

## THE UNTOLD STORY: ORIGIN OF COVID – 19

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The coronavirus pandemic is the most severe and dramatic public health emergency that the world has faced since the deadliest 1918 Spanish Flue - influenza pandemic that led to over 50 million deaths over a two year period of three strikes.

Despite the numerous recently published articles / videos on this subject by WHO & Governments renowned Scientists, Tacticians / Statisticians & Laymen, many controversies persist both among healthcare professionals (as after autopsies, it has been established that the they were on the wrong track – ailment misdiagnosed and that Ventilators themselves were not the solution but had become part of the problem) and the common people.

A recent development wherein Dr. Laxminarayan told The Wire that he disagrees with the Indian Council of Medical Research's official stand that India is still in stage 2 of the epidemic and has not entered stage 3 is of opposite view points. Quibbling, it would now seem! The Government and its advisors are undoubtedly making decisions after considering all the information and contradictory advice floating around. Although without a shadow of doubt, in its effort to reduce the rate of transmission, India & several other countries worldwide took drastic measures and our Lockdown included closures of literally all-productive activities including educational Institutes and schools. Quarantine of travellers - Foreign and Domestic repartees' from out of the City or State and potentially affected persons has become commonplace. Today, even self-quarantine is promoted. Individual precautions like social distancing, wearing gloves and face masks, and hand hygiene, including the recommendation of covering the mouth, and nose with a tissue or bent elbow when coughing or sneezing, are the norms that even children are now aware of. On this too, a new controversy has arisen, wherein people are saying that in fact this is a form of 'bondage' being promoted by the main Conspirators to further their profits by scare mongering. Their counter argument is that peoples own immune system is being degraded and thus their dependence on Pharmaceutical Drugs & Vaccine increases.

In spite of the above scare mongering, astonishingly, another controversy has been unleashed by the advocates of 'herd immunity' prominently, the British government which



recently promoted the idea, to allow COVID-19 to spread so as to to build a "herd immunity" (a form of indirect protection from the infection that happens to individuals when a significant part of a population has been infected; until a vaccination is found). This controversial strategy stands in contrast with World Health Organization recommendations, which advice social distancing, et al, which itself is now being questioned. In fact, the hypothesis that SARS-CoV-2 can infect a significant proportion of the local population inducing herd immunity itself is suspect & remains an unproven solution.

As this lethal virus scorches its way across continents, reminding us of the words of Leonard Cohen, "There is a crack / a crack in everything, that's how light gets in."

But what if you find a wide gorge rather than a crack, and there is only darkness rather than light getting in. Let us examine some additional mindboggling & jaw dropping controversies, to up the rate of your pulse spontaneously: COVID 19 the unfounded claims:

The 2008 Nobel Laureate for physiology in medicine from France, Luc Antoine Montagnier, caught the media's attention when he recently endorsed a COVID-19 conspiracy theory that, the virus is man-made. His proclamation was subsequently magnified by various news outlets, including many in India (e.g., The Week, The Hindu Business Line, and Times of India). Though, An article published more recently in the journal Nature Medicine analysing the new virus's genome concluded that: "Our analyses clearly show that SARS-CoV-2 is not a laboratory construct or a purposefully manipulated virus." In a 2010 interview, Montagnier said he was leaving Europe to "escape the intellectual terror." He added, "I'm no longer allowed to work at a public institute (in France). I have applied for funding from other sources, but I have been turned down." Montagnier himself is a controversial character but his writings and words can not be ignored, It's not exactly clear which manipulation and what escaping of intellectual terror he is talking about. There is no evidence that anyone can trust an allegation claimed by him or his writings. Moreover, the story of controversies does not end here. Another thunder stroke will surely freeze your breath; Judy Mikovits (right), virologist attacking Anthony Fauci in a viral conspiracy video by Martin Enserink, Jon Cohen May, 8th 2020 (do watch before it's taken down). Anthony or Tony Fauci has become the scientific face of America's Covid -19 response, and he has astounded us (possibly to conceal his own role) by saying, "the best evidence shows the virus behind the pandemic was not



