

The Conservative Movement's Close Ties To This Weekend's "Defeat the Mandates" Anti-Vax Event in DC

SUMMARY: On January 23, 2022, thousands of disruptors plan to attend the "Defeat the Mandates DC" march and rally events, organized to express opposition to COVID-19 vaccine mandates and public health measures. However, the event features a rogue gallery of figures who oppose vaccinations more broadly and promote misinformation about vaccines while fear-mongering public health policy.

The website for Defeat the Mandates attempts to portray an image of nonpartisanship for the event; yet, a review of the primary organizations associated with the event show an extensive history of ties to prominent Republican politicians, including former President Trump and conservative activists, who have worked to bring the vaccine skepticism crowd into the broader conservative movement.

- Defeat the Mandates DC partner **Front Live COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance** (FLCCC) has been the primary nonprofit vehicle for Dr. Pierre Kory, who has pushed discredited "miracle cures" for COVID-19, such as Hydroxychloroquine in 2020 and, more recently, ivermectin. The FDA has approved neither treatment, and FLCCC was criticized as contributing to anti-vaccine sentiment. Despite these issues, Kory was invited by Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) to share his views with congress, despite criticism from local physicians. The FLCCC claimed to have direct connections to Jared Kushner's COVID-19 response team at the White House in 2020.
- Defeat the Mandates DC partner **Children's Health Defense** is the primary nonprofit vehicle for Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. to express his broad anti-vaccine views. The organization saw a doubling of revenue in 2020 to \$6.8 million, allowing CHD to expand internationally, and create new products such as a movie studio. Before COVID, RFK Jr. had been a proponent of the long-discredited theory of a link between infant vaccinations and autism, which led RFK Jr. to be banned from platforms such as Instagram. Despite this ban, RFK Jr. has continued to promote his views across conservative media, including the Tucker Carlson Tonight program, Alex Jones's InfoWars, and Steve Bannon's War Room podcast (where RFK Jr. has appeared twice). False claims from Children's Health Defense – such as a false viral post that the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine that had been granted FDA approval was separate from the vaccine made available to the public – have been amplified by politicians such as Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI), who repeated the false claim on Fox News. Even former President Trump has shown appreciation for RFK Jr.'s views. In the transition period before his presidency, Trump met with RFK Jr. to discuss vaccines and immunizations, and RFK Jr. claimed Trump asked him to chair a commission on vaccine safety (the commission never materialized).
- **Global COVID Summit**, another partner group of the Defeat the Mandates DC event, describes itself as an "international alliance" of doctors and scientists. Global COVID Summit is linked to a "Doctors and Scientists Declaration" that presents a series of vaccine skeptic views, including opposition to 'forced vaccination' for children, saying the 'naturally immune' should not be subject to COVID restrictions, and "all health agencies and institutions shall cease interfering with physicians treating individual patients."
- On the initial web page for the Defeat the Mandates DC event, **The Unity Project** was also listed as a partner (it has since been removed). Unity Project describes itself as uniting "vast numbers of independent groups statewide into a powerful force of concerned citizens." Unity Project's partnership has since been removed, yet a review of The Unity Project, which lists the above Global COVID Summit as a "strategic partner" on their own website, shows direct partisan connections. This includes listing a local Republican group, Greater Laguna Beach GOP, as a strategic partner on their website. Unity Project includes representatives of the broader conservative movement on their "leadership" page, including a co-founder of "anti-CRT" group Moms for Liberty and a member of the Orange County Board of Education who was a former endorsements director for the Trump campaign.

- **Dr. Robert Malone**, a prominent figure in the current anti-vax movement and scheduled speaker for the Defeat the Mandates rally, appears across the Children’s Health Defense, Global COVID Summit, and Unity Project websites. Malone has also been a regular guest on the podcast of Steve Bannon, War Room, where he has appeared on at least 7 occasions.

