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Capitol Hill Panel Condemns U.S. COVID Response

A YouTube video, *COVID-19: A Second Opinion*, racked up hundreds of thousands of views, to the dismay of fact-checkers and fake news agents. The roundtable discussion held January 24 in Washington, D.C., included world-renowned doctors and medical experts who gave insights into the folly of the official pandemic response, suppressed treatments, and experimental vaccines. They also discussed what should be done to end the pandemic and resulting draconian overreach.

“These are real-world experiences from people that are on the front lines, that are treating patients,” explained U.S. Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), who convened the panel on Capitol Hill the day after these same experts addressed tens of thousands on the National Mall for a march called Defeat the Mandates.

Senator Johnson has stoked media rage for his outspoken support of vaccine-injured patients. “I’m getting accused of spreading ... misinformation all the time, so I can imagine how the news media is going to treat this,” he said, noting that panel members have also “paid a significant price professionally” for resisting the mainstream narrative on COVID treatment and vaccines.

“How many of you in this room ... have witnessed censorship, intimidation, or professional reprisal and damage as a result of your advocacy for patients?” A sea of hands answered this question from internationally acclaimed Dr. Peter McCullough, a master of public health known for developing a successful outpatient treatment early in the pandemic. “That is 80 percent of this room,” McCullough noted.

A typical example is the heart-wrenching story of Dr. Paul Marik, former chief of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) in Norfolk. He achieved early success using repurposed drugs, and his patient mortality was half that of his colleagues, who were using EVMS standard treatment.

But victory was short-lived. His employer forbade prescribing any of the medicines in his protocol, including Vitamin C. This ban only applied to COVID patients; for other conditions he could still use the safe, effective drugs off-label. “For the first time in my entire career I could not be a doctor,” he mourned in a cracked voice as his eyes welled with tears. “I had to stand by idly watching these people die!” EVMS answered his formal objections by suspending his hospital privileges and labeling him a threat to his patients.

Marik is now the chairman of Frontline COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance, a group he co-founded with Dr. Pierre Kory. “I’m gonna call it out,” Kory told the panel. “I’m calling attention to the corruption.” He said hospitals are following the dictates of federal health-care agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Their failed



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policies are “literally written by pharmaceutical companies,” said Kory, who condemned the government for ignoring both science and the overwhelming success in countries that have employed safe, inexpensive remedies such as hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin. “They are putting profits ahead of patients,” Kory reproached.

Meanwhile, Big-Pharma-serving bureaucrats push experimental vaccines on a compliant public, while concealing skyrocketing adverse reactions. “We have 21,000 cases of myocarditis and climbing in the United States,” warned McCullough. “We are seeing unprecedented numbers of young athletes dying.” He stated, “Under no circumstances should a young person ever receive one of these vaccines.”

Panelists also denounced health bureaucrats for denying the superiority of natural immunity over vaccines, and for stoking irrational fears and endangering lives through unjustified lockdowns, mask mandates, and censorship. “The disastrous fruits of this myopia include an unprecedented 40-percent increase in all-cause mortality among working-age adults,” mostly unrelated to COVID illness, stated Dr. Aaron Kheriaty, a medical ethics specialist who was fired from his 15-year position with the University of California Irvine School of Medicine for refusing vaccination (since he is already naturally immune). “Actuaries tell us that a 10-percent rise in all-cause mortality is a once-in-200-year disaster. This was a 40-percent rise.”

Dozens more testified throughout the day, all confirming government corruption and mismanagement. “This is reality that is being ignored by our federal health officials, by the legacy media,” Johnson lamented. He had invited many representatives from government agencies, academia, and Big Pharma to participate, including the president’s chief medical advisor Dr. Anthony Fauci, CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky, and FDA acting commissioner Dr. Janet Woodcock. All declined.

Regardless, the event was wildly popular. Within a week, Rumble tallied more than 1.6 million views of the entire five-hour panel discussion. Senator Johnson urged viewers to share it as much as possible. ■