

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—“But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man” (Weymouth New Testament).



An article by Staff titled “Pahlavi Remains Iran’s Main Opposition Figure, Lack of US Backing Causing Failure at Regime Change” was posted at jpost.com on July 28, 2026. Following are excerpts of the article.

As the US and Israel went to war on Iran this year, a transformative moment seemed to have arrived for Iranian Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi, son of the autocratic shah who was overthrown in 1979.

Despite not having set foot in Iran in almost half a century, Pahlavi had been actively campaigning in the US and Europe, giving speeches about a bright new future for his homeland, raising money and meeting elected officials.

“The Iranian people have called on me to lead the transition after the regime is gone,” he declared on X/Twitter shortly after the war began in late February. “I have accepted that responsibility.”

In Texas this March, Pahlavi received one of the most enthusiastic receptions at the Conservative Political Action Conference. As he took the stage, staunch supporters of US President Donald Trump and a large contingent of Iranian Americans, many draped in the pre-revolution Iranian flag that flew during his father’s rule, lavished him with a 45 second standing ovation.

Four days later, Trump horrified many Iranian emigres by declaring in a social-media post: “We are blasting Iran into oblivion or, as they say, back to the Stone Ages!!!”

To the shock of some of Pahlavi’s Iranian-American financial supporters – one of whom said the donors had recently given his campaign more than \$3 million in the hope he could lead a new, transitional government in Iran – Pahlavi didn’t swiftly condemn Trump’s remarks.

Now, his triumphant appearance at CPAC appears to mark the apex of his rise as the most visible candidate vying to step in should the hardline Islamic government fall. Although he continues to campaign, his candidacy has sputtered.

In mid-January, Trump told Reuters that Pahlavi “seems very nice, but I don't know how he'd play within his own country.” And behind the scenes, his administration sidelined the prince. As Iranian-American human rights activist Ahmad Batebi prepared to address a January 15 United Nations Security Council meeting on Tehran’s bloody crackdown on protests earlier that month, US Ambassador to the UN Mike Waltz personally urged him not to mention Pahlavi by name, according to two people familiar with the exchange. Although Batebi supports Pahlavi, he complied.

In a statement, Waltz told Reuters he suggested “a tight focus” on Batebi’s own experience of torture in Iranian prisons and “the barbarism of the regime” would make “the greatest impact, rather than opposition politics.”

In June, the tattered ceasefire pact signed by the US and Iran made no mention of regime change. Instead, the US agreed to respect Iran’s sovereignty and refrain from interfering in its internal affairs, and publicly dismissed Pahlavi again.

“The President of the United States never said that his goal was to install Reza Pahlavi to become the new leader of Iran,” US Vice President JD Vance told podcaster Megyn Kelly after Trump announced the US-Iran memorandum of understanding on June 14. Pahlavi and his top aides were left to blast the agreement on social media.

Meanwhile, some of Pahlavi’s financial backers, who communicate in a private WhatsApp group, have grown disillusioned not just by his muted criticism of Trump’s extreme wartime threats. In private calls, according to three people familiar with the matter, Pahlavi listened to but ultimately ignored their advice to try harder to unify the opposition and to forcefully condemn some of his more radical supporters’ violence against and harassment of other Iranian dissidents. There is no evidence that Pahlavi had anything to do with those incidents.

Pahlavi's faltering leadership bid highlights one of the major flaws in the US-Israeli war on Iran: the lack of a clear alternative to the Islamic Republic. Shortly after the bombing began in late February, Trump called for the Iranian people to rise up and take over their government. But despite an air strike that killed then-supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the government

has survived the onslaught, and in the view of many Iran watchers, has tightened its hold on power.

(Pahlavi stressed Islamic Regime 'very close' to collapse in Paris interviews with Reuters.)

In two interviews with Reuters this month, including a lengthy video sit-down in Paris, Pahlavi stressed that Iran's current government is "very close" to collapse. "This campaign started as a lifetime mission to liberate Iran 46 years ago," he said. "And it has never been about me. It's been about the Iranian people and their right to self-determination."

His role, he said, is to lead a transition to a new democratic government: "I'm not the destination, I'm a bridge to the destination."

The Iranian mission to the United Nations in New York didn't respond to requests for comment.

While Pahlavi's supporters see him as a unifier, several attempts he was involved in to unite the long-divided opposition collapsed. In one case in 2023, three people familiar with the matter said his wife insulted other opposition leaders, which she denies.

Two activists also say he was mostly all talk and no action during a campaign to designate as a terrorist organization the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, which wields vast military, political and economic power in Iran.

For this story, Reuters interviewed more than 50 people, including eight of Pahlavi's current and former associates; reviewed hundreds of pages of legal documents; and sifted through extensive video, photographic and social-media records of Pahlavi and his supporters, some of whom favor a restoration of Iran's pre-revolutionary monarchy.

Pahlavi's main credential is being the son of the last shah of Iran. Unlike many successful revolutionaries of the recent past, such as South Africa's Nelson Mandela, Poland's Lech Walesa or the Islamists who overthrew his father, Pahlavi doesn't seem to have a mass-organized movement inside the country ready to roll into power.

Iran's repressive government also has culled potential alternative opposition leaders who might have risen to Pahlavi's level of prominence, imprisoning or killing thousands of dissidents and allegedly trying to assassinate critics abroad.

Far from a sputtering campaign, Pahlavi described a robust "mobilization to overcome this regime" and told Reuters it's "not true" that he hasn't built a mass movement. Huge numbers of Iranians heeded his call to protest in the streets on January 8 and 9, he said, and many died when the government responded with gunfire.