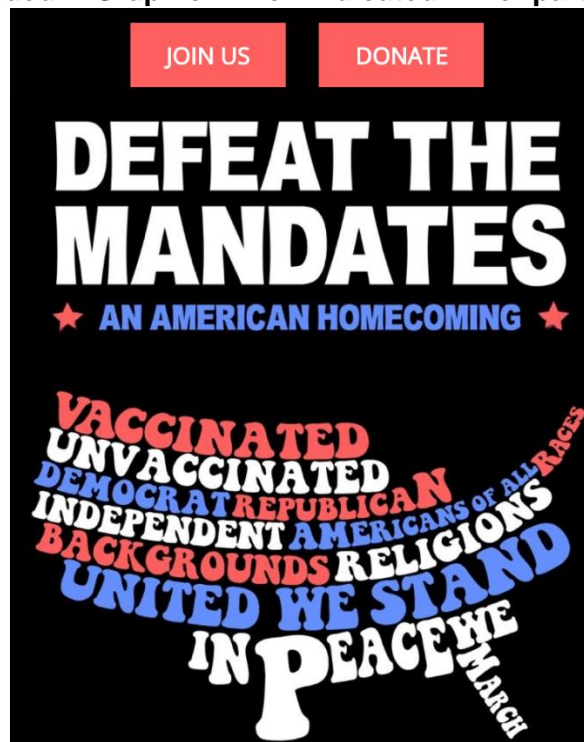
A “Defeat The Mandates” Rally Was Scheduled For Washington, DC, Featuring A Coalition Of Health Groups In Opposition To COVID-19 Vaccines, Mandates, And Restrictions

Scheduled For January 23, 2022, The Defeat The Mandates Event Was A March And Rally To Express Opposition To COVID-19 Vaccines And Restrictions

Defeat The Mandates American Homecoming Rally Was Scheduled For January 23, A Protest Against COVID-19 Vaccines And Restrictions. “Dozens of activists are expected to rally this weekend at the Lincoln Memorial in protest of COVID-19 vaccines and restrictions put in place across the nation, according to an event permit submitted by Children's Health Defense. The Defeat the Mandates American Homecoming rally, will be a ‘freedom march’ on the National Mall on Sunday, Jan. 23. According to the event website, the march starts at 11:30 a.m. and will be followed by a rally from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Organizers of the event said the demonstration is to show unity in opposition to vaccine mandates.” [WUSA9, [1/17/22](#)]

Per A Permit From Organizers, The Defeat The Mandates Event Expected Dozens Of Activists And Up To 20,000 Attendees. “Dozens of activists are expected to rally this weekend at the Lincoln Memorial in protest of COVID-19 vaccines and restrictions put in place across the nation, according to an event permit submitted by Children's Health Defense. [...] The permit states there could be as many as about 20,000 people and preparations for the event are starting as early as Wednesday.” [WUSA9, [1/17/22](#)]

Defeat The Mandates DC Included A Graphic Which Indicated A Nonpartisan Lean To The Event.



[Defeat The Mandates DC, accessed [1/18/22](#)]

Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance (FLCCC), Children’s Health Defense (CHD), And Global COVID Summit Were Listed As The Primary Partners Of The Event, And The Website Had Previously Listed The Unity Project As A Partner

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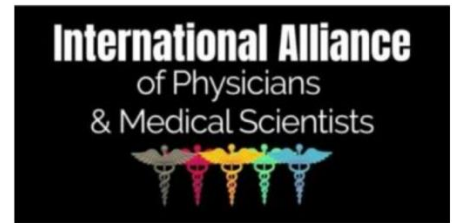
FLCCC Alliance

Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance



Children's Health Defense

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Global Covid Summit

[Defeat The Mandates DC, accessed [1/14/22](#)]

While Not Currently Listed On The Site, The Unity Project Was Listed As A Partner Group Back In December, With The Defeat The Mandates Website Describing It As A Non-Partisan Educational Organization. The group was described as, “The Unity Project, a non-partisan, nonprofit educational organization, promotes a “children-first” agenda focused on integrity, care, rationality, and evidence-based motivation.”

