

U.S. Sen. Johnson: On big tech censorship- shame on the media, social media for not paying attention to evidence about potential lab leak theory

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WASHINGTON – On Thursday, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) joined Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), and Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) to highlight the media’s long track record of bias and the need for more transparency from federal agencies about the origins of the Covid-19 pandemic and early treatment.

Read excerpts of remarks at the press conference below. View video [here](#).

“I want to point out that the evidence about a potential lab leak theory has been hiding in plain sight for months. The fact that our federal agencies, under the direction of Anthony Fauci, funded this type of research for years has been lying out there in plain sight for months. Shame on the media, shame on the social media for not paying attention to it, for completely ignoring it. The result of this 18-month gap in fully exploring the true origin of the Covid virus probably means we’ll never get to the bottom of it. China’s had 18 months to destroy this evidence, but have no doubt about it, China is guilty. They are culpable. They knew they had a coronavirus, they knew they had a deadly pandemic-type virus in Wuhan.

“They didn’t allow flights out of Wuhan to the rest of China, but they let that virus infect the entire world. So we already know China is guilty. We already know they have to be held to account. I think we also need to hold the news media and social

media accountable as well. This isn't the only area of suppression. I could list a long list of false narratives, false stories that the drive-by media promotes and then never really adequately retracts. But when it comes to Covid, I have personal experience with censorship and suppression that I believe has cost tens of thousands of Americans their lives."