He said he communicates with “cell leaders” of “over a thousand different groupings” that span labor, academia, religion and ethnic organizations “to be ready to intervene the moment that we have that opening.” Reuters was unable to independently confirm how many groups inside Iran are working with him.

It was Tehran’s “massacre” of demonstrators in January that Pahlavi said changed his view on foreign intervention. That month, an Iranian official told Reuters that deaths in street protests had reached at least 5,000; Pahlavi puts the figure at 40,000.

“This regime demonstrates that it has no mercy whatsoever,” he said. “It’s willing to kill thousands upon thousands of its own citizens, and therefore there has to be an adjustment of how you look at things.” The Iranian people are still the “boots on the ground,” he said, but they need foreign military help to “equal the playing field.”

He said he hasn’t sought the endorsement of any government or leader: “It is not for a foreign government to decide who or what should be the alternative for Iran. That’s up to the Iranian people.”



“Eye on the World” comment: The following headlines involve articles that are considered international. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

Iran war

- An article by Staff titled “Bahrain, Kuwait Warplanes Struck Iran in Rare Gulf Retaliation” was posted at wsj.com on July 24, 2026.
- An article by Staff titled “Iran-Linked Media Outlet Publishes Threat Video Targeting Melania, Barron” was posted at newsmax.com on July 27, 2026.
- An article by Staff titled “Netanyahu to Provide Trump With Intel on Iran’s Pickaxe Mountain Nuclear Facility: Source” was posted at nypost.com on July 27, 2026.
- An article by Staff titled “US, Saudi Arabia Launch Joint Strikes on Iran’s Terrorist Proxies in Iraq in Response to Drone Attacks” was posted at nypost.com on July 28, 2026.
- An article by Staff titled “Iran Using Social Media Footage to Target U.S. Troops, Assets in Middle East” was posted at jpost.com on July 29, 2026.
- An article by Frances Martel titled “Saudi Arabia Joins U.S. Strikes Against Iranian Proxies in Iraq” was posted at Breitbart.com on July 29, 2026.

- An article by Sean Davis titled “NeverTrumpers Are Banking on Iran War to Drive MAGA Into Extinction” was posted at thefederalist.com on July 29, 2026.

Iran war – contrasting polls

- An article by Catherine Stoddard titled “Majority of Americans Want Iran War to End Now; Poll Finds” was posted at fox5dc.com on July 23, 2026.
- An article by Hannah Knudsen titled “Polls Shows Majority Believe U.S. Must Finish the Job in Iran” was posted at Breitbart.com on July 27, 2026.

Russia-Ukraine war – general news

- An article by Staff titled “Russian Strikes on Ukraine Kill 8; Poland Scrambles Fighter Jets” was posted at nypost.com on July 30, 2026.

Comments about China – general

- An article by Ken Buck titled “China’s Next Weapon Against America Is Our Own Food Supply” was posted at theepochtimes.com on July 26, 2026.
- An article by Matt Margolis titled “Bombshell Documents Point to China Blackmail Efforts Targeting Biden Family” was posted at pjmedia.com on July 27, 2026.

Spain

- A video and an article by Oliver JJ Lane titled “Video, Pictures: Spain Migrant Crisis Surges as Thousands Swim Across Border From Morocco” were posted at Breitbart.com on July 30, 2026.
- An article by Geoffrey Ingersoll titled “You All Saw the Footage – Invasions Like That in Spain Are Just the Beginning” was posted at dailycaller.com on July 31, 2026.
- An article by Dylan Kresak titled “European Nations Regret Having Open Borders After Moroccans Swarm Spain” was posted at dailycaller.com on July 31, 2026.

Japan earthquake

- An article by Staff titled “Magnitude 7.1 Earthquake Damages Japanese Shopping Center, Trapping Unknown Number of People” was posted at nypost.com on July 28, 2026.
- An article by John Hayward titled “Death Toll Rises to 18 as Rescuers Comb Through Earthquake Rubble in Japan” was posted at Breitbart.com on July 29, 2026.

Canada smoke

- An article by Shawn Regan titled “Americans Are Choking on Canadian Wildfire Smoke Because Our Neighbors Refuse to Do Proper Forest Management” was posted at nypost.com on July 26, 2026.

Ebola

- An article by Staff titled “More Health Workers Strike as Ebola Cases in Congo Near 3,000 – Including Over 1,300 Deaths” was posted at nypost.com on July 27, 2026.

International news – miscellaneous

- An article by Alexandra Steigrad titled “Paramount CEO Confident on Warner Bros. Merger – as Actors Like Benedict Cumberbatch, Alan Cummings Call for UK to Block It” was posted at nypost.com on July 27, 2026.
- An article by Kurt Zindulka titled “Suicidal Empathy: Berlin Pride Organizers Defend Multi-Culturalism After Islam Terror Attack” was posted at Breitbart.com on July 27, 2026.



“Eye on the World” comment: The following headlines are about articles that involve the United States. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

Dr. Anthony Fauci – general comments

- An article by Staff titled “Fauci’s Diary Shows He Fed Questions to Journalists, Built Friendships With Media Figures” was posted at foxnews.com on July 27, 2026.
- An article by Hannah Knudsen titled “Fauci Diary Shows He Lied to the Public About Coronavirus Fatality Rate” was posted at Breitbart.com on July 27, 2026.
- An article by Eddie Scarry titled “Don’t Ever Forget the Lies the Media Told to Protect Fauci and Biden” was posted at thefederalist.com on July 28, 2026.
- An article by Ann Rodgers titled “Dr. Anthony Fauci Suffered Pulmonary Infarction Months After Taking Vaccine, Hid From Public” was posted at dailycaller.com on July 28, 2026.
- An article by Staff titled “Fetterman Says During Fauci Hearing He ‘Regrets’ Rejecting Lab Leak Theory as Right-Wing Conspiracy” was posted at Breitbart.com on July 29, 2026.