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Groups Associated With The Defeat The Mandates Event Are Major Figures In Spreading COVID Misinformation And Phony Medicine – And While Presenting The Event As Nonpartisan, Leaders Of The March Had Financial And Personal Connections To Republican Senators, Leaders In The Pro-Trump Movement, And The Trump White House

Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance Leaders Had Promoted Misinformation About Drugs Such As Ivermectin And Hydroxychloroquine, Not Certified For COVID-19 Usage, In Front Of Congress At The Request Of Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI), And Claimed To Have Connected With COVID-19 Response Team Leader Jared Kushner At The Trump White House

Founded By Dr. Pierre Kory, Front-Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance Promoted Drugs Such As Hydroxychloroquine And Ivermectin, Neither Approved As COVID Treatments

Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance (FLCCC) Was Founded By Two Doctors, Pierre Kory And Paul Marik, To Promote Drugs Such As Ivermectin As A COVID-19 Treatment. “But ivermectin is not a miracle cure for COVID-19, and there's no reason to think it could or should ever be treated as such. Yet two men want you to think that ivermectin could be all we need to treat, or even prevent, any COVID-19 case: Dr. Pierre Kory, a former critical-care specialist at the University of Wisconsin medical center, and Dr. Paul Marik, the chief of critical care at Eastern Virginia Medical School. Together, Kory and Marik lead the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance, a nonprofit organization founded by fringe doctors and former media pros that has led an increasingly concerted campaign, hinged on twisted science, to promote ivermectin as a cure-all for COVID-19.” [Business Insider, [9/17/21](#)]

- **FDA: Ivermectin Has Not Been Authorized Or Approved For Use In Preventing Or Treating COVID-19 In Humans Or Animals, Medication Generally Used For Parasitic Worms And Skin Conditions.** “[*] The FDA has not authorized or approved ivermectin for use in preventing or treating COVID-19 in humans or animals. Ivermectin is approved for human use to treat infections caused by some parasitic worms and head lice and skin conditions like rosacea. [*] Currently available data do not show ivermectin is effective against COVID-19. [...] [*] Taking large doses of ivermectin is dangerous.” [Food and Drug Administration, [12/10/21](#)]

In April 2020, The FLCCC Touted Drugs Such As Hydroxychloroquine For COVID-19 Treatment. “By April 15, the FLCCC was drafting press releases touting vitamin C, steroids, heparin, and hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 treatment, and by May, the FLCCC says, it was sending its treatment protocols up to Jared Kushner at the White House.” [Business Insider, [9/17/21](#)]

- **FDA Cautioned Against The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine For COVID-19.** “The FDA is aware of reports of serious heart rhythm problems in patients with COVID-19 treated with Hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine, often in combination with azithromycin and other QT prolonging medicines. [...] Hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine have not been shown to be safe and effective for treating or preventing COVID-19.” [Food and Drug Administration, [4/24/20](#)]

FLCCC Had Been Criticized By Both Former Members And The Editor Of Science Communications As Contributing To Anti-Vaccination Sentiment

Editor-In-Chief Of Science Communication Susanna Priest: The FLCCC's Communications Discourage Vaccine Uptake And Promote The Idea That COVID-19 Is Curable. “Susanna Priest, the editor in chief of the peer-reviewed journal Science Communication, says the way the FLCCC talks to the public is ‘inherently predatory, even if it's not intended that way.’ There's nothing wrong with having a ‘rogue opinion’ in medicine,

she says. After all, she adds, 'that's how scientific breakthroughs happen.' [...] At this point, Priest and other experts said, the FLCCC's failure to acknowledge what they don't know is discouraging vaccine uptake and promoting the false idea that COVID-19 is curable, prolonging the pandemic when the answers we need are already here. 'We don't really have time for every false rumor to quiet down,' she said. 'It doesn't happen automatically.'" [Business Insider, [9/17/21](#)]

Former FLCCC Member Dr. Eric Osgood Left The Group In The Summer Of 2021, After Concluding It Was Contributing To Anti-Vaccination Sentiment. "Dr. Eric Osgood, a former FLCCC member, left the physicians' group earlier this summer in a 'panic,' he told Insider, after coming to the conclusion that 'I'm part of a group whose influence may be contributing to people making the choice not to get vaccinated.' Osgood has worked with the drug at the bedside over the past year and a half, and he does argue it could have some benefit for certain COVID-19 patients." [Business Insider, [9/17/21](#)]

FLCCC Leader Dr. Pierre Kory Had Testified To Congress About His Ideas On Ivermectin, Following An Invitation From Senator Ron Johnson

