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Wednesday, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s [Instagram account was deplatformed](#) without advanced notice. Dozens of media outlets reporting on this censorship asserted the account was removed over "[false COVID vaccine claims](#)" or "[vaccine misinformation](#)." Some reports referred to Kennedy as an "[anti-vaxxer](#)."

Kennedy, founder, chairman and chief legal counsel of [Children's Health Defense](#)," unequivocally rejects those characterizations as false and misleading.

Children's Health Defense (CHD), including Kennedy, advocates for vaccine safety and [health freedom](#). CHD's mission is to end [childhood health epidemics](#) by exposing the causes, eliminating harmful exposures, holding those responsible accountable and seeking justice for those harmed.

As Kennedy has said many times, for a democracy to function, civil debate of issues – including vaccine science – must be allowed. Censorship of that debate is anathema to democracy.

Kennedy and Mary Holland, CHD president and general counsel, issued the following statements on Instagram's removal of Kennedy's account:

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Chairman of Children's Health Defense, said:

"Every statement I put on Instagram was sourced from a government database, from peer-reviewed publications and from carefully confirmed news stories. None of my posts were false. [Facebook](#), the [pharmaceutical industry](#) and its captive regulators use the term 'vaccine misinformation' as a euphemism for any factual assertion that departs from official pronouncements about vaccine health and safety, whether true or not. This kind of censorship is counterproductive if our objective is a safe and effective vaccine supply.

"The pharmaceutical industry is [hastily creating](#) vaccines using taxpayer money and untested technologies. These include a rash of risky new products that are [exempt from liability](#), from long-term safety testing and that have not received FDA approval. Emergency Use Authorization is a mass population scientific [experiment](#). If it has any prayer of working, it will require extraordinary scrutiny from the press and the public.

"Instead, the mainstream media and social media giants are imposing a totalitarian censorship to prevent public health advocates, like myself, from voicing concerns and from engaging in civil informed debate in the public square. They are punishing, shaming, vilifying, gaslighting and abolishing individuals who report their own [vaccine injuries](#).

"Anyone can see that this is a formula for catastrophe and a coup d'état against the First Amendment, the foundation stone of American democracy."

Mary Holland, President of Children's Health Defense, said:

“Freedom of expression is the cornerstone of democracy. [Children’s Health Defense](#) and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. provide critically needed information on environmental culprits, including vaccines, that are linked to many chronic diseases that now affect 54% of America’s children. Dr. Anthony Fauci has made it clear that [young children will be included in COVID-19 vaccination](#) plans even though children have [almost zero risk](#) of serious COVID-19 illness. CHD feels strongly that children should not take on [100% risks](#) of vaccine injuries with 0% benefit.

“The sad reality is vaccine injuries can and do happen. The U.S. Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) database has more than [11,500 COVID-19 vaccine adverse event reports](#) including more than 500 deaths in just six weeks since the vaccination campaign began. Why would Instagram censor Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.’s platform and call it ‘misinformation’? Why now?

“Instagram deplatformed Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and Hirewire host, Del Bigtree, just 15 minutes before they were to air the webinar, ‘[COVID Vaccine on Trial, If You Only Knew](#)’ highlighting COVID concerns, injuries, mechanisms and other facts from four MDs, several Ph.D.s and leaders from the vaccine-injured community. COVID-19 vaccines [use novel technology](#) never before used in a human population. With that comes great unknown risks. The people of the world deserve to have this crucial information to protect their health and that of their children.”