- An article by Arianna Hooker titled “Is Fauci Out of Woods After Pleading Fifth?” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on July 29, 2026.

Election integrity

- An article by Benjamin Yount titled “Wisconsin Election Commission Tells DOJ It’s Not Responsible for Keeping Non-Citizens Off Voter Rolls” was posted at [justthenews.com](https://www.justthenews.com) on July 10, 2026.
- A video and an article by Dylan Kresak titled “Watch Hakeem Jeffries Pivot When Confronted Over Illegal Voting Democrats Swore Was Not Happening” were posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on July 26, 2026.
- An article by Mary Rooke titled “GOP Leadership Infected With Severe Electoral Dysfunction” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on July 27, 2026.
- An article by Ben Weingarten titled “Counting Non-Citizens in the Census Undermines American Democracy” was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on July 29, 2026.

Voting integrity – majority of voters want SAVE Act

- Looking back to March 2026, an article by Sahil Kapur titled “Most Americans Support Requiring Photo ID to Vote – Democrats in Congress Reject It” was posted at [nbcnews.com](https://www.nbcnews.com) on March 17, 2026.
- An article by Michael Katz titled “McLaughlin Poll Finds Broad Support for SAVE America Act” was posted at [newsmax.com](https://www.newsmax.com) on July 27, 2026.

No action on SAVE Act – blame the Republicans

- Looking back to March 2026, an article by Jordan Boyd titled “Thune and GOP Establishment Fight Harder for Worthless Cornyn Than SAVE Act” was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on March 5, 2026.
- Looking back to June 2026, an article by Ashley Brasfield titled “[John] Thune Admits Some Senate Republicans Hate Trump Too Much to Support SAVE America Act” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on June 17, 2026.
- An article by Nicole Silverio titled “Trump, 3 GOP Senators Tell John Thune to Keep Senate Open Until SAVE Act Is Passed” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on July 27, 2026.

Illegal immigration – general comments

- An editorial by Staff titled “Team Trump Is Wisely Pushing for Most Illegal Migrants to Go Home Voluntarily” was posted at nypost.com on July 25, 2026.

Climate agenda

- An article by Charles Creitz titled “Trump Administration Scraps ‘Weaponized’ Wildlife Rule That Became ‘Burden’ on American Families and Businesses: Burgum” was posted at foxnews.com on July 10, 2026.

Transgender – general

- An article by Ann Rodgers titled “Trans Activist [in South Carolina] Avoids Prison After Threatening to Kill Congresswoman” was posted at dailycaller.com on July 23, 2026.

Notice the obvious – elites in the Democrat party have chosen their candidates since 2016

- Looking back to October 2024, an article by Nick Hart titled “When Was the Last Time the Democrats Had a Primary That Was Actually Democratic?” was posted at medium.com on Oct. 5, 2024. (For at least the last 3 general elections, Democrats haven’t allowed their own base to choose their candidate.)

In 2016, the Democrat elites convinced Bernie Sanders to step aside.

In 2020, the Democrat elites convinced opponents to Joe Biden to step aside.

In 2024, the Democrat elites forced Joe Biden to withdraw.

In 2024, the Democrat elites picked Kamala Harris without a single vote.

Who will lead the Democrats?

- An article by Kurt Schlichter titled “It’s Going to Be JD and Kamala, So Calm Down” was posted at townhall.com on July 27, 2026.
- An article by Joseph Chalfant titled “Democrats Mortgage Headquarters for \$15 Million to Bail Out of Their Financial Fiasco” was posted at townhall.com on July 26, 2026.
- An article by Eric Garcia titled “Broke and Broken Democrats Are on Course to Snatch Defeat From the Jaws of Victory This Fall” was posted at independent.co.uk on July 28, 2026. (“Just when they seemed poised to take back the House, Democrats are in the red on cash and facing an internal ideological fight – all with less than 100 days until November’s midterm elections.”)

Gavin Newsom – is born connected

- Looking back to September 2018, an article by Seema Mehta titled “How Eight Elite San Francisco Families Funded Gavin Newsom’s Political Ascent [Newsom Wasn’t Born Rich, but He Was Born Connected]” was posted at latimes.com on Sept. 7, 2018.
- An article by Josh Koehn titled “Gavin Newsom’s Sneaky Tax Return ‘Release’ Sparks Outrage” was posted at nypost.com on July 31, 2026.

John Cornyn – had almost become Senate majority leader

- Looking back to November 2024, an article by Matthew Choi titled “John Cornyn Loses Longtime Bid to Be Next Senate Majority Leader to John Thune” was posted at texastribune.org on Nov. 13, 2024.
- Looking back to November 2024, an article by James Osborne titled “John Cornyn Loses Bid to Lead the U.S. Senate” was posted at houstonchronicle.com on Nov. 13, 2024.

John Cornyn – why did he loss his seat to Ken Paxton?

- Looking back to July 2022, an article by Joe Guzzardi titled “Heads Up for Cornyn: Amnesty No Laughing Matter” was posted at patch.com on July 6, 2022.
- Looking back to December 2025, Wesley Hunt gave the following comment “John Cornyn Voted for Amnesty Eleven Times Over the Course of His Career” was posted at facebook.com on Dec. 29, 2025.

John Cornyn – now being difficult on the way out

- An article by Mariane Angela titled “John Cornyn Threatens to Sink Todd Blanche as DOJ Will Not Rescind Trump IRS Fund” was posted at Breitbart.com on July 29, 2026.

