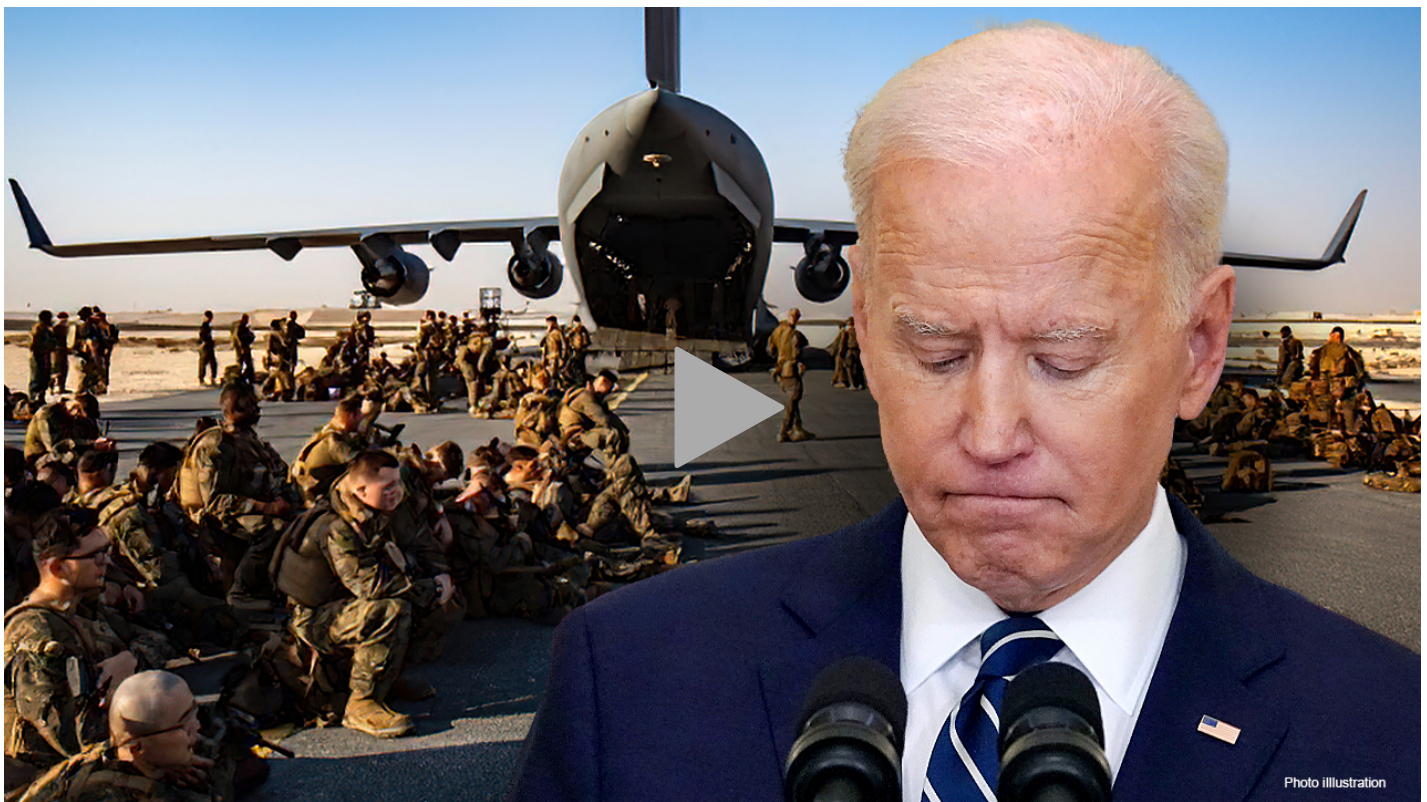


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Associated Press ripped after Fauci touts monoclonal antibodies: 'Isn't this the thing Ron DeSantis promoted?'

AP suggested political angle to DeSantis promotion of Regeneron antibody treatment

By [Cortney O'Brien](#) | Fox News



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In media news today, an NBC report blasts Biden's 'humiliating' Afghanistan withdrawal, Washington Post's Jennifer Rubin gets accused of 'running PR for the Taliban,' and Andrew Cuomo gets stripped of his Emmy amid sexual harassment scandal

With Dr. [Anthony Fauci](#) saying monoclonal antibodies can help reduce the risk of hospitalization for [COVID-19](#) patients, some Associated Press critics are pointing to its story suggesting a political angle to Gov. [Ron DeSantis](#), R., promoting the same treatment.