Pierre Kory Spoke In Front A Senate Homeland Security Committee, Arguing That Ivermectin Was A Miracle Drug. "Ivermectin is effectively a 'miracle drug' against COVID-19,' Kory told members of the Senate homeland-security committee last December, saying data showed 'profound efficacy' of the drug 'in all stages of the disease.' He concluded that if everyone were to have access to the antiparasitic, 'the pandemic will end, the economy can reopen, social interactions and activity can resume, and life can normalize.'" [Business Insider, [9/17/21](#)]

- **December 2020: Kory Spoke To The US Senate Committee On Homeland Security As A Witness.** [US Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs – "Early Outpatient Treatment: An Essential Part of a COVID-19 Solution, Part II," [12/8/20](#)]

Wisconsin Physicians Criticized Senator Johnson For The Congressional Invitation To Kory And For Positive Citations Of His Work, Asking Johnson To "Stop Pushing Ivermectin As A Cure." "Wisconsin physicians today gathered virtually to share a message with Sen. Ron Johnson: 'Please stop pushing Ivermectin as a cure for COVID-19, and stop discouraging trust in the safe, effective vaccine that actually prevents COVID-19.' [...] On August 20, Johnson positively tweeted a piece written by Dr. Pierre Kory, who advocates for using Ivermectin in COVID-19 cases, and indicated that the National Institutes of Health should start using it as treatment. Johnson invited Dr. Kory and other doctors promoting fringe theories to a Congressional hearing to air their minority takes on COVID-19 treatment." [La Crosse Tribune, [8/30/21](#)]

FLCCC Claimed It Had Provided Treatment Protocols To Jared Kushner At The Trump White House Dating Back To May 2020, And Had Several Subsequent White House Contacts

The FLCCC Claims It Was Giving Treatment Protocols To Jared Kushner By May 2020. "Just one month later, the FLCCC was born. It started with an April 5 Zoom call among Marik, Kory, six other doctors, and two former journalists, Joyce Kamen and Betsy Ashton, who became the FLCCC's press office. The group decided to call itself the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Consortium. By April 15, the FLCCC was drafting press releases touting vitamin C, steroids, heparin, and Hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 treatment, and by May, the FLCCC says, it was sending its treatment protocols up to Jared Kushner at the White House." [Business Insider, [9/17/21](#)]

- **FLCCC: In April 2020, FLCCC Press Releases Were Sent To The White House COVID-19 Team Headed By Jared Kushner, Which Would Happen On 3 Other Occasions.** "April 6, 2020. Betsy Ashton writes, and Joyce Kamen designs, the first press releases of the newly formed FLCCC group. The releases urge immediate adoption of the early intervention protocol to reduce the need for ventilators and prevent mortality from COVID-19 disease. [...] Dr. Keith Berkowitz, through one of a large circle of high-profile contacts, sends the protocol to the White House COVID-19 response team headed at the time by Jared Kushner. This would be the first of four instances where high profile members of the medical, political, and

media community would send the protocol to the White House for consideration.” [Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance – “The FLCCC Alliance Story,” accessed [1/18/22](#)]

Defeat The Mandates Partner Children’s Health Defense Was The Primary Organization Of Anti-Vaxxer Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Whose Anti-Vaccination Stance Predated COVID-19 And Has Been Promoted On Both Mainstream And Fringe Conservative Outlets, And Who President Trump Considered Nominating To Chair A Commission On Vaccines

Children’s Health Defense Had Been The Vehicle Of RFK Jr. To Spread Anti-Vaccination Views Since 2015, When He Took Over The World Mercury Project

Children’s Health Defense (CHD) Was RFK Jr.’s Vehicle For Expressing Anti-Vax Sentiment, Having Taken Over A Previous Incarnation Of The Group Called The World Mercury Project. “In 2015, Kennedy joined up with Eric Gladen, who in 2007 had founded a group called World Mercury Project in Southern California. Gladen believes he got mercury poisoning from a tetanus shot and had made a film called Trace Amounts. [...] World Mercury Project had been struggling to stay afloat, but everything changed when Kennedy joined. He was ‘a machine,’ doing research, writing op-eds, delivering speeches and connecting with well-placed people, Gladen said. There was ‘almost no limit’ to who they could reach. World Mercury Project, which reported just \$13,114 in revenue on its 2014 tax filings, brought in \$467,443 in revenue the following year, when Kennedy came on board. [...] Kennedy became board chairman and chief legal counsel. The group rebranded with the name Children’s Health Defense in 2018, removing the word “mercury” from its name and announcing an expanded mission.” [NBC Boston, [12/15/21](#)]