WNBA

- A video titled “ESPN Doesn’t Have WNBA Game Analysts, They Have Paid Political Activists” was posted at foxnews.com on July 27, 2026.

Caitlin Clark

- An article by Kareem Copeland titled “Fever’s Caitlin Clark Records WNBA’s 1st 45-Point, 10-Assist Double-Double” was posted at espn.com on July 17, 2026.

- An article by Nancy Armour titled “Caitlin Clark’s Flopping Isn’t Just Annoying – It’s Becoming Dangerous [With the Author Saying That Her Flopping Puts Gay Black WNBA Colleagues in Grave Danger of Being Lynched]” was posted at [usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com) on July 22, 2026.
- An article by Oscar Maung-Haley titled “Caitlin Clark’s Promise to Barack Obama [to Not Lose Her Love for Basketball] Caught on Hot Mic Amid WNBA Storm” was posted at [themirror.com](https://www.themirror.com) on July 25, 2026.

Sophie Cunningham – of WNBA Indiana Fever

- An article by Dylan Gwinn titled “Report: WNBA Co-Owner Cursed at Teen Girls for Supporting Sophie Cunningham” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on July 29, 2026.
- An article by Dylan Gwinn titled “[WNBA Seattle] Storm Apologize After Owner Cursed, Berated Teen Girls Supporting Sophie Cunningham” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on July 29, 2026.
- An article by Adam Silverstein titled “Sophie Cunningham Rips Storm Co-Owner Celeste Keaton for Leaving Teen Girls in Tears Amid Controversy: ‘Truly Embarrassing’ ” was posted at [nypost.com](https://www.nypost.com) on July 30, 2026.

General interest – news

- An article by Staff titled “White House Considering Permanent Security Fencing” was posted at [newsmax.com](https://www.newsmax.com) on July 10, 2026.
- An article by Harold Hutchison titled “Would-Be Burglar Picked the Wrong North Carolina House to Break Into” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on July 24, 2026.
- An article by Staff titled “Cracker Barrel CEO Julie Felss Masino Steps Down After ‘Woke’ Rebrand Sparked Backlash From Customers – and Even Trump” was posted at [nypost.com](https://www.nypost.com) on July 27, 2026.



An article by Mark Tanos titled “Meet the Democrats Who Voted for the NDAA and Save Act – and the Republicans Who Voted Against Them” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on July 23, 2026.

Thirteen House members broke with their respective parties Wednesday [July 22] on the annual defense bill. The chamber cleared the fiscal 2027 National Defense Authorization Act 216-212 – with the SAVE America Act riding along to the Senate.

Six Democrats provided the votes necessary to carry the package while seven Republicans rejected it.

The 6 Democrats who crossed over were the following Representatives:

- Henry Cuellar of Texas
- Don Davis of North Carolina
- Jared Golden of Maine
- Vicente Gonzalez of Texas
- Adam Gray of California
- Marie Perez of Washington

One Independent (who left the Republican Party earlier this year) also voted yes.

- Kevin Kiley of California

The 7 Republican holdouts were the following Representatives:

- Josh Brecheen of Oklahoma
- Tim Burchett of Tennessee
- Eli Crane of Arizona
- Harriet Hageman of Wyoming
- Anna Paulina Luna of Florida
- Thomas Massie of Kentucky
- Chip Roy of Texas

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An article by Misty Severi titled “Top 10 Takeaways From Anthony Fauci’s Hearing in Front of Senate Committee” was posted at justthenews.com on July 29, 2026. Following is the article.

Former National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Dr. Anthony Fauci appeared in front of the Senate Homeland Security Committee on Wednesday, where he was grilled about his work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The former NIAID director refused to answer lawmaker questions throughout the hearing, invoking his Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination, despite having a presidential pardon that covered his work during the pandemic.

Despite Fauci's refusal to answer questions, the hearing was filled with major revelations and accusations.

Here are the top 10 major takeaways from the Senate hearing:

1. Fauci applied for government grants for himself/got government employees to do it for him.

Missouri Republican Sen. Josh Hawley revealed during the hearing that Fauci allegedly used federal employees while he was NIAID director to apply for government grants on his behalf for his work during the pandemic.

“You got rich while people were dying,” a heated Hawley said. “You were using federal employees with taxpayer money to apply for and solicit cash prizes for you personally. Cash prizes totaling over a million dollars.”

Hawley said he has evidence of the applications for cash prizes that Fauci received, including the Dan David award and the Smithsonian award.

“You actually wrote to people and said, 'Do you think maybe I'd qualify?' And you got cash for all of this. And it wasn't just one or two employees, was it? In fact, you used eight separate federal employees on federal time using federal resources to solicit cash awards. Isn't that true?”

Fauci invoked the Fifth Amendment in response.

2. Ron Johnson alleges Fauci covered up evidence ivermectin works.

Wisconsin GOP Sen. Ron Johnson accused Fauci during the hearing of covering up alleged evidence that the controversial prescription drug medication ivermectin actually is effective against the coronavirus.

“You said there was no evidence,” Johnson said. “There were all kinds of evidence. Loved ones had to go to hospitals, had to sue hospitals . . . So I want to know, to what extent were you involved in sabotaging Hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin?”

Johnson highlighted studies that found there were 60-70% effectiveness rate against the virus. Fauci invoked the Fifth Amendment again in response.

3. Moreno asks why Fauci hired a criminal defense attorney.

Ohio GOP Sen. Bernie Moreno questioned why Fauci would hire a prominent criminal defense attorney if he had done nothing wrong when it came to the COVID-19 pandemic, stating that the attorney was someone a client hires if they are in “deep [expletive].”

