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The Man Who Fought Fauci—and Won

Karina Lorena Jones vs. Jay Bhattacharya is a lopsided battle of wits and make a person during Covid, is nominated as director of the National Institutes of Health.

By Karina Grandmaison
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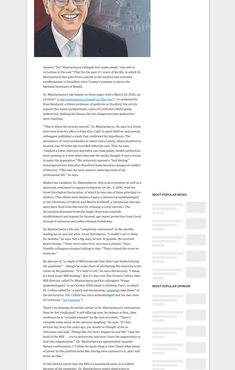

Jayanta "Jay" Bhattacharya's Bengali first name means "one who is victorious in the end." That fits the part. It's stated of his life, in which Dr. Bhattacharya has gone from a pariah in the medical and scientific community to a contender for Francis Collins's position as the National Institutes of Health director.

Dr. Bhattacharya's path begins on these pages with a March 31, 2020, op-ed titled "Is the Coronavirus as Deadly as Flu or Less?" He co-authored his Stan Weinstein, a fellow professor of medicine at Stanford, the article was based on a study they had conducted in Santa Clara County, Calif., antibodies testing, indicate that far less dangerous than authorities were claiming.

"That is where the attacks started," Dr. Bhattacharya, 56, recalls in a Zoom interview from his office in Palo Alto, Calif. In April 2020 he and several other researchers conducted a study in Los Angeles County, Calif., the prefecture of Covid-19 in California. Results, which were published in January, now 50 times the recorded infection rate. Then, he says, "I started to get emails saying I'm a murderer, that people with my profession were putting at a time when they said the media thought it was critical to panic the population." The antimonity opened a "fact finding" investigation into his study, which was ultimately dropped, but the damage of reviews. "Fake news that was already undermining the work of the professional life," he says.

Shaken but unscathed, Dr. Bhattacharya, who is an economist as well as a physician, continued to oppose lockdowns, on Oct. 4, 2020, with the Great Barrington Declaration, which he co-authored with Dr. Gupta and Dr. Kulldorff. The effort, notes Martin Kulldorff, a biostatistician at the University of Oxford, and Marvin Kalkofen's, a biochemist who is a Stanford emeritus professor, "was a response to the lockdowns. The declaration. Dr. Bhattacharya also acknowledged that the main tool of Covid was." Fact-checkers.

There's no denying the karma justice in Dr. Bhattacharya's nomination. Since he first indicated it will only allowing steps, he tortured at first, then ignored, then, finally, vilified. Dr. Fauci, Dr. Collins, Dr. Birx, Dr. Walensky, certainly some sense of his actions beginning." he says. "If I had written my score five years ago, you would be thought of me as Mengele." Dr. Mengele, the Nazi doctor who tortured and killed thousands of people, "I'm not a monster." Dr. Bhattacharya's qualifications are beyond this organization." Dr. Bhattacharya's appointment requires Senate confirmation, and he will face a tough battle. Democrats have made it a priority of power in this pandemic. But, having been exposed as a fraud, will never do that

Fred Jenks
1 hour ago
If Covid was so harmless, why the 1000,000 people worldwide die from it?
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Jim Hunter
1 hour ago
Nobody said it was harmless. I wonder how many of those 1 million were in the flu? or - always thinks the Medical Industry and should be protected
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Sam Hoyt
1 hour ago (edited)
It was about power, money and control. Martin Luther King Jr. Freed Mr. Ellison and Mr. Hoffman from the Chicago 7 conspiracy charges. Nixon was forced to release Leary and Hoffman, which did not bode well for Nixon. Could Republicans "The Chicago 8 Fight Back"? Would the interests of US power be served by behind bars? Nixon was forced to release Leary and Hoffman because the Chicago 7 was the only protest on the streets. Nixon was forced to release Leary and Hoffman because the Chicago 7 was the only protest on the streets. Nixon was forced to release Leary and Hoffman because the Chicago 7 was the only protest on the streets. Children were not at risk and are not at risk. Nixon was forced to release Leary and Hoffman because the Chicago 7 was the only protest on the streets