RFK Jr. Has Promoted Misinformation On Vaccines, Namely That Infant Vaccination Causes Autism, And Has Received A Ban From Instagram Over Anti-Vaccination Posts

RFK Jr. Has Argued Vaccines, Specifically Those With Thimerosal, May Cause Autism. “Kennedy has argued that vaccines, specifically those containing the element thimerosal, may cause autism, a view unsupported by scientific evidence and dismissed as a conspiracy theory by experts.” [CBS News, [1/10/17](#)]

- **CDC Has Said Research Does Not Show Links Between Thimerosal In Vaccines And Autism, And Studies Linking Vaccines To Autism Have Been Scientifically Debunked.** “Research does not show any link between thimerosal in vaccines and autism, a neurodevelopmental disorder,’ says the Center for Disease Control on its website. Moreover, studies linking vaccines and autism have been repeatedly been debunked and discredited, although many parents continue to insist that their children were damaged by immunizations.” [CBS News, [1/10/17](#)]

RFK Jr. Was Banned From Instagram Over Anti-Vaccination Posts. “Instagram has removed the account of Robert F Kennedy Jr for making false claims about coronavirus and vaccines. The nephew of late President John F Kennedy had his account permanently taken down ‘for repeatedly sharing debunked claims’, Facebook, which owns Instagram, said in a statement.” [BBC, [2/11/21](#)]

RFK Jr.’s Children’s Health Defense Saw Revenue More Than Double To \$6.8 Million In The Year 2020 - Helping To Fuel Expanded Operations And International Branches Amidst COVID-19

Amidst The COVID-19 Pandemic, CHD More Than Doubled In Revenue In 2020 To \$6.8 Million. “While many nonprofits and businesses have struggled during the pandemic, Kennedy’s anti-vaccine group has thrived. An investigation by The Associated Press finds that Children’s Health Defense has raked in funding and followers as Kennedy used his star power as a member of one of America’s most famous families to open doors, raise money and lend his group credibility. Filings with charity regulators show revenue more than doubled in 2020, to \$6.8 million.” [NBC Boston, [12/15/21](#)]

- **Children’s Health Defense Had \$2,941,894 In Total Revenue In 2019.** [ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer – Children’s Health Defense 990 for 2019, [11/10/20](#)]

In 2020, Children’s Health Defense Launched An Internet TV Channel, Started A Movie Studio, And Expanded Both Its US And International Reach. “Since the pandemic started, Children’s Health Defense has expanded the reach of its newsletter, which uses slanted information, cherry-picked facts and conspiracy theories to spread distrust of the COVID-19 vaccines. The group has also launched an internet TV channel and started a movie studio. CHD has global ambitions. In addition to opening new U.S. branches, it now boasts outposts in Canada, Europe and, most recently, Australia. It’s translating articles into French, German, Italian and Spanish, and it’s on a hiring spree.” [NBC Boston, [12/15/21](#)]

RFK, Jr. Has Promoted His Views On Fox News’ Tucker Carlson, As Well As Fringe Outlets Like InfoWars And Steve Bannon’s War Room

RFK Jr. Has Promoted His Views On Tucker Carlson And Website Like InfoWars. “Kennedy told Tucker Carlson in a July 2017 appearance that his vaccine work was ‘probably the worst career move that I’ve ever made.’ When the Fox News host asked him if he was ‘getting paid for this,’ Kennedy replied, ‘No, I’m not. In fact, I’m getting unpaid for this.’ According to tax filings, Kennedy was paid \$131,250 by Children’s Health Defense in 2017. In 2018, he was paid \$184,375. By 2019, the most recent year available, his compensation had risen to \$255,000. Kennedy told the conspiracy site InfoWars this month that he had ‘the opposite of a profit motive.’” [NBC Boston, [12/15/21](#)]

RFK Jr. Has Appeared At Least Twice On Steve Bannon’s War Room. RFK Jr.’s most recent appearance was in December 2021. [Steve Bannon’s War Room – Episode 1,121 ([7/24/21](#)), Episode 1,496 ([12/18/21](#))]

As President-Elect, Trump Met With RFK Jr. And Floated The Idea Of Him Heading A Commission To Study Vaccine Safety – RFK Later Said The Project Was Abandoned