made in a lab in China". On the contrary, Mikovits also accuses Anthony Fauci, of being responsible for the deaths of millions during the early years of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Who is Judy Mikovits & Anthony or Tony Fauci? Anthony Fauci, the most renowned physician head of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) for almost 40 years and a prominent member of the White House's Coronavirus Task Force. Now, Judy Mikovits, she is a virologist and a scientist who obtained a Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology from George Washington University in 1991. By 2009, she was research director at the Whitmore Peterson Institute (WPI), a private research center in Reno, Nevada.

In a video 'Pandemic is Plandemic: Documentary on its hidden facts' that has exploded on social media in the past few days, virologist Judy Mikovits claims the new coronavirus is being wrongly blamed for many deaths. She makes searching assertions about the virus.

Judy Mikovits astonishingly claims that the Covid -19 virus occurred somewhere between the North Carolina laboratories, Fort Detrick, the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, and the Wuhan Laboratory.

There is no evidence that SARS-CoV-2 originated at WIV.

NIAID's funding of a U.S. group that works with the Wuhan lab has been stopped, which outraged many scientists.

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Montagnier had also argued like Judy during a <u>TV interview</u> with a French TV channel that elements of the HIV-1 retrovirus, which he co-discovered in 1983, can be found in the genome of the new coronavirus. He also said elements of the "malaria germ" – the parasite Plasmodium falciparum – can also be seen in the virus's genome.



His full quote: "We were not the first since a group of Indian researchers tried to publish a study which showed that the complete genome of this coronavirus [has] sequences of another virus, which is HIV." Similar allegations have been confirmed by Judy Mikovits; and it now appears that this virus was manipulated. This family of viruses was manipulated and studied in a laboratory where the animals were taken into the laboratory, and this is what was released, whether deliberate or not one can not say. That it cannot be naturally occurring seems most likely. Somebody did not just go to a market, got a bat, and the virus jumped directly to humans, sounds a little far fetched.

That's not how it works. That's accelerated viral evolution. If it were a natural occurrence, it would take up to 800 years to occur.

Although, as far as we are concerned it is also declared that these outbursts dispel the myth concerning the origin of the outbreak of COVID-19, according to which the virus was synthetically created in a laboratory unleashed to cause a global crisis. Indeed, although its origin is not completely understood, it was demonstrated that the bat coronavirus shared 96% of its genome with SARS-CoV-2, thus suggesting a bat origin and a transmission to human through an intermediate host.

## **INFERENCE:**

Pandemics are so fraught with misinformation; Pandemics have historically <u>been breeding</u> <u>grounds</u> for fake news and conspiracy theories. For example, in the 14th century bubonic plague epidemic in Europe fuelled a misbelief among Christians that the Jews were deliberately poisoning wells and rivers with infectious "miasma", leading to the <u>mass</u> <u>persecution of Jews</u>. Even when Montagnier helped discover the HIV virus (alongside Françoise Barré-Sinoussi) in the early 1980s, a prominent conspiracy theory in the US was that HIV is a human-made virus that the government had created to wipe out black people.

I don't know whether the above mentioned story is true or not but before jumping to conclusions I suggest that they also make for an important time to communicate good science, double-check suspicious comments, refuse to accept claims without good reason, and not amplify pseudoscience without suitable qualification. In the end, what to believe or what not - the ball is once again in your court based on your own understanding and study.



For now, 'Jaan bachani ho to' stay with - kyunki Jaan hai to jahan hai' (Life is critical, so let us first protect it from the Covid 19 infection) later we can get to understand more, once we get over this Covid 19 bullshit on whoever has made it, or whether it is naturally occurring.

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- Watch: 'India Could Be Next Coronavirus Hotspot, in Worst Case up to 60% could Be Infected'. (Dr. Ramanan Laxminarayan, director of the Washington-based Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics and Policy, says India needs to sharply ramp up its testing. Karan Thapar, 19 march, 2020)

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