



Back-Pedaling at the Speed of Lies

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“Show me a school that I shut down and show me a factory that I shut down,” challenges Dr. Anthony Fauci. “Never. I never did,” he told the *New York Times* last week.

We sure are a long way from the heady days when he proclaimed, “[I am the Science](#).” It’s more like in the book of Genesis, where Cain asks the great rhetorical question, “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

In other words, Fauci’s trying to set the record . . . crooked.

For Fauci was the Authority that bolstered all the advice from the Centers for Disease Control and elsewhere, urging mask mandates and lockdowns and what-have-you.

Now, he is doing more than back-pedaling. He is shifting blame. Blame for failed policies.

But he’s not alone in this. For *The Epoch Times*, Petr Svab [notes](#) another famous back-pedaler: American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten. Watch Ms. Weingarten [declare](#) on C-Span, “We spent every day from February on trying to get schools open,” but click that link and read the Twitter crowd-sourced fact-checks, showing how that’s . . . deceptive:

- “Weingarten is misrepresenting her prior positions. She called attempts to reopen schools in the fall of 2020 ‘[Reckless, callous, cruel](#)’
- “Her union pushed aggressively [at the local level](#)
- “Areas with high union influence [remained closed much longer](#)
- “They [continued in 2022](#)”

We still argue about how much COVID leaders lied during the heat of the panic. I advised, at the time, to give them a little leeway.

Regarding policy, that is.

Not *lying*.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.