January 2017: President-Elect Trump Met With RFK Jr., Discussing “Issues Pertaining To Vaccines And Immunizations.” “President-elect Donald Trump met with Robert Kennedy Jr., a prominent vaccine skeptic, on Tuesday. According to incoming White House press secretary Sean Spicer, the two discussed ‘the issues pertaining to vaccines and immunizations.’” [CBS News, [1/10/17](#)]

RFK Jr. Claimed Trump Asked RFK Jr. To Chair A Commission On “Vaccination Safety And Scientific Integrity.” “After the meeting concluded, Kennedy told reporters that Mr. Trump had asked him to ‘chair a commission on vaccination safety and scientific integrity.’ Kennedy said he told Mr. Trump he would chair such a commission, and that their meeting was held at Mr. Trump’s request.” [CBS News, [1/10/17](#)]

February 2018: RFK Jr. Said He Had Met “Many Times” With The Trump Transition Team, But Subsequently Fell Out Of Communication. “Donald Trump appears to have abandoned plans to investigate the spurious link between childhood immunisations and autism, a move welcomed by experts but condemned by Robert F Kennedy Jr, a vaccine sceptic. [...] ‘I would say there’s zero progress,’ Kennedy told the Guardian last week. ‘We were told President Trump wanted to meet directly with us. Not only did nothing happen, they’ve cut off all communication with people who care about this issue. The administration has decided to go in another direction.’ Kennedy, 64, has had no contact with the White House for at least six months and made no secret of his dismay. ‘I’ve seen a tremendous deflation among a community of parents and children’s health advocates across the country who believed the promises that President Trump made to the campaign, who put tremendous faith in him and now are feeling enormous betrayal and disappointment.’” [The Guardian, [2/21/18](#)]

Children’s Health Defense Utilizes A Network Of Anti-Vaccine Websites To Amplify Content, And Politicians Such As Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) Have Repeated Discredited Claims That Emerged From CHD

Children’s Health Defense Utilized A Network Of Anti-Vaccine Websites To Spread False Claims, Such As Falsely Claiming The FDA Licensed COVID-19 Vaccine Was Separate From The Vaccine That Was Made Widely Available. “CHD’s effectiveness is in part because it’s central to a network of anti-vaccine websites that link to and amplify each other, creating a disinformation echo chamber that reinforces false narratives that downplay the dangers of COVID-19 while exaggerating the risks of the vaccine. For example, the day after the FDA granted full approval to Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine, Kennedy and CHD sent out an article falsely claiming that the vaccine that was licensed was not the one that was available, said Dorit Reiss, a professor at UC Hastings College of the Law and an expert in vaccine law. ‘It started with CHD the day after the licensure and then was picked up by right wing outlets,’ Reiss said.” [NBC Boston 10, [12/15/21](#)]

- **USA Today Fact Check: The Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine, Comirnaty, Was Granted FDA Approval And Was Made Available, Contrary To Social Media Claims.** “Comirnaty is the brand name for Pfizer’s coronavirus vaccine. The FDA approved the shot in late August for Americans ages 16 and older. But posts claiming Comirnaty is not yet available in the U.S. have racked up thousands of interactions on Facebook and Instagram over the past month, according to CrowdTangle, a social media insights tool. [...] USA TODAY has debunked the notion that the Pfizer vaccine is not FDA-approved. That claim is similarly wrong. ‘I can confirm that our vaccine has been granted FDA approval and that Comirnaty is available,’ Kit Longley, a spokesperson for Pfizer, said in an email.” [USA Today, [10/20/21](#)]

Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) Amplified The Misinformation About Pfizer’s COVID Vaccine On Tucker Carlson’s Show, A Month After The Initial CHD Article Was Published. “For example, the day after the FDA granted full approval to Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine, Kennedy and CHD sent out an article falsely claiming that the vaccine that was licensed was not the one that was available, said Dorit Reiss, a professor at UC Hastings College of the Law and an expert in vaccine law. [...] The idea circulated on fringe media outlets on the far right. Then, more than a month after the article was published, Republican Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin went on Tucker Carlson’s show on Fox News and repeated the incorrect idea that the approved vaccine was not available in the United States. It became one of CHD’s biggest articles of the past year, with about 40,000 interactions on Facebook, according to CrowdTangle, a Facebook-owned tool that helps track material on the platforms.” [NBC Boston 10, [12/15/21](#)]