“Let me tell you who David Schertler is for the audience,” Moreno said. “He's a high-profile criminal attorney. He's represented some really great people like Senator Bob Menendez . . . And there's an article here in the *Washington Free Beacon* that talks about why you would hire a guy like David Schertler. The comment is, ‘if you're in deep [expletive], that's who you call.’ ”

4. Rand Paul confirms plans for Fauci contempt vote.

Another top moment related to the hearing comes after Senate Homeland Security Chairman Rand Paul confirmed that he plans to hold a contempt vote against Fauci for pleading the Fifth in order to dodge answering the panel's questions.

“We believe . . . he didn't need to hide behind the 5th Amendment and that maybe the 5th Amendment doesn't attach when you have a pardon in place,” he told reporters. “The question on contempt will be voted on and then there's the question of whether or not the Department of Justice will take that up.”

5. Senators question legality of 5th amendment plea.

Several senators also questioned whether Fauci could even plead the Fifth since he was pardoned by former President Joe Biden before he left office last year.

“You don't have any rights under the Fifth Amendment, because you've been pardoned, as you very well know,” Hawley said. “As the Supreme Court has been clear for a century or more. *Brown vs. Walker*, 1896, ‘when he has been pardoned he may not stand upon his privilege.’

“You know that. Your lawyers sitting behind you now, shifting nervously in their chairs, they know it. This isn't about the Constitution, this isn't about the law,” he continued. “This is about contempt, contempt for this body and contempt for the American people.”

6. Rick Scott tells Fauci how lockdowns hurt his own family.

Florida Republican Sen. Rick Scott also heavily criticized Fauci in his speech, highlighting how the former NIAID director's policies and guidance hurt the American health industry and even his own children and family.

“I have daughters with children. You cannot imagine the questions they have surrounding vaccines for their kids and themselves, and the unbelievable pressure to make the right decision for their health,” Scott said.

“I can tell you that pregnant women who worked with me were so scared. Every time they went to go to the doctor, they were told something different about taking a vaccine,” he continued. “You caused [the fear].”

Scott claimed Fauci was responsible for destroying the trust in American medicine and accused him of lying to Americans amid the public health crisis just to enrich himself.

“You forced people to watch their loved ones die alone over the phone,” Scott said. “It's disgusting. You destroyed the federal government's credibility when it comes to public health.”

7. Hawley claims Fauci wanted to be ‘Sun god of science’.

Hawley also accused Fauci during his time in front of the former NIAID director of chasing fame and power beyond just wealth.

“Through all of this, you want to be the most famous scientist in the world,” Hawley said. “You were so focused on getting every award and every drop of cash that you could, all because you wanted to be on TV. You wanted to be the sun god of science. You wanted to be the guy who was in charge of it all. You wanted to lambast Trump. You wanted to make sure that nobody else stole your spotlight. You wanted to be the guy.”

The senator emphasized that Fauci sat for interviews with InStyle Magazine and received money but could not answer questions for the American people in front of Congress.

“Somewhere along the way, you lost your way,” he lamented. “You may have been a good public servant at one time, I don't know, but I can tell you from reading your emails now, from looking at what you did, how you used your employees. Somewhere along the line, it became all about you. You called yourself the most famous scientist in the world. You've done more to harm science than anybody in my lifetime.”

8. Paul presses Fauci on alleged deletion of federal records.

Paul pushed Fauci about whether he lied in 2024 when he testified that he never deleted any federal records after his former assistant admitted to deleting records and after evidence showed he directed others to do the same.

“It is a crime to destroy federal records, yet our investigation reveals your assistant diligently reported that she deleted tons of emails,” Paul said. “In 2024, you testify that you did not delete federal records. Who's telling the truth, you or your assistant? The committee has obtained repeated instructions from you telling federal officials to delete communications. On February 2nd, 2020, one day after the origins call, you told Francis Collins, ‘please delete this email after you read it.’ The committee asked for your voluntary cooperation to come today. Your appearance had to be compelled by subpoena.”

9. Fetterman regrets partisanship over lab leak theory.

Pennsylvania Democratic Sen. John Fetterman admitted to Fauci that he regretted believing the man's lies that denied the lab leak theory and that the prominent Republican theory that the virus emerged from a lab seemed to be true.

“Early on that became like a right-wing kind of theory, and I thought it seemed to make sense,” he said. “There was a really advanced lab that was close by, and then you have this unknown virus out. That became a very partisan thing, and now it seems it's more and more emerging theory that would have come from the lab.”

Fauci has pushed the “wet market” theory when it came to the origins of the virus, which held that COVID-19 was a naturally occurring virus, and that it did not come out of the lab.

10. Fauci's lawyer booted from the hearing.

A final high-profile moment in the heated hearing was when Paul had Fauci's lawyer removed from the hearing after he tried to make a statement on his client's behalf.

Paul said the attorney was allowed to counsel his client but could not testify and that Fauci had a "half-dozen other" attorneys in the room. When the attorney tried to speak again, he was removed by a security guard.



Looking back to April 2026, an article by Miranda Devine titled “The Biden Administration’s Covid Vaccine Cover-Up and Lies Can No Longer Be Denied – or the Damage They Caused” was posted at nypost.com on April 29, 2026.

As Dr. Anthony Fauci’s right-hand man, David Morens, was charged this week with conspiracy and destruction of federal records in the COVID-19 cover-up, another scandal over the vaccine was unfolding on Capitol Hill.

According to a new Senate report and congressional testimony on Wednesday, Biden administration health officials deliberately ignored warning signs of possible serious reactions to the COVID-19 vaccine, including heart attacks, strokes, Bell’s palsy and sudden cardiac death.