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James Green
2 hours ago
Sounds like a very special person to me!
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Robert McGovern
2 hours ago
Thank you for the excellent article.
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Michael Smith
2 hours ago
What a great narrative. I almost forgot that the reason for the lockdown was to "protect the vulnerable" and that we were told that it would be necessary to lock down a couple of weeks until they get about their lives. The reason for the lockdown was so that the vulnerable people couldn't get infected at such a high rate that the hospitals would be overwhelmed. Well, it turns out that the vulnerable, the elderly, were the primary source of the rest of the pandemic. Dead bodies crowd in refrigerated trailers. Car every emergency room in Alabama when in the pandemic. Surving sleep people in the hallways because there weren't enough beds. Well, I guess we got what we wanted. Keep to themselves at home and have who provided care of all of those dying Covid patients. As a scientist, Dr. Bhattacharya was right on. As an economist, he was on point. As a lover of the health of the healthcare system, he was out to lunch.
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H Star
2 hours ago
The way he vulnerable people is not yet reflected. Ad not injuries locking down everyone. Vulnerable people are still being locked down. Vulnerable people are not get sick with so-called Pre-existing conditions and suicide is a vaccination. Lack cancer treatment and thus vulnerable dying 2020 - I didn't get sick with COVID - I died because I couldn't get cancer treatment. Vulnerable people are still being locked the resource to do the sheep slaughter. Who effort should have been to target? Vulnerable people without medical resources, such as through food and medication delivery.
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Jonathan Smith
2 hours ago
"Pre-existing conditions" most people would be a lot for a couple of weeks" is not what I recall. Everyone was in a panic, to not get sick.
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Yes, the vulnerable people needed to be locked. But that's not the reason why the economy was locked down. Most of the vulnerable people remained safe and in many places well into the 2020-21 school year. I'm glad I was lucky enough to live in a state that protected the vulnerable, unlike Governor Andrew Cuomo and Democrat-leadership, resulted 10,000 unnecessary deaths.
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Tom Weathers
2 hours ago
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Alexandra Zuzarsen
2 hours ago
Sanity, at last.
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MARY CHEREJKA
2 hours ago
public health authorities were pushing at a time when they and the media thought it was a crisis to panic the population."

Surely all the public that was duped by this will never listen to the 'cry wolf' tactics of the media and government again. Unfortunately, the damage done to the economy is quite serious to the point that very few can research and turn what misinformation remained untrue in many places well into the 2020-21 school year. I'm glad I was lucky enough to live in a state that protected the vulnerable, unlike Governor Andrew Cuomo and Democrat-leadership, resulted 10,000 unnecessary deaths.
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Zhao Y
2 hours ago
Hopefully we really want to being dead of COVID.
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Cynthia M
2 hours ago
Actually Harrison Cain died of cancer. He was suffering from cancer before Covid and was unable to get treatment because of the Covid lockdowns.
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Laurence Sorchan
2 hours ago
The Great Barrington Declaration was not so Great.
"Harshmonsy" never happened in four years. The pandemic emergency lasted longer than the Great Depression. Dr. Bhattacharya was right on.
Africa's malaria Bhattacharya's Declaration of 2020. Malaria.
The next President is appointing Dan Sachs in his positions. Tons of them. Diversity and inclusion. Dan Sachs was elected by various scientific crores, diversity and inclusionality.
This writer, Tucky Kowalczyk, is spouting nonsense as much nonsense as Dr. Bhattacharya spouted formerly.
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MARY CHEREJKA
2 hours ago
I feel sorry for you that you do not understand exactly Bhattacharya's Plan. They have so much to gloat to help us. They are so much on the right track. If they are both confined, you will see the wonders they will do to try and correct the damage done by the government regarding health and medicine.
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Roman Morgan
2 hours ago
"Denial of basic scientific facts like immunity. Denial of basic human rights—the rights to bodily autonomy. An informed consent, is free speech." All of these violations, he said, are "not scientifically scientific or necessary to control the pandemic, and they were."

Free speech... Are we reading that right? Free were "Denial of free speech" embraced by scientists to control the pandemic?
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Maybe if they had listened to all doctors and all other viewpoints, the pandemic damage could have been lessened??? Just a thought.

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MARY CHEREJKA
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Exactly that. Only do. This is a man who has simply his non-criminic despite being shunned and down, ridiculed and yet he has prevented by being given the chance to correct mistakes by his appointment.