In its controversial [report](#) last week, the AP admitted the benefits of a Regeneron antibody treatment, but appeared to imply DeSantis was promoting the drug because a Chicago-based hedge fund that donated to a pro-DeSantis political committee also owns shares of the company.

Now that the White House chief medical adviser is touting the same treatment, DeSantis press secretary Christina Pushaw and other supporters of the governor mocked the AP for its earlier reporting.



Christina Pushaw 
@ChristinaPushaw 

Omg can't wait for the @AP investigation!!!!



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"Wait isn't this the thing Ron DeSantis promoted that the @AP tried to discredit?" asked "Relatable" podcast host Allie Beth Stuckey.

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TLDR; Fauci comes around to the DeSantis position. Time for AP to light him up. It's only fair.

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Thanks for recognizing what [@GovRonDeSantis](#) has been pushing for nearly two weeks, Fauci! Monoclonals work, everyone agrees.



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Chicks On The Right 
@chicksonright 

Looking forward to how the libs will continue to criticize [@GovRonDeSantis](#) about this now.

I mean, I'm sure they'll find a way, but I'm looking forward to the spin.



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DESANTIS PRESS SECRETARY FIRES BACK AFTER ASSOCIATED PRESS ACCUSES HER OF 'HARASSING' REPORTER

DeSantis himself responded to the AP's apparent "smear," penning an unusual open letter to the outlet in which he warned its reporting could undermine trust in the treatment.

"I assumed your letter was to notify me that you were issuing a retraction of the partisan smear piece you published last week," DeSantis wrote. "Instead, you had the temerity to complain about the deserved blowback that your botched and discredited attempt to concoct a political narrative has received. The ploy will not work to divert attention from the fact that the Associated Press published a false narrative that will lead some to decline effective treatment for COVID infections."

The AP report was one of several media attacks on the Republican governor in the past year. Perhaps most notably, CBS' "60 Minutes" ran a [now-infamous segment](#) accusing DeSantis of giving the Publix grocery store chain priority treatment to offer the coronavirus [vaccine](#) based on its donations to his PAC. DeSantis demanded the show "admit" the narrative was false.

Some observers say DeSantis and his team should consider these media "hit jobs" a [badge of honor](#).

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"It's clear that they recognize that Governor DeSantis is the future of the Republican Party, and they're laying the foundation for their talking points for when everyone else catches up to that fact, too," journalist Drew Holden said of the liberal media.

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justmike805 · 1 day ago

A friends 90 year old grandmother in nursing home tested positive for Covid 3 weeks ago and her main facility care takers said not to do anything until she got so sick and needed medical attention. Her children proactively scheduled her monoclonal antibody treatment 1 day after receiving the positiv...[See more](#)

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helloanyonethere? · 1 day ago

Replying to justmike805

This just illustrates the mess we are really in. Everything is about politics now. There is this large appetite for "winning at all costs" and maintaining power "at all costs". COVID should never have been made political. I truly think Trump tried to look into every possible avenue in helping pe...[See more](#)

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Rufas12 · 1 day ago

Replying to justmike805

Speaks to the political aspect of Covid - The FDA would promote Therapeutics and treatment protocols that are successfully saving lives - but no - they promote a vaccine, masks, clean hands, and social distancing a if death was the only outcome of getting the disease.

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PoliticiansAREliars · 1 day ago

It is a long time that there is a cure for the Covid, but pharma do not profit from it as much as vaccine, cause curing tens of thousands does not compare with vaccinating billions of people financially for them and for those government officials that also benefit from making contracts with pharma ...[See more](#) *(Edited)*

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EntangleMan · 1 day ago

Replying to PoliticiansAREliars

Pharma is not in the business of curing they need to keep selling their products they instead focus on treatment and vaccines which need to be taken each year.

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BidensKaraokeMachine · 1 day ago

Replying to PoliticiansAREliars · 1 day ago
There will NEVER be a "cure" for covid. Animal reservoirs, just like the common cold and flu. With today's medical technology, literally impossible to eradicate or "cure".

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Mr.D884 · 1 day ago

The Democrats and their media lap dogs are terrified that the Republicans will nominate DeSantis instead of Trump in 2024. He has the best governance track record of any Governor, appeals to both conservatives and moderate Republicans and independents, is a veteran who was deployed to Iraq and unlik...**See more**

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qwedie241 · 1 day ago

Replying to Mr.D884

I like DeSantis very much and will support him in being President, however I still want Trump, no one has ever worked harder for All of The People and The United States as a whole all around the World.