Within three months of the vaccines being rolled out, in March 2021, red flags were fluttering out of the weekly data dumps from doctors and patients reporting health problems after the shots, according to internal emails and meeting notes provided by the Department of Health and Human Services to Sen. Ron Johnson’s Homeland Security Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

But when the FDA’s senior medical officer, Dr. Ana Szafrman, whose job was to monitor the vaccine data for warning signs, repeatedly raised the alarm throughout 2021, she was ignored, and emails show her colleagues tried to stop her from using a newer, more accurate statistical methodology to investigate the data.

Finally, in September 2021, the same month that President Joe Biden announced vaccine mandates for all federal workers and large companies, she was told to “cease and desist” her analysis.

On Sept. 9, 2021, Biden announced his vaccine mandates, with an implied threat to the roughly 80 million Americans who had not taken the COVID jab and whom he accused of prolonging the pandemic and putting everyone at risk, even though the vaccine did not stop transmission of the disease.

“We’ve been patient, but our patience is wearing thin,” Biden said. “And your refusal has cost all of us.”

On Sept. 16, Dr. Peter Marks, a staunch supporter of the COVID-19 vaccines who at the time led the FDA’s Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, told another senior FDA official in an email that Szarfman (who has since retired) “has been asked to cease and desist, because the strategy that she is using could create erroneous conflicts that feed in to anti-vaccination rhetoric.”

Avoiding email trail

Marks also complained that Szarfman’s work has “become a major distraction.”

The documents uncovered by Johnson’s investigation staff point to the same alarming secrecy and efforts to avoid accountability that landed Fauci’s adviser, Morens, in trouble.

The secrecy included instructions from FDA officials to discuss findings in person rather than over email and stopping or limiting the distribution of the weekly vaccine safety reports with the alleged intent of avoiding FOIA requests.

On March 26, 2021, Szarfman shared with colleagues her analysis of COVID-19 vaccine adverse events using the superior, newer “data mining” methodology that had found more than 20 statistically significant “safety signals” or potential red flags associated with the COVID-19 vaccines that were not previously detected by FDA’s current methodology, “including sudden cardiac death, Bell’s palsy and pulmonary infarction.”

Her analysis was conducted with Dr. William DuMouchel, then the chief statistician at Oracle and the inventor of the data-mining algorithm.

However, “rather than warn the public or hold distribution of the vaccines for further investigation, records appear to indicate that Biden health officials ignored the statistically significant safety signals uncovered through the new methodology and were more concerned about Dr. Szarfman’s efforts rather than her troubling findings,” the interim report found.

In April 2021, after Szarfman emailed colleagues with another data-mining analysis that apparently underscored the limitations of the FDA’s current system, one senior FDA official wrote to his colleagues, “[b]efore we potentially reach out to Ana, we should meet internally — many considerations not suited to email ...”

Szarfman continued to bring her reports to colleagues, but they were ignored.

In August 2021, about a month before Szarfman was directed to “cease and desist,” Dr. David Menschik, a senior FDA colleague of Marks, told a CDC official that the FDA planned to limit distribution of its weekly vaccine data-mining reports, which used to be sent around the FDA and CDC, citing “data-security reasons.”

But emails among CDC officials uncovered by Johnson’s investigators point to a potentially more nefarious reason for the FDA’s decision to stop distributing its data-mining reports.

In a November 2022 email, one CDC official noted, “I think that because of the FOIAs [Freedom of Information Act requests] we may have asked FDA to stop sending these weekly data-mining outputs.”

The damage was done

According to Johnson’s staff report, “in the months and weeks leading up to the FDA’s decision to discontinue its distribution of the weekly data-mining reports, there were several public requests made to CDC and FDA for that information.

“On May 9, 2022, about two months before the FDA stopped sending CDC its weekly data-mining reports, Children’s Health Defense sent a FOIA request to CDC for the [vaccine] data-mining analyses.

“On June 23, 2022, 19 days before FDA sent its final weekly data mining report, Sen. Johnson wrote to then-CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky requesting the same information.

“Then, on June 30, 2022, 12 days before FDA’s last distribution, the Informed Consent Action Network submitted a FOIA request to FDA for the [vaccine] data-mining records.

“In light of these public and congressional requests, the timing of the FDA’s decision to end the distribution of its weekly data-mining reports seems particularly suspect.

“The notion that Biden health officials took steps to limit the distribution of COVID-19 vaccine safety data in order to avoid more internal review or public scrutiny, it is completely unacceptable.”

Democrats on the subcommittee, like Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), were at pains to point out during the hearing that COVID-19 itself caused serious injury and death, calling as their witness a 41-year-old woman, Maria Young, who was hospitalized for two months and almost died in the months before the vaccines were developed.

Of the 8 billion vaccine doses administered worldwide, multiple large studies suggest there has been no increase in long-term mortality among vaccinated people.

However, the damage was done by the COVID cover-up and lies.

They have driven widespread distrust of vaccination, including tried-and-true lifesaving vaccines.



Looking back to June 2026, an article by Miranda Devine titled “The Anthony Fauci, Covid-19 Origins Cover-Up Runs ‘Deep’ Into Our Intelligence Community” was posted at nypost.com on June 21, 2026. Following is the portion of the article that discussed Dr. Fauci and covid.

On her final day as director of national intelligence Friday, Tulsi Gabbard released damning declassified evidence accusing Dr. Anthony Fauci of causing the COVID-19 pandemic, engaging in a cover-up about the virus’s origins in China and lying to Congress about it.

Perhaps most disturbingly, he was assisted by the US intelligence community.

