

U.S. Sen. Johnson: Why is questioning COVID-19 groupthink considered dangerous?

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WASHINGTON — On Wednesday, *The Washington Times* published an op-ed by U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) regarding the mainstream media and federal health agencies ignoring Covid vaccine injures, and their disregard for early treatment options.

This week the senator sent a [letter](#) to the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Dr. Francis Collins, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the Acting Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Dr. Janet Woodcock, the Director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research at the FDA Dr. Peter Marks, and the Deputy Director of the Immunization Safety Office at the CDC Dr. Tom Shimabukuro regarding a letter from Dr. Patricia Lee to Marks and Shimabukuro detailing her first-hand account of treating patients with adverse events from the COVID-19 vaccine. The senator also raised the issue of the unresponsiveness of these federal agencies to his oversight letters.

The full op-ed can be found [here](#), and excerpts are below.

Dr. Lee was well aware of these risks when she raised vaccine concerns to the FDA and CDC. She wrote, “It is my sincere hope that the reaction to this letter will not

be to focus on me, but rather to focus on addressing the serious safety issues with these products that, without doubt, you have either missed or are choosing to ignore.”

When doctors raised similar concerns or discussed other treatment options on social media, they were censored, criticized, or canceled. Early in the pandemic, doctors who had the courage and compassion to treat COVID-19 patients were posting videos to relay their experiences and theories about the disease. The internet should be a tool for medical professionals to exchange ideas and advance the practice of medicine, but instead, those videos were removed or labeled as dangerous misinformation.

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In June 2021, I held a press event for vaccine-injured individuals to tell their stories. All they were asking was to be seen, heard, and believed so that the root cause of their maladies would be acknowledged in order to help find cures. Instead of showing any compassion or asking the vaccine-injured questions and delving into what happened to them, most of the media decided to attack me. They posted my picture with a story above the fold in newspapers throughout Wisconsin labeling me “fundamentally dangerous.”

What is “fundamentally dangerous” about asking questions prompted by true stories of injuries following vaccination? Why is the media so quick to vilify individuals who share their concerns about the vaccines rather than focusing on the documented injuries?

Because of this new repressive reality, millions of Americans are now facing a life-altering decision forced upon them by freedom-robbing vaccine mandates. Those imposing vaccine mandates are ignoring natural immunity, the danger of vaccine injuries, and the fact that fully vaccinated individuals are contracting and spreading the virus — making the mandates ridiculously ineffective.

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In 1976, CDC Director David Sencer suspended the swine flu vaccine program after reports of at least 25 deaths and more than 500 cases of Guillain-Barre syndrome following vaccination.

Have our safety standards changed? When did science become settled, especially when there is so much we don't know about COVID-19? Why is questioning the COVID-19 groupthink considered dangerous?