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TTrump2024 · 1 day ago

Replying to Mr.D884

Latinos for Trump2024 out of San Francisco! Que Viva! DeSantis for VP or Candace Owens!

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BidensKaraokeMachine · 1 day ago

A family member works at a large TX hospital chain and said they give 10 I.U.'s of vitamin D to covid patients per day. Also, around 75% of those hospitalized with covid have D deficiency.

I'm not advocating for or against vaccination or anything else, but vitamin D is cheap and available. So w...**See more**

Reply 100 3

jiba · 23 hours ago

Replying to BidensKaraokeMachine

We've known about the tremendous value of Vitamin D since the very early days of Covid-19, but did you every hear Fauci et al tell everyone to supplement? Nope.

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marbek · 1 day ago 

Replying to BidensKaraokeMachine

Sunshine and Milk

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Claudia2020 · 1 day ago 

After reading Fauci statements monoclonal antibodies and how they can reduce hospitalizations and are a viable treatment for Covid, why are they still pushing vaccine mandates? I personally think Fauci and friends have know this for a long time and are now having to admit it because it is working i...[See more](#)

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WGDIV · 1 day ago 

Replying to Claudia2020

October 9, 2020 "Infectious diseases expert Anthony Fauci, M.D., has said of Regeneron's experimental antibody cocktail that: "There is a reasonably good chance that in fact it made [President Donald Trump] much better."

Reply  65  2

WGDIV · 1 day ago 

Replying to Claudia2020

Because monoclonal antibodies are hard to make thus reducing availability (the US contracted for 1 million treatments), they cost approximately \$1200 as opposed to \$20-30 for a vaccine, they require you to catch Covid first and there's a limited time window when they're effective. They are a good t...[See more](#)

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leemaybe · 1 day ago 

Monoclonal antibody treatments have been used in a variety of human treatment protocols for decades. MRNA vaccines for months. Which do you trust?

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etlogic · 1 day ago 

Replying to leemaybe

As someone who works in biotech and make monoclonal antibodies as a career, I trust both. I understand the science and mechanism of both approach. However, I

would rather have the vaccine as protection to decrease my chance of getting the virus and the mAb to treat me if I do. It doesn't have to be ...[See more](#)

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Socialdips388 · 22 hours ago

Replying to leemaybe

I'm not sure of your point, it was recommended I took it, I trust it. I still have antibodies from having Covid in February but I still got the vaccine so I trust that too if that's what you're looking for.

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IndpThinker · 1 day ago

Therapeutics need more focus because there are effective treatments. Vaccine are looking to be a short term preventive it is not a treatment. Virus not going away.

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rwr115 · 1 day ago

Funny. If Republicans back a treatment it is bad, or criminal or unethical. When a Democrats backs the same treatment it is a breakthrough or a miracle cure. It has nothing to do with the treatment and everything to do with politics. And public health and politics should never be comingled.

Reply  233  2

BidensKaraokeMachine · 1 day ago

Replying to rwr115

And Fauci, who for years was in the background advising Presidents, now goes on CNN and criticizes Republicans.....but the nation is supposed to trust him.

Reply  84  1

ishie1013 · 28 seconds ago

Replying to BidensKaraokeMachine

If I had to work for the worst boss on earth, I'd complain too. It's not that he hates Republicans specifically; it's that he's an infectious disease specialist dealing with a very pro infectious disease crowd. That's like being a mechanic for someone who keeps slashing their own tires.

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GPX · 23 hours ago

Replying to rwr115

One could argue the MSM is the biggest problem in the whole country.

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justnufftocare · 1 day ago



At my grandson's birthday this past weekend all the kids played "Pin The Tail On The Fauci". It was great fun!

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Dan959 · 1 day ago



Replying to justnufftocare

Isn't it hard to pin the tail correctly with his head big in the way?

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genxer1010 · 1 day ago



DeSantis made Regeneron clinics possible - nobody else thought of that. He's going to save many lives and that really angers the AP and all other press outlets, Democratic thinktanks and everyone else that doesn't want to lose the presidency to him in 2024.

Reply 323 6

Everafter · 1 day ago



Replying to genxer1010

Last night on Gainesville, FL local news, they did a 3 min piece on a new Regeneron clinic on the west side of the city. It was very informative. So glad there is one up and running near me.

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2 replies

endemicpandemic903 · 1 day ago



Replying to genxer1010

They already have the smear campaign set up. False claims that will require endless Congressional panels and when one ends another will begin. Once you find a formula that works, why change?

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