

## US Officials Demand Ban on Dr. Mercola's Book

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### STORY AT-A-GLANCE

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- › September 9, 2021, U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff sent letters to Facebook and Amazon, also calling for more prolific censorship of vaccine information
- › Warren based her call to ban my book on a report by the Center for Countering Digital Hate, despite Facebook having discredited that report three weeks earlier, stating the CCDH manufactured a faulty narrative without evidence against the 12 individuals targeted in its report

Since the publication of my book, “The Truth About COVID-19: Exposing The Great Reset, Lockdowns, Vaccine Passports, and the New Normal,” which became an instant best seller on Amazon.com, there’s been a significant increase in censorship and ruthless attacks.

Sadly, many of these attacks have been levied by the very people elected to safeguard democracy and our Constitutional rights. Most recently, U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., sent a letter<sup>1</sup> to Andy Jassy, chief executive officer of Amazon.com, demanding an “immediate review” of Amazon’s algorithms to weed out books peddling “COVID misinformation.”<sup>2,3,4</sup>

Warren specifically singled out “The Truth About COVID-19” as a prime example of “highly-ranked and favorably-tagged books based on falsehoods about COVID-19 vaccines and cures” that she wants to see banned from sale.

*“Dr. Mercola has been described as ‘the most influential spreader of coronavirus misinformation online,” Warren writes,<sup>5</sup> adding: “Not only was this book the top result when searching either ‘COVID-19’ or ‘vaccine’ in the categories of ‘All Departments’ and ‘Books’; it was tagged as a ‘Best Seller’ by Amazon and the ‘#1 Best Seller’ in the ‘Political Freedom’ category.*

*The book perpetuates dangerous conspiracies about COVID-19 and false and misleading information about vaccines. It asserts that vitamin C, vitamin D and quercetin ... can prevent COVID-19 infection ... And the book contends that vaccines cannot be trusted, when study after study has demonstrated the overwhelming effectiveness and safety of COVID-19 vaccines.*

*It should come as no surprise that the book is rife with misinformation. One of the authors, Dr. Mercola, is one of the ‘Disinformation Dozen,’ a group responsible for 65% of anti-vaccine content on Facebook and Twitter ...”*

Two days later, September 9, 2021, U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., followed in Warren’s footsteps, sending letters<sup>6</sup> to Facebook and Amazon, calling for more prolific censorship of vaccine information.<sup>7</sup>

## **Modern-Day Book Burning**

Essentially, what Warren is calling for is modern-day book burning. “The Truth About COVID-19” exposes the hidden agenda behind the pandemic, showing the

countermeasures have nothing to do with public health and everything to do with ushering in a new social and economic system based on totalitarian technocracy-led control. So, it's not misinformation they fear. It's the truth they want to prevent from spreading.

To make her case, Warren leans on a discredited report by the Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH). In that report, "The Disinformation Dozen,"<sup>8</sup> the CCDH founder Imran Ahmed claims to have identified the top most influential "anti-vaxxers" in the U.S. The problem is Ahmed made that up.

**“ [The ‘Disinformation Dozen’] are responsible for about just 0.05% of all views of vaccine-related content on Facebook. This includes all vaccine-related posts they’ve shared, whether true or false, as well as URLs associated with these people. ~ Monika Bickert, VP Facebook Content Policy ”**

## **CCDH ‘Manufactured Narrative Without Evidence’ Facebook Says**

August 18, 2021 — nearly three weeks before Warren sent that letter to Amazon — Facebook actually called out the CCDH for having manufactured a faulty narrative without evidence against the 12 individuals targeted in its reports.<sup>9</sup> Monika Bickert, vice president of Facebook content policy, set the record straight, stating:<sup>10</sup>

*“In recent weeks, there has been a debate about whether the global problem of COVID-19 vaccine misinformation can be solved simply by removing 12 people from social media platforms. People who have advanced this narrative contend that these 12 people are responsible for 73% of online vaccine misinformation on Facebook. There isn’t any evidence to support this claim ...*

*That said, any amount of COVID-19 vaccine misinformation that violates our policies is too much by our standards — and we have removed over three dozen*

*Pages, groups and Facebook or Instagram accounts linked to these 12 people, including at least one linked to each of the 12 people, for violating our policies.*

*We have also imposed penalties on nearly two dozen additional Pages, groups or accounts linked to these 12 people, like moving their posts lower in News Feed so fewer people see them or not recommending them to others. We've applied penalties to some of their website domains as well so any posts including their website content are moved lower in News Feed.*

