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What’s Wrong With the CDC?

Why wasn’t the CDC ready for a pandemic? Originally created in 1942, it was called the Office of National Defense Malaria Control Activities. For decades it focused on viruses and communicable diseases. Then something changed.

In 2007 a Senator’s report reviewed how this agency had spent hundreds of millions of tax dollars on failed prevention efforts, international junkets, and lavish facilities, but could not demonstrate it was controlling disease.

A large portion of their budget today goes to gun violence, child discipline, chronic conditions, environmental health, and occupational hazards, which don’t protect Americans from deadly infectious diseases, bioterrorism or fund the medical supplies needed in a pandemic.
