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Coronavirus Fact-Check #11: Is Sars-Cov-2 a bioweapon?

Our latest fact-check examines the Covid bioweapon theory. The origins of it, the evidence for it, and the possible motivations behind its sudden resurgence.

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What is the Covid bioweapon theory?

Sometime in the winter of 2019/2020, when the coronavirus "pandemic" was still only incipient, a theory started doing the rounds that the alleged "novel coronavirus" had in fact been grown in a laboratory, and either released by accident or deployed deliberately as a bioweapon.

Calling it "the theory" is somewhat of a misnomer, really. It was more a collection of theories with the same core idea. Variations on a theme, if you will.

Who was responsible, and why, was never really nailed down. Some articles said it <u>had escaped by accident from a Chinese</u> <u>lab.</u> Others said it was <u>loosed deliberately by the US</u> to weaken China.

Was there ever any evidence to support it? In short, not really. There is a lab in Wuhan, the <u>Wuhan</u> <u>Institute of Virology</u>, which does indeed do research on coronaviruses. It's also true that around 300 US service personnel<u>were in Wuhan in late 2019</u> for the <u>Military World</u> <u>Games</u>.

So both the main branches of the theory have a vague basis in fact that makes them hypothetically *possible*, but not much more than that.

What was the mainstream media reaction?

That's an interesting question.

At first, last spring, it was universally derided as "misinformation". Mainstream outlet after mainstream outlet chortled at the <u>conspiracy theorists</u> spreading their crazy nonsense. Some people said they were racists for blaming China. The Guardian <u>blamed Russia</u>, as they usually do.

In this way, the theory served a purpose for the mainstream narrative – it was used to attack all Covid sceptics by association. As recently as February this year, <u>research</u> <u>papers</u> were being published that "debunked" this "conspiracy theory".

But that was then, and this is now. Things change,

Recently mainstream outlets have been giving what they call the "lab leak theory" a little bit of serious consideration. The New Yorker, just two days ago, <u>published an article</u> <u>stating</u>:

Scientists and political commentators are no longer dismissing the possibility that COVID-19 emerged from a Chinese laboratory.

The BBC has their own version:

Covid origin: Why the Wuhan lab-leak theory is being taken seriously

The change is not just in the media sphere, but the political one, too. Joe Biden's administration is <u>ordering an</u> <u>investigation</u> into the "lab leak" theory.

It's not just the US either.

Last year, WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, ordered an investigative team to write a report on the origins of the virus. Their report, which was released a few weeks ago, <u>found a laboratory origin to be "extremely unlikely"</u>. But Ghebreyesus, rather than simply accepting the findings of his team, stated more investigation was needed. Keeping the lab leak theory alive in the public mind.

Nowhere is the *volte-face* of the establishment voices more apparent than Dr Anthony Fauci, who has totally flipped on the lab-leak theory after <u>dismissing it out of hand last year</u>.

Why the sudden change?

That's a very good question. And one that we can't answer until the current craziness picks a direction and goes with it. Suffice to say, last year it served the establishment's agenda to rubbish the lab-leak theory, and this year it serves their agenda to endorse it.

This could be an attempt to scramble together a "pandemic" narrative that has never made much sense, it could be a sign that the unified "Great Reset" policy is crumbling and China is going to be scape-goated. It could be nothing but noise and chaos to distract people.

As usual, what the mainstream and politicians are saying has absolutely no bearing on the reality of the situation, and can tell us nothing about anything, except their current agenda.

However, the lab-leak theory does serve the Deep State agenda in one fashion: it reinforces the idea that the virus is a real problem that needs to be solved, rather than a fear-based control narrative. Fear is fear, and whether it's of a zoonotic virus or a bioweapon, it can be used to bend a population to your will.

...OK, but seriously, could Covid be a bioweapon?

Well, obviously it *could* be. We don't know enough to say that it's impossible. But it's not very likely.

For one thing, there's the question of efficacy.

It's still a matter of some debate whether the Sars-Cov-2 virus <u>has been isolated</u> to the point it has even been proven to exist. Supposing it definitely exists as a discrete entity, it hasn't at this time fulfilled <u>Koch's postulates</u> to the point it is proven to cause disease.

But even if you accept those two questions as resolved: The virus *does* exist, and it *does* cause Covid19. Well, you're still looking at a disease <u>that is symptomless in the majority</u> of people exposed to it, only ever mild in the vast majority of people who get sick, and has a 99.8% survival rate.

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Secondly, there's the question of efficiency and expense.

What, exactly, would be the point in a bioweapon which is no more deadly than common flu viruses? Why go to the trouble of creating a pretty much harmless virus in a lab?

Supposing you were interested in creating a pandemic, would that be a good way of doing it? Would it be worth the expense? Wouldn't it be simpler to just make-believe there was a plague through fear-porn and statistical sleight-of-hand?

After all, an imaginary pandemic can infect whoever you want, spare whoever you like, start and stop at your convenience, obey any rules you care to make up and be cured instantly as long as everyone pays you for your "vaccine".

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In conclusion: No direct evidence that the alleged Sars-Cov-2 virus was created in a lab has ever been produced. It's nothing like as virulent as you'd expect a bioweapon to be, and logically an actual virus would not serve the Deep State agenda as well as a largely imaginary one.

Maybe the virus was grown in a lab, maybe it just jumped from bats to people. Since all evidence suggests it's not very dangerous, it doesn't really matter.

The debate sure does make a good distraction though.

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