*The remaining accounts associated with these individuals are not posting content that breaks our rules, have only posted a small amount of violating content, which we've removed, or are simply inactive.*

*In fact, these 12 people are responsible for about just 0.05% of all views of vaccine-related content on Facebook. This includes all vaccine-related posts they've shared, whether true or false, as well as URLs associated with these people.*

*The report<sup>11</sup> upon which the faulty narrative is based analyzed only a narrow set of 483 pieces of content over six weeks from only 30 groups, some of which are as small as 2,500 users. They are in no way representative of the hundreds of millions of posts that people have shared about COVID-19 vaccines in the past months on Facebook.*

*Further, there is no explanation for how the organization behind the report identified the content they describe as 'anti-vax' or how they chose the 30 groups they included in their analysis. There is no justification for their claim that their data constitute a 'representative sample' of the content shared across our apps."*

## **'Disinfo Dozen' Barely Register on the Social Media Radar**

In its report, the CCDH claims 12 people, including me, are responsible for 65% of anti-vaccine content on social media. I'm not sure where Bickert got the 73% figure from.

Either way, we're not responsible for anywhere near either 65% or 73%.

According to Facebook's own investigation, we account for a minuscule 0.05% of vaccine-related content — 1,460 times lower than the CCDH's outrageous claim. Still, Warren and myriad other government officials are using the CCDH as some sort of ultimate authority.

U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy, White House press secretary Jen Psaki and President Biden have all used the CCDH as the sole source for their wild assertions. Now, Warren wants to use the CCDH's fraudulent report to ban the sale of certain books, and she does so even after Facebook itself has refuted the CCDH report as being baseless!

In an email, Kara Fredrick, a research fellow in technology policy at the Heritage Foundation, told Fox News that:<sup>12</sup>

*"Warren's push for more censorship is yet another example of the growing symbiosis between Big Tech and big government," and is indicative of a "broader trend: That of the Biden Administration and other progressive officials attempting to circumvent the Constitution by pressuring private tech companies to restrict freedom of expression under a broad definition of misinformation."*

Fredrick further stressed that "A healthy body politic depends on the genuine interrogation of ideas," and that "Big Tech companies' eagerness to suppress specific points of view is already corroding our free society."

## **Freedom Is Corroding Before Our Eyes**

Indeed, in early August 2021, I decided to remove the entire article archive from my website — articles I've made available for free for the last 24 years — and only make new articles readable for 48 hours. I did this in an effort to appease the power players who have an arsenal of overwhelming tools at their disposal, and are actively using them against us.

Cyberwarfare and authoritarian forces are beyond our abilities to withstand, and these changes were deemed necessary to keep us moving forward, even if hobbled. Still, Warren is not satisfied. She wants me silenced entirely. She doesn't even want people willing to pay for the information to have access to it.

Clearly, she's panicked about something. Reading her letter, I see before me the giant Goliath, yelling and screaming for help, demanding an army of fighters because the pea-sized David with his makeshift slingshot is in the neighborhood.

What is she really afraid of? Why pick on a person whose social media reach is a fraction of 0.05%? Could it be because the 'Disinfo Dozen' are actually telling the truth, and the truth has a tendency to win against all odds?

## **Goal Posts Set in Shifting Quicksand**

According to U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data, Biden met his 70% vaccination rate at the beginning of August 2021.<sup>13</sup> For months, we were told that all would be well and good if only we would meet the goal of 70%.

Yet as soon as it was met, we were told 70% "should be seen as a floor, rather than a ceiling" and Biden went on the news saying his patience with the vaccine hesitant is "wearing thin." Because a small minority — if we are to believe CDC data — refuses to take the shot despite myriad bribes, Biden is now calling on businesses with more than 100 employees to mandate the COVID shots or face fines.

It's beyond irrational, and to many seems highly irrational, unjustified and unconstitutional. This is especially egregious as ALL illness and injury expenses will be paid by the patient, even though they were forced to take the injection as the companies have zero liability.

However, as noted by Dr. Peter Breggin in yesterday's interview, these actions are completely logical once you realize we are at war, and there are evil people out there who are intentionally trying to hurt us under the banner of providing protection. It's no

different than being in an abusive relationship where the abuser says he or she is beating you and locking you in the basement “to make you a better person.”