“It’s time you know the truth,” said Gabbard when she released “never-before-seen communications and documents exposing how Dr. Fauci provided millions in US taxpayer dollars to fund dangerous gain-of-function research at the Wuhan lab, worked with politicized elements within the Intelligence Community to suppress the truth about his actions and hide the virus’ lab-leak origins, and lied to Congress while under oath in 2024 ... The tactics used to hide the truth are straight from the deep state playbook.”

Right on cue, two days after the bombshell release, on Sunday, the Washington Post ran a 9,000-word hit piece accusing Gabbard of taking instructions from a Hindu “cult leader” described in the headline as her “guru.”

It was a gratuitous exercise in guilt-by-association masquerading as an investigation, another tactic straight from the deep state playbook.

Meanwhile, the Washington Post did not publish a word about Gabbard’s Fauci revelations.

Nor, for that matter, did any mainstream outlet on the left.

Fauci protected

The same news organizations that helped cover up the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic, now overwhelmingly believed to have come from a leak from China’s Wuhan Institute of Virology, are still refusing to come clean. On liberal social media platform Bluesky, they’re still talking about wet markets and pangolins.

Meanwhile, Fauci, 85, receives a handsome government pension, holds a prestigious role as “distinguished university professor” at Georgetown University, and is showered with rich awards for “defending science.”

Gabbard’s revelations go some way to explaining the surreal disconnect.

Fauci is protected by the deep state and its tentacles, which extend deep into the media, academia and other reputation-enhancing institutions.

His “close relationships” with the intelligence community “shielded him from scrutiny as he wielded outsized influence,” said Gabbard.

“Fauci was the behind-the-scenes advisor who, alongside his hand-picked so-called experts, pushed the intelligence community to endorse a natural, animal origin to hide his dangerous gain-of-function research that he funded using taxpayer dollars.”

Gabbard, who had to leave the role due to her husband’s illness, did her best to fight for transparency against an array of forces in Washington that regarded her as a loose cannon and sought to shut her out.

But President Trump has installed bulldog Bill Pulte as her interim successor, despite the best efforts of the Senate to expedite the confirmation of Jay Clayton, the former SEC chairman whom Trump has named the next DNI. Trump intervened (ostensibly for another reason) to slow the process, giving Pulte time to look for more bodies.

Paul challenges pardon

Meanwhile, Fauci’s nemesis, maverick Republican Sen. Rand Paul, has again sent criminal referrals to the DOJ against Fauci for the 2024 alleged perjury that Gabbard detailed in her Friday dump.

Perhaps more significantly, Paul (R-Ky.) insists the 11-year blanket pardon President Joe Biden issued for Fauci, in his last minutes on his last day in office, should be challenged in court, both because it was signed with an autopen and because of its rare retrospective nature.

Curiously, Fauci’s pardon stretches back to the exact date of Hunter Biden’s retrospective blanket pardon — January 1, 2014 — and encompasses his oversight of NIH/NIAID funding of gain-of-function research at the Wuhan lab, via the New York-based cut-out EcoHealth Alliance. The now-defunct EcoHealth was a nonprofit supposedly devoted to predicting future pandemics, situated in a nondescript Manhattan office building. Its enigmatic founder, Peter Daszak, received millions of dollars in various grants from Fauci’s outfit, but his biggest donor was the Department of Defense, which gave him more than \$40 million for the purpose of “combating weapons of mass destruction.”

Back in August 2021, I was told by a former EcoHealth employee, who requested anonymity, that Daszak had been “approached by the CIA in late 2015” to help access the Wuhan lab, believed to be a Chinese military operation. Daszak later told House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer (R-Ky.) that he had been contacted by the CIA and other intelligence agencies, although he didn’t say when.

If the intelligence community knew about the dangerous gain-of-function research on bat coronaviruses at Wuhan, did it know about evidence of a potential leak as early as August 2019?

That was the start of a dramatic increase in car traffic around major hospitals in Wuhan, in the late summer and fall of 2019, long before the outbreak was reported to the world.

A Harvard Medical School study published in June 2020 found that aerial images captured by private satellites of five Wuhan hospitals suggested a health crisis was underway at the time.

Traffic and parking lot volume were compared with the same period in 2018. There was “a steep increase in volume starting in August 2019,” says the paper, “culminating with a peak in December 2019,” the date of the first confirmed COVID-19 case.

Between September and October 2019, five of the six hospitals showed the most traffic, “coinciding with elevated levels of [Chinese search engine] Baidu search queries for the terms ‘diarrhea’ and ‘cough.’ ”

Iran distraction

Back in the US, in August 2019, an anonymous whistleblower, now known as CIA analyst Eric Ciaramella, lodged the complaint that led to Trump’s Ukraine impeachment.

The White House was consumed by the impeachment during the fall and winter of 2019, when the COVID-19 virus started circulating in the US.

Today, the White House is distracted by Iran, so transparency about the role of the intelligence agencies in protecting Fauci and covering up the origins of the pandemic is probably not a priority.

Despite Gabbard and Paul’s efforts, there is a distinct possibility that nobody will be held accountable for what Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. last week called “among the most consequential crimes in human history.”

Maybe some secrets are just too terrible to be told.



An article by Miranda Devine titled “Fauci’s Silence on His Monstrous Covid Sins Spoke Volumes – and Solidified Him as a Reprehensible Villain” was posted at nypost.com on July 29, 2026. Following is the article.

What a cowardly and shameful final chapter for Dr. Anthony Fauci, who pleaded the Fifth 111 times in the Senate Wednesday even though he has a pre-emptive presidential pardon that gives him immunity from prosecution.

In the history of Congress, only a couple of mob bosses have invoked the privilege more.