Defeat The Mandates Partner Global COVID Summit Was A Self-Described “International Alliance” Of Doctors And Scientists, Promoting Natural Immunity From COVID, Physician Freedom To Prescribe Medication, And That Children Should Not Be Vaccinated

Global COVID Summit Was A Self-Described International Alliance Of Doctors And Scientists Against Vaccinations For Children, Against Mandate Enforcement For “Naturally Immune” People Who Had COVID, And Against Limiting Physicians Prescribing Medications

Global COVID Summit Described Itself As An “International Alliance” Of Doctors And Scientists Fighting For “The Right To Treat Their Patients, And The Right Of Patients To Receive Those Treatments” Without Interference. “Global Covid Summit is the product of an international alliance of doctors and scientists, committed to speaking truth to power about Covid pandemic research and treatment. Thousands have died from Covid as a result of being denied life-saving early treatment. The Declaration is a battle cry from physicians who are daily fighting for the right to treat their patients, and the right of patients to receive those treatments - without fear of interference, retribution or censorship by government, pharmacies, pharmaceutical corporations, and big tech.” [Global COVID Summit – “About,” accessed [1/14/22](#)]

The “Global COVID Summit” Declaration Opposed Vaccinating Children, Enforcement Of Mandates On People Who Had COVID-19, And Against “Agencies And Institutions” “Interfering With Physician Treating Individual Patients.” “WE, THE PHYSICIANS OF THE WORLD, united and loyal to the Hippocratic Oath, recognizing the imminent threat to humanity brought forth by current Covid-19 policies, are compelled to declare the following: [...] RESOLVED, THAT HEALTHY CHILDREN SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO FORCED VACCINATION [...] RESOLVED, THAT NATURALLY IMMUNE PERSONS RECOVERED FROM

SARS-CoV-2 SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTIONS OR VACCINE MANDATES [...] RESOLVED, THAT ALL HEALTH AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS SHALL CEASE INTERFERING WITH PHYSICIANS TREATING INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS[.]” [Global COVID Summit - Doctors and Scientists Declaration, [10/29/21](#)]

The Unity Project Was Previously Listed As A Partner Of The Defeat The Mandates Event Before Being Removed – And Listed Multiple Local Republican Party Chapters As Partner Groups, And Representatives Of Conservative Movement Groups In Leadership

The Unity Project Was Previously Listed As A Partner Of The Defeat The Mandates DC March, And Was A Partner Group Of Current March Partner Global COVID Summit

The Unity Project Described Itself As Uniting “Vast Numbers Of Independent Groups Statewide Into A Powerful Force Of Concerned Citizens.” “The Unity Project was formed to unite vast numbers of independent groups statewide into a powerful force of concerned citizens that is well-resourced, well-coordinated with streamlined communication and propelled by strong execution across the state.” [Unity Project, accessed [1/18/22](#)]

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Global COVID Summit, Still Listed As A Defeat The Mandates Partner, Was Listed As A “Strategic Partner Of The Unity Project.”

Global Covid Summit

Strategic Partner of The Unity Project

Over 13,000 international physicians and medical scientists have produced a comprehensive COVID-19-related declaration and have reached consensus based upon overwhelming evidence against vaccinating healthy children.

[Unity Project, accessed [1/18/22](#)]

Unity Project’s Partners Included Connections To Local Republican Party Groups Such As The Greater Laguna Beach GOP

Unity Project Listed The Greater Laguna Beach GOP As A “Partner Organization.”



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[The Unity Project – “Strategic Partners,” accessed [1/18/22](#)]

Unity Project’s Leadership Included Individuals Linked To The Broader Conservative Movement, Such As Moms For Liberty, A Conservative Group Utilizing Anti-CRT And Anti-COVID Mandate Sentiment To Mobilize Right-Wing Voters

Tiffany Justice Of Moms For Liberty Was Listed Under “Entrepreneurs, Business Leaders, Community Leaders and Legal” On Their Leadership Page. The bio described Ms. Justice as “Co-founder of Moms for Liberty, one of the largest grass-roots movements in the nation, 152 chapters across 32 states with over 60,000 members.”



