



Fauci's the Focal Point

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Senator Rand Paul “has it in” for Fauci — said Dr. Anthony Fauci at last week’s Senate [hearing](#).

The former director of the [NIAID](#) and former Chief Medical Advisor to President Biden made it sound like the Kentucky senator was trying to put him in prison. But what Dr. Paul asked of Dr. Fauci was an apology — not jail-time.

Why, though?

“If we don’t want this to happen again, him acknowledging that he was wrong to fund this research will be a word of caution and warning to the next generation of people to come through,” the senator [told](#) Mark Halperin. “And the debate will have ultimately been won on ‘gain of function.’

“The danger of it.”

The point, Rand Paul says, is to stop the madness of this

type of research.

Earlier in the interview he had noted that scientists had warned that the results at the Wuhan Institute of Virology should not be published. It would be a blueprint, or recipe, for a never-ending biological warfare by terrorists.

The whole interview is worth listening to. Mark Halperin does what so few journalists do when confronting a contentious issue: formulate each question in epistemically sound terms, for clarity. “Is that an established fact in your mind, or do you need to know more?”

Here are some responses from Sen. Paul:

- Fauci was a long-time supporter and financier of gain-of-function research: *fact*.
- Fauci “was aware that they [the Wuhan researchers] were doing gain-of-function research” but Fauci would quibble over semantics, about the exactitudes of what qualifies as such: *fact*. (Fauci’s being evasive.)
- Fauci funded that research: “without question” a *fact*.
- Fauci lied about the wet market origin theory: *fact*.

There’s [more](#). Let’s praise a journalist for asking clear questions and a politician for giving clear answers.

Especially about the coronavirus origin.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.