## **The Web of Elite Extremists Behind the Censorship**

I’ve written many articles over the years about attempts by various groups and organizations to smear my credibility and label this site as a fake news hub. In March 2021, it was The Bureau of Investigative Journalism (TBIJ) that accused me of spreading misinformation about vaccines and COVID-19.<sup>14</sup>

Not surprisingly, TBIJ is funded by Bill Gates,<sup>15,16</sup> a leading force within the technocratic takeover movement who doles out money to anything and anyone that will help further the globalist agenda, including media.<sup>17</sup>

In November 2019, as if blessed with some particular foresight, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation gave TBIJ a \$1,068,169 grant from its “Global Health and Development Public Awareness and Analysis” advocacy program.<sup>18</sup>

Other TBIJ sponsors include<sup>19</sup> the Google News Initiative,<sup>20</sup> George Soros’ Open Society Foundation and the Wellcome Trust.<sup>21</sup> All of these — Gates, Google, Soros and Wellcome — are easily identified as parts of the technocratic globalist network that is reaping unprecedented financial rewards from the pandemic.

## **Whose Interests Does CCDH Protect and Promote?**

While the financial supporters of the CCDH are far more opaque, it seems clear this group is yet another front for the technocratic power structure. It’s founded by a British national and unregistered foreign agent named Imran Ahmed, who is also a member of the Steering Committee on Countering Extremism Pilot Task Force under the British government’s Commission for Countering Extremism.

When you think about it, isn’t it rather curious that American government officials are targeting and violating the Constitutional rights of citizens based on the opinions of an

unregistered foreign agent funded by dark money?<sup>22</sup> As noted in a July 20, 2021, Drill Down article:<sup>23</sup>

*“When a report goes viral in the news cycle, it only makes sense to question where it came from — especially if that report has influence all the way up to the Oval Office, affecting public health policy, while also having dangerous implications for free speech.*

*The Center for Countering Digital Hate ... released a bombshell report earlier this week. It was picked up everywhere and had the following revelation: The majority of COVID misinformation came from just 12 people ... But could this be a wily gambit by outside interests to justify the Biden administration’s censorship partner-up with Big Tech? ...*

*According to its website, the left-wing Center for Countering Digital Hate prides itself on ‘researching, exposing, and then shutting down users and news sites it deems unacceptable in the digital sphere.’*

*Users and news sites it deems unacceptable? That seems potentially dangerous, considering we know very little about the CCDH. Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO) expressed his concerns on Twitter with the following post:*

*‘Who is funding this overseas dark money group — Big Tech? Billionaire activists? Foreign governments? We have no idea. Americans deserve to know what foreign interests are attempting to influence American democracy’ ...*

*No one knows who funds them. No one knows who is driving their research. But their findings are being used in censorship efforts under the guise of controlling misinformation?”*

## **Violating Bioethical Principles Puts Lives at Risk**

The sad irony is that government officials are really the ones contributing to most of the unnecessary death and suffering by not adhering to bioethical principles that are



enshrined in law. These laws exist for a good reason. They protect people from unnecessary harm and unwanted medical risks.

As an experimental trial participant, which is what everyone is at the moment who accepts a COVID shot, you have the right to receive full disclosure of any adverse event risks. Based on that disclosure, you then have the right to decide whether you want to participate.

Adverse event risk disclosure should be provided at the level of detail disclosed in any drug package insert. Not only do vaccinees not get any such disclosure documents, the censorship also prevents them from getting any balancing information regarding their risk-reward ratio, along with risk of death and permanent disability, from other sources, be it through Google searches, social media or mainstream news.

When given just one side of the story, informed consent simply isn't possible, and as such, violates several different national and international laws, including the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations 45 CFR 46 (subpart A, the Belmont report),<sup>24</sup> the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights treaty,<sup>25</sup> the Declaration of Helsinki<sup>26</sup> and the Nuremberg Code.<sup>27</sup> U.S. Supreme Court rulings have also clarified that Americans have the right to choose their own health care in general.<sup>28,29</sup>

As just one example of many, Marie Follmer, in an interview with Robert F. Kennedy Jr.,<sup>30</sup> said no one ever warned her there was a risk of myocarditis. Her athletic son, Greyson, took the shot and is now unable to do much of anything and she fears he might die.

She admits not doing any of her own research, blindly trusting what she was told. Now, she distrusts the whole process, including doctors, as all have refused to acknowledge that there might be a link to the shot, and no one knows how to treat him.

Most importantly, the acceptance of an experimental product must be fully voluntary and uncoerced. Enticement is forbidden. It's downright impossible to argue that incentives ranging from free junk food to million-dollar lotteries and threats of losing your job, refusal of an education, travel and shopping restrictions and more do not constitute coercion.

At the end of the day, if you decide you want to participate in a medical experiment, whatever it might be, that's up to you. But everyone else also has that same right to choose.

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