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[Unity Project Online – “Leadership,” accessed [1/14/22](#)]

- **Moms For Liberty Is A Conservative Group Using Cultural Flash Points On Issues In Public Schooling, Such ‘Critical Race Theory’ And COVID Mandates To Mobilize Right Wing Voters.** “Hand’s anger offers a window into Moms for Liberty, a controversial organization looking to play a major role in next year’s elections. Launched initially in Brevard County to support ‘parental rights’ in public schools, Moms for Liberty chapters have spread nationwide. Its leaders hope to convert brawlish pandemic-era cultural divisions into lasting political power. The organization is channeling a powerful frustration among conservative mothers, who feel increasingly sidelined by school administrators

and teachers. And their targets are sprawling — not only mask mandates but also curriculums that touch on LGBTQ rights, race and discrimination, and even the way schools define a scientific fact.” [Washington Post, [10/15/21](#)]

- **Florida GOP Operatives Credit Moms For Liberty For Causing A Massive Uptick In Their Voter Registration Push.** “Christian Ziegler, vice chairman of the Florida Republican Party and a Sarasota County commissioner, credits Moms for Liberty and the broader issue of ‘parental rights’ for bringing new voters to the GOP. Since December, Florida Republicans have narrowed Democrats’ voter-registration advantage from about 100,000 to 23,000, and the GOP appears poised to pass Democrats in registration for the first time.” [Washington Post, [10/15/21](#)]

Orange County Board Of Education’s Mari Barke Was Listed On The Leadership Page For The Unity Project.



Mari Barke

President, Orange County
Board of Education

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[Unity Project Online – “Leadership,” accessed [1/19/22](#)]

- **Mari Barke Was Elected To The Board Of Education On A Pro-Charter School Agenda.** Making an endorsement, the Chico Enterprise-Record wrote, “OC Board of Education: Lisa Sparks, Mari Barke Orange County has lagged neighboring counties in charter schools and the board is in need of unwavering advocates for educational choice.” [Chico Enterprise-Record, 6/5/18]
- **LinkedIn: Mari Barke Was A Republican Elector In 2016 And Was “California Endorsement Director” For Donald J. Trump For President.** [LinkedIn – Mari Barke, accessed [1/19/22](#)]

Dr. Robert Malone, Featured Speaker At The March And Promoted Across The Partner Organizations, Has Been A Regular Guest On Steve Bannon’s War Room

Robert Malone Was A Speaker At Defeat The Mandates DC, And Appeared On The Partner Websites Of FLCCC, The Blog Of The Children’s Health Defense Website, And Global COVID Summit (As Well As The Unity Project)

Defeat The Mandates DC Website Listed Robert Malone As A Speaker. [Defeat the Mandates, accessed [1/18/22](#)]

Robert Malone Had Written For “The Defender,” A Blog On RFK Jr.’s Children’s Health Defense Website. [Children’s Health Defense – Author Robert Malone, MD, accessed [1/18/22](#)]

Global COVID Summit’s Top “News” Piece Was From Dr. Robert Malone, Who Encouraged Against Vaccinations For Children. “Before you vaccinate your child, which is irreversible and potentially permanently damaging, find out why 15,000 physicians and medical scientists around the world signed a declaration publicly declaring that healthy children should NOT be vaccinated for COVID-19. On behalf of these MDs and PhDs, Dr. Robert Malone, who has devoted his career to vaccine development, provides parents a clear statement outlining the scientific facts behind this decision.” [Global COVID Summit, accessed [1/14/22](#)]

Leadership On The Unity Project Website Included Robert Malone. [Unity Project Online, accessed [1/14/22](#)]

Robert Malone Has Appeared On Extremist Media, Such As Steve Bannon’s War Room

Robert Malone Has Made At Least Seven Appearances On Steve Bannon’s War Room. The most recent appearance was in January 2022. [Steve Bannon’s War Room – Episode 1,121 ([7/24/21](#)), Episode 1,137 ([7/31/21](#)), Episode 1,197 ([8/24/21](#)), Episode 1,441 ([11/26/21](#)), Episode 1,531 ([1/3/22](#)), Episode 1,532 ([1/3/22](#)), Episode 1,549 ([1/10/22](#))]

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