These lines from the article listen here are worth their weight in gold:

"Scientists put themselves up as "the most important people in the world." They should be their lives during the pandemic. And they're not very good at that." The point of the Great Barrington Plan, Dr. Bhattacharya said, was to "protect the vulnerable." Scientists about what is fair and what is unfair, what is important and what is not, what to care for human health."

"What made American scientists decide to play God in this manner?" Dr. Bhattacharya—himself a victim of their slow wrath—believes that it was the result of a "perfect storm" of factors, including the fact that many of the people who allowed ugliness" their ideas were so dangerous that they weren't going to permit it. This led to a "groupthink that is anathema to science. It's also anathema to civil society."

Yes!! Who made American a scientists God???? Think God, he was chosen to try and correct the damage done by his opinions. Glad that he's based in our world.
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Donald Kamp
2 hours ago
We lost. Science those who seek genuine truth. Double anthrax those who gain power by lying. Science is dead. Long live the Lysenkoists who have taken over all aspects plus, are kicking them, and banning it as also. "Bout time for good news. OMG! Do a change.
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Kate Tangl
2 hours ago
This is when one has to admit that Sadowski, Truth wins in the end.

So proud of Dr Bhattacharya and Stanford. I have a family connection and I live nearby. Her taking risks with its staff during the hard difficult year of the country. Stanford is a great place. Dr Bhattacharya, Stanford and Sadowski truly did not get fooled by widescale the hard sell to the life after trial.
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Judy Gerbacher
2 hours ago
I am a patient of Mr. Bhat, but I hardly think of him as proof that Sadowski. Rather, I am proof that Sadowski. Bhat is a very compassionate individual, a devout Christianity that has to do with the Holy Spirit. Stanford has a whole zoo of bacteria and virus cultures encapsulated in the Hoover Institute, of which Bhat is a senior research.
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Mark Cancer
2 hours ago
I live in Ny, when Cost 19 there is another outbreak that hopefully we escaped leaves from the other countries who weathered the Covid crisis better than most Countries that are **Taiwan, South Korea** and **Vietnam** all have death rate capita below **Sweden, Norway, and Finland**.

These Countries implemented early and strict measures, including contact tracing, quarantine, testing, and hotel quarantines, and clear public health messaging. Results:

- **New Zealand** recorded one of the world's strictest lockdowns early in the pandemic, effectively curbing the spread of the virus.
- **Taiwan** implemented strict quarantine, contact tracing, and quickly instituting widespread mask use and practice hand sanitization.
- **South Korea** relied on advanced testing capabilities and technology to monitor and control the spread of infections without lockdowns.

These approaches highlight the importance of early, decisive, transparent communication and adherence to public health guidelines.
The tech sector was hasty that it should be outstanding with Cost 19 they haven't proven that.
The strict enforcements would be a hard sell here in the US.
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Marcia Clare
2 hours ago
Actually, we've to look over the entirety of the pandemic period and examine number of excess deaths to maintained the population the 1st world country that **Sweden** is not. Sweden's Public Health Agency recommended social distancing, limited gatherings, but avoided strict lockdowns. The Great Barrington Declaration of Bhattacharya, Gupta and Kulldorff was Sweden's, Tegnell and Anders Wallensten's plan. Sweden's Public Health Agency, Tegnell and Wallensten came along, I suspect that the new because these western countries had already been exposed to SARS-Cov-1 in the early 2000s and therefore had some immunity against Covid.
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MARY CHEREJKA
2 hours ago
Not only, was the countries you named would not be my idea of great place to live. They are very controlling and do not respect human rights as much as America does. I do know Australia (which is now New Zealand) is actually quite beautiful and I would like to visit there. I would not live there. I'm sure it is a wonderful place of people who would feel comfortable and happy living in those places. It was unbelievable and shocking. One young woman who did live there and was visiting her family in America was shocked at what she was hearing weeks. Yet I'm still, I know that the government was tracking those people that might have been in contact with someone who had tested positive for Covid-19!!! Horrible. Just horrible.
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Ed Williams
2 hours ago
The rule of the left and psychic health should be to issue the most conservative guidance that protects human life. Elected politicians—especially the president—should be the most conservative, along with their all other advisors particularly in the crafting of public policy.
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Don Taylor
2 hours ago
Not yet. We succeed only if it is the ultimate revenge
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Jean-Pierre Dauler
2 hours ago
Dr. Bhattacharya wants to "make replication one of the pillars of science again". To do so over the last 4 years, it needs to be demonstrated over and over. But that's seen as sludge work. "We need to make replication of scientific data and results a central component of science again." Bhattacharya said. "Right now, it's honorable to do it, that people can make their careers doing that. A lot of times this work isn't even so particularly original, but it's actually central to scientific progress." Bhattacharya said. "We need to make it honorable again."
All the best for this new challenge Dr. Bhattacharya.
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Jim McMenamin
2 hours ago
Good luck to you and your nomination. Dr. Bhattacharya. While you're at it, Please either good nominees for other important posts and left your boss. Maybe he'll listen.
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dorit grace
2 hours ago
Retribution is sweet.
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Tom Weathers
2 hours ago
Another Trump victim.
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Jeff Green
2 hours ago
We must get to the bottom of the covid scam so that it never happens again. We must prove the die-off were fraud. It's easier to fool someone than it is to convince them they've been fooled - Mark Twain.

