# Fact-checking 'Plandemic': A documentary full of false conspiracy theories about the coronavirus

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- Stories You Need and Facebook removed it. It's gone from Facebook. Why? Because it's the truth. Watch it before it's taken down by the powers-that-be.
- The video shows MDs who have cured cancer, Nobel Prize winners, former Centers for Disease Control scientists, doctors, PhDs, and other experts who are being ridiculed, censored and shut down for their groundbreaking discoveries.
- Watch it while you can.
- Share it with everyone you know.

If you've been on social media in the past two days, there's a good chance you've seen screenshots of a video called "Plandemic Indoctrination (2020)" or "Plandemic" or "Plandemic Indoctrination."

The video is a 26-minute film that's full of conspiracy theories about the coronavirus and pharmaceutical scheming. It discusses Dr. Anthony Fauci and Bill Gates and claims that people sharing the video and talking about coronavirus efforts around the world.

The film was produced by Plandemic, a California production company run by Mikki Willis, who has made other movies about Ebola and Zika. The video is linked in part one of our upcoming coronavirus fact-check.

Many of the videos highlight conspiracy theories about the virus, including claims that vaccines injure children's health. In another, Willis claims that the coronavirus and vaccines were "intentionally released."

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**"It's crazy that this virus was manipulated"**

Scientists said it's crazy. The genetic structure of the latest coronavirus could not, intentionally or accidentally, be manipulated.

"It doesn't even qualify as a hoax," said the genetic coding of the coronavirus, documented and shared with the world by scientists in China and other countries, is not manipulated. Instead, scientists have been plausibly speculating that the virus could have evolved naturally in animals and then jumped to humans after the virus jumped from animals.

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"Our analysis clearly shows that SARS-CoV-2 is not a laboratory or genetically manipulated virus," the article said.

That finding was not new. Scientists reported that Chinese researchers were studying the virus in a lab, and scientists around the world said the coronavirus had been not manipulated.

**"This occurred from SARS I within a decade. It's not naturally occurring"**

This is a strong, opinionated claim. The source of the claim, however, is unclear. The virus causes COVID-19 and is related to the virus that caused the 2003 Acute Respiratory Syndrome.

The novel coronavirus is similar to SARS in some respects, but it's not a mutation of the SARS virus, scientists said. It's a different virus, that has spread through coughs and sneezes.

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**Hospitals get $13,000 from Medicare if you have COVID-19 when a patient dies**

This claim is true, according to Medicare.com.

The federal government is giving more money to hospitals that treat coronavirus patients. But there is no indication that hospitals are receiving $13,000 for every death. Instead, anything, evidence suggests, the money is spread through coughs and sneezes.

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While some studies have found that hydroxychloroquine could impact some of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, other studies have found it has no effect on the disease. Some studies in the works, as well as in a 2017 Clinical trial, it was time to see whether the drug could be effective against Ebola, Zika, and other viruses, and, some said, could be effective against coronavirus.

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Dr. Fauci emphasized that the research is still in its early stages.

**"The flu vaccines increase the odds by 36% of getting COVID-19"**

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In "Plandemic," Mikovits points to a study published in January that she said showed special factors. The study found that, among pressured people, the flu vaccine increased the odds of a person contracting a coronavirus infection by 36 percent.

But the study, published in January, was not about the coronavirus. It was about the flu, and it was a large sample of people.

"The overall results of the study showed there is no evidence supporting the association of flu vaccine with coronavirus infection," the website stated.

**"If you've ever had a flu vaccine, you were injected with coronaviruses"**

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, scientists have known for the United States for decades that there are many different kinds of viruses. Different coronaviruses are one of the most common kinds of viruses.

Many of the coronaviruses in the flu shot. And there are no human coronaviruses in the flu shot.

**'Wearing the mask literally activates your own body. You're getting sick from your own reactivated coronavirus expressions.'**

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The CDC advises people who are not in public to use a mask to cover their mouth and nose.

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"There is nothing novel wearing a mask for protection against respiratory droplets transmitted by viral particles," said Michael Osterholm, an internationally recognized infectious disease expert at the University of Minnesota's Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy. "Wearing a mask might also be helpful in preventing people who are infected with a virus, such as COVID-19, from being infected in the first place. We've spoken to this article about this before.

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