Silence of the Lambs

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Gagging through Medical Boards

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 29, 2021) – The Federation of State Medical Boards' Board of Directors released the following statement:

"Physicians who generate and spread COVID-19 vaccine misinformation or disinformation are risking disciplinary action by state medical boards, including the suspension or revocation of their medical license. Due to their specialized knowledge and training, licensed physicians possess a high degree of public trust and therefore have a powerful platform in society, whether they recognize it or not. They also have an ethical and professional responsibility to practice medicine in the best interests of their patients and must share information that is factual, scientifically grounded and consensus-driven for the betterment of public health. Spreading inaccurate COVID-19 vaccine information contradicts that responsibility, threatens to further erode public trust in the medical profession and puts all patients at risk."

Medical Boards Threaten Doctors Spreading COVID Misinformation With Decertification (newsweek.com)

"We also want all physicians certified by our Boards to know that such unethical or unprofessional conduct may prompt their respective Board to take action that could put their certification at risk," the <u>joint statement</u> read. "Spreading misinformation or falsehoods to the public during a time of a public health emergency goes against everything our Boards and our community of board-certified physicians stand for."

"The evidence that we have safe, effective and widely available vaccines against COVID-19 is overwhelming," it continued. "We are particularly concerned about physicians who use their authority to denigrate vaccination at a time when vaccines continue to demonstrate excellent effectiveness against severe illness, hospitalization and death."

Gagging through Social Media

New York City Health Department commissioner Dr. David Chokshi wrote a letter to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey urging that the so-called "dirty dozen" social media posters who are allegedly responsible for 65% of all vaccine misinformation be kicked off of social media.

Even the White House has chimed in on whether or not people should be kicked off of social media. Press Secretary Psaki says that if you have been banned from any social media platform for spreading misinformation, you should be <u>banned from all of them</u>. That is despite the fact that such coordination between Big Tech companies would surely trigger <u>antitrust legal action</u> since the companies would be acting as a cartel.

However, the government should not be trying to work around the First Amendment by outsourcing censorship to private companies.

<u>Community-Funded Lawsuit Against California Medical Board: Doctor Denied Free Speech! - National Health</u> Freedom Action

In such an environment, where every doctor is threatened not just with loss of a job, but loss of the right to practice ANYWHERE, is it any wonder that most have chosen to remain silent. In addition, doctors and hospitals received large sums of money for following the party line. It was a case of "plata o plomo" — a formula used successfully by cartels to pull in an entire society.

But even under such threats and bribes, many thousands of doctors have spoken out and chosen to lose their jobs and careers rather than comply. The lives of all of our children are at stake...the price of silence is just too great.

"You still wake up sometimes, don't you? Wake up in the dark and hear the screaming of the lambs"

The pain endured by our little ones is too great.