That is the challenge.
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Tom Weathers
2 hours ago
You are obviously one of the people who was fooled.

https://www.theepochtimes.com/n-news/2021/feb/19/no-coronavirus-resources-donald-trump-health-policy

US could have averted 60% of Covid deaths, says panel assessing Trump's response
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Barbara McKnight
2 hours ago
It's amazing how we all forgotten that the beginning of 2020 was too Early. I recall that when Covid hit the, we had hundreds of medical professionals doing their best to help understand the virus and convey to the public their best assessments of what was known and what was not known. Unfortunately, politicians took over the first few weeks of the pandemic. Certainly don't recall Federal, state, and country health officials simply enjoying their power over us.
Unfortunately, the politicians, Democrat and Republican alike, began to say that after along with hundreds of people, some of whom never with only and still have they could see that the end was in sight and back to normal life was around the corner. Well, we all know that that was not the case. Instead, the left, the Democrats, began wanting to use, during, thousands, of others in the public health sector of what is much better than that their opinions were drifted, and I was with some to our opinion that the Democrats were using the pandemic to gain political power. Unfortunately, the response to Covid during the first three, the at least were, critical public health services possible during. So, we are where we are.
Well, I'm glad that Dr. Bhattacharya is back in the United States and we can hope that he does not fear leaving the United States and the hostile politics of the left.
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Amanda Marin
1 hour ago
You're right. Fauci shouldn't be dismissed. He should be imprisoned!
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H Star
1 hour ago
Do we have to be dismissed? Are you kidding? First, he failed the type of research which led to development of the COVID virus and escaping from Wuhan. Second, he failed to inform the public that the virus was airborne and nose know is to scientific basis. He dictated social distancing rules and masking and made no effort to distinguish state governors issuing edicts only, such as to Cuomo, Newsom, Whitmer, and Pritzker. Third, he failed to inform the public that Fauci participated in the stress test for the vaccination and suppressed transmission. From the get go, vaccinated people were getting sick - possibly because of the vaccine. Fourth, he failed to inform the public that he was experiencing his jobs and kept lying to us. Millions of non-vulnerable people were needlessly vaccinated based on the false non-transmission claim, with the result that millions of people died. Fifth, he failed to inform about the suppression of major front doctors on the frontline who were treating and curing (although also sadly dying too), vulnerable people. These doctors and their treatments were suppressed by the left and the Democrats. Fauci should be dismissed, dismissed, the. there is a special place in purgatory where he belongs.
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Steve Tyrawski
1 hour ago
A great choice and one who stand tall against all the noise
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Scott Hassan
1 hour ago
Dr. Bhattacharya is the right doctor for the job! I applaud his appointment.
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michael moore
1 hour ago
Sad, isolated affair. Who, he took care of patients with HIV/AIDS in the early days when the illness was a death sentence. He took care of patients with Ebola. Dr. Bhattacharya didn't graduate from a Reeeducky, Nazi Fuhrer care of patients outside the Democratic Party. Why was exactly did he hate Dr. Fauci?
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Nancy Jimenez
1 hour ago
He looked to the data, not to the government. That is how he beat Fauci.
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