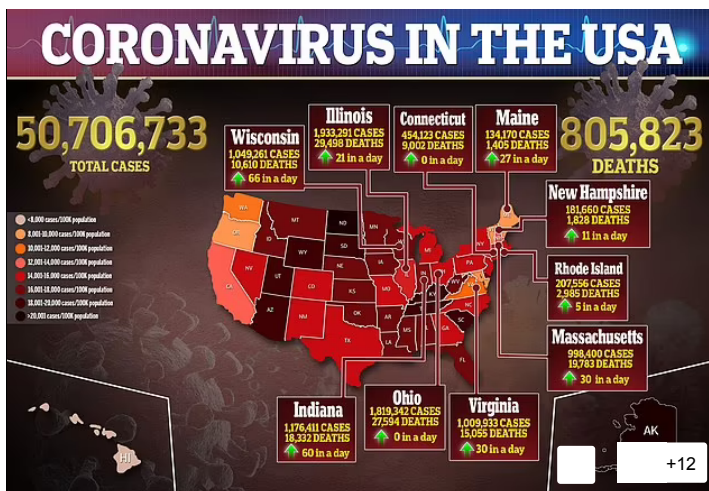
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In reality, the true number of Omicron cases is much higher, as only 1 to 2 percent of all cases are sequenced for variant markers, but the testing data shows a disturbing national trend.

The CDC estimates that Omicron accounts for at least 13 percent of all new cases in New York, which on Saturday recorded its highest single-day tally of new Covid-19 cases ever at 29,908 - breaking its previous record of 21,027 set just one day earlier.



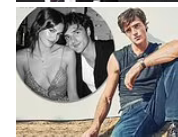
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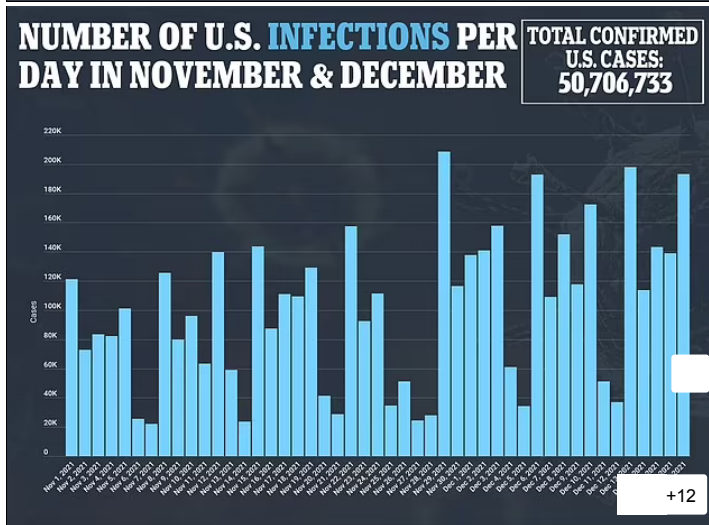
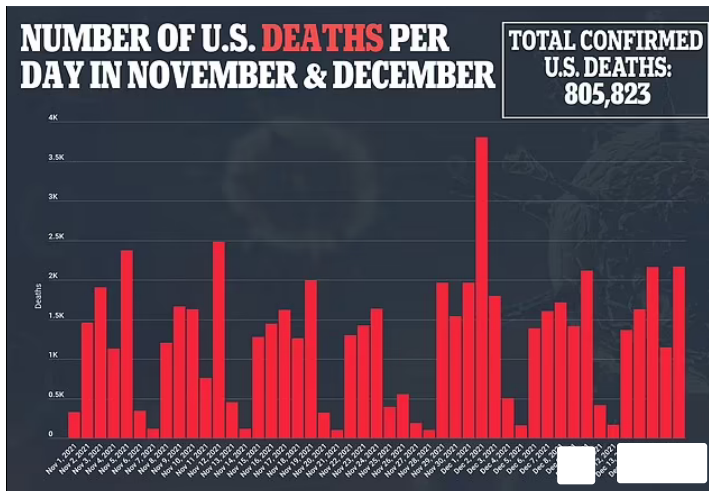


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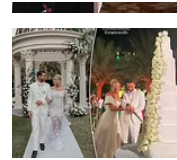
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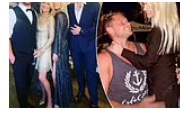
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