“On the advice of counsel, I respectfully decline to answer, based upon my rights, under the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution,” the Machiavellian career bureaucrat said over and over in the nearly three-hour hearing before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

But Fauci’s silence rendered him a villain more powerfully than his usual sly deceptions.

Shameful, too, were the Democrats and their media handmaidens who continue to run cover for Fauci, singing his praises, and denying their flock the truth about a man who filled his pandemic -diary with self-praise and celebrity worship while remaining callously aloof from the human suffering he had caused.

Fauci on Wednesday was comforted by the praise of Democrat senators who hailed him as a hero, thanked him for his “service to this nation” and sympathized with him as a “scapegoat” of right-wing conspiracy theorists.

New Jersey Sen. Andy Kim even quoted Theodore Roosevelt’s “Man in the Arena” speech to valorize Fauci, the former top US infectious-disease expert who led the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for – decades.

Like the Black Knight in “Monty Python,” still pugnacious after being reduced to a bloody stump, the Fauci puffers refuse to see they have no leg left to stand on.

The damage their censorship did during COVID, and their dishonest glossing of Fauci’s reputation, damns them.

Yet instead of self-reflection in the face of overwhelming evidence of Fauci’s complicity in one of the deadliest man-made health crises in history, they double down.

History will not be kind to them, either.

“Admit it was a mistake to fund dangerous research in China,” said Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), the Fauci nemesis who leads the committee and is also a medical doctor who has closely studied the virus and the way it was engineered to hurt humans.

“Admit that the risk of this dangerous research exceeded any possible benefits. Ask forgiveness, and pledge to help our government devise safeguards, so a man-made epidemic never happens again.”

Monstrous sins

There is no defending Fauci. His sins are too monstrous.

The children locked out of school, the grandparents who died alone, the families torn apart, remain on his conscience.

We would wish him jail, yet he is unlikely to receive the punishment he has earned for directing tax dollars toward the dangerous gain-of-function research on bat coronaviruses in a Chinese lab that unleashed a pandemic that killed millions, and for the -coverup and associated lockdown he helped orchestrate.

“All he had to do was tell the truth,” Paul said after the hearing, vowing to hold Fauci in contempt of Congress — the same charge that sent Trump advisers Steve Bannon and Peter Navarro to jail.

At 85, Fauci may escape earthly justice, but his legacy is forever fouled, and the name Fauci will become “a horror, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples,” to quote the Bible.

Still, the hearing proved oddly satisfying.

It was a long overdue public defenestration.

To watch Fauci, sociopath that he must be, sit there rigidly enduring a cold recitation of his sins from Paul and Senate colleagues was cathartic.

Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) detailed the human cost of Fauci’s lies.

Sen. Rick Scott (R-Fla.) summed up Fauci’s legacy “not as the man who saved America from COVID, but as a man who destroyed the public trust in America’s public health institutions in exchange for five minutes of fame [to] fuel your own ego and be the center of attention.”

Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) delivered the mocking coup de grace: “Nothing says honesty like taking the Fifth, huh, Doc?” and forced Fauci into the humiliation of pleading the Fifth rather than answering what color his tie is, what day it is, what color is the carpet in front of him.

The public gallery applauded when Paul threw out Fauci’s arrogant criminal lawyer, David Schertler, who seemed to think he could rebut the senators by proxy.

Paul made a point of saying Fauci had a half a dozen lawyers still there to represent him. Who is paying?

As we watch Fauci’s downfall in real time, we recognize the echo of all the epic comeuppances of mythology and literature. His diary reminds us of the villainess of the French novel “Dangerous Liaisons,” the Marquise de Merteuil, an aristocratic widow whose evil manipulations and true character are exposed when her private letters are released for all society to see. It’s confirmation that there is a moral accounting for us all.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the Great Barrington Declaration heroes, Doctors Jay Bhattacharya, Martin Kulldorff and Sunetra Gupta, who spoke up when it was dangerous and whom Fauci tried to destroy.

Musk’s open portal

Elon Musk deserves mention for turning X into an open portal that bypassed the dishonest media narrative.

We owe particular thanks to HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., whose doggedness unearthed Fauci’s diary.

“It took us about eight months to dig these out of 11 separate servers where they had been sequestered and secreted,” he told Laura Ingraham on Fox News.

RFK Jr.’s 2021 bestseller “The Real Anthony Fauci,” the first exposé on Fauci, has stood the test of time.

In his diaries, Fauci cursorily recorded death tolls alongside lavish details of the praise he received from celebrities and from political operatives posing as journalists who sent him private messages throughout 2020 egging him on to undermine President Trump, feeding Fauci’s narcissism.

Their names are there for all to see their eternal shame: 41 mentions of supportive check-ins and “friendship building” dinners with Jake Tapper of CNN.

Dana Bash, also of CNN, texted Fauci that he was a “better man” than Republican Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio). -George Stephanopoulos of ABC texted “thank you, Tony. So impressive,” after Fauci clapped back at Trump’s criticism of him as a “fraud.”

Dr. Scott Atlas is another unsung hero and victim of Fauci’s vindictiveness.

Brought in late by Trump in his first administration to challenge the COVID-19 Task Force groupthink under VP Mike Pence, Atlas was surprised to find he was the only one citing actual scientific data.

He argued against the lockdowns and for focused protection of the elderly, but he was treated as a crank.

“I’ve never worked with such low-level people,” he later said of Fauci, Dr. Deborah Birx, and then-CDC Director Robert Redfield.

The villains and heroes of the pandemic are starting to come into focus.

In the end, character is destiny.



Isaiah 55:6-11—“Seek you the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word by that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”