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## ***Potential ‘Backfire’ of COVID-19 Vaccine Sparks Concerns About Mandate***

Individual Health, Safety and Rights at Risk

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** — [\*Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom \(CCHF\)\*](#) believes the public is not aware of the possible ‘backfire’ of the COVID-19 vaccine, and the possible harm of a nationwide vaccine mandate.

On May 12, 2020, Dr. Tony Fauci testified before the U.S. Senate that there are “two major unknowns.” First, there’s ‘no guarantee’ a COVID-19 vaccine will work and [second, it could ‘backfire,’](#) strengthening the virus. He referenced two previous vaccines that produced a ‘suboptimal response’ that “enhanced pathogenesis of the disease, which is always worrisome.”

A [2012 study](#) discovered by CCHF confirms the second concern. SARS coronavirus vaccines were tested on mice, which were then exposed to the virus. Researchers discovered the mice, who were believed to have developed antibodies, had actually gotten sicker. The study concluded the vaccines had made the coronavirus more virulent, and issued “caution in proceeding to application of SARS-CoV vaccine in humans.”

***“I think we should very carefully listen to Dr. Fauci’s concerns,”*** said Twila Brase, RN, president and co-founder of CCHF. ***“No coronavirus vaccine has been developed despite earlier coronavirus pandemics. And given how the 2012 study on coronavirus funded by his department made the virus more virulent in the test animals, the American public should be concerned about the possibility that a COVID-19 vaccine may ‘backfire.’”***

CCHF also discovered a study conducted by Yale University on how to [market a COVID-19 vaccine](#) to try and convince individuals to take it, using messages of ‘shame’ and ‘guilt,’ even calling those who choose not to vaccinate ‘not brave.’

Some vaccine proponents are skipping the public relations campaign altogether and have [called for mandatory vaccination](#) and government penalties that deny access to services and ‘nonessential government benefits’ to those who refuse – eliminating any exemptions for religious or personal beliefs.

***“Despite the danger of the vaccine backfiring, and before any of the vaccine trials have proven a vaccine to be safe and effective, proponents are busy figuring out how to force the public to get vaccinated,”*** she said.

***“Proponents want the unvaccinated banned from airplanes, buses, or trains, and want everyone to provide ‘evidence of immunization’ to enter public and private auditoriums and spaces. But Americans should be concerned about these proposals, this vaccine, and those who wish to [‘plunge it into their arm.’](#) People have no idea what they’re signing up for with this vaccine,”*** she concluded.

CCHF maintains a patient-centered, privacy-focused, free-market perspective. CCHF has worked in its home state of Minnesota and at the national level for more than 20 years to protect health care choices, individualized patient care, and medical and genetic privacy rights. In 2016, CCHF launched The Wedge of Health Freedom, an online directory of direct-pay practices ([JointheWedge.com](#)).

***Twila Brase, RN, PHN*** has been named by *Modern Healthcare* as one of the “100 Most Powerful People in Health Care.” She is the host of the daily *Health Freedom Minute* radio program heard by over 5 million weekly listeners on more than 800 radio stations nationwide, and the author of the eight-time award-winning book, ***[“Big Brother in the Exam Room: The Dangerous Truth About Electronic Health Records.”](#)***

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