



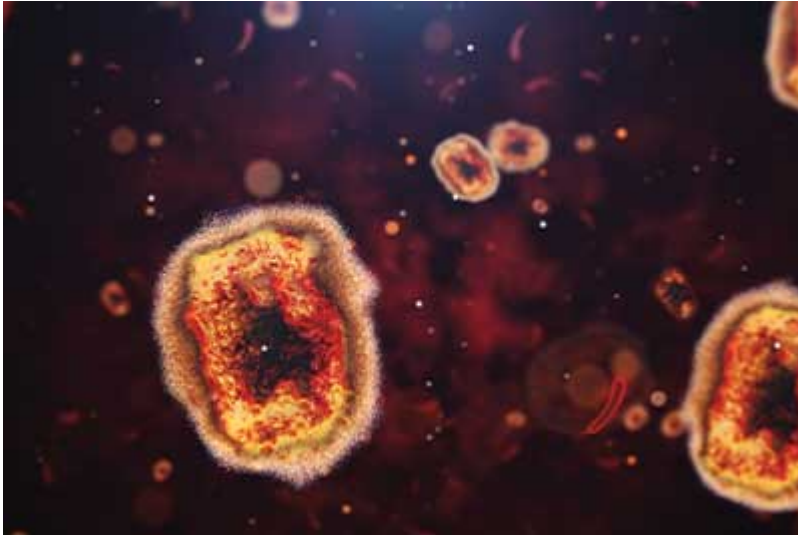
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## Inside Track

### Federal Agencies Concealed Risky Monkeypox Research



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Key federal healthcare agencies under the umbrella of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) have been concealing plans for nearly nine years to engineer a highly transmissible and moderately fatal monkeypox virus. News website Just the News reported on June 13 about the findings of congressional investigators.

Over the past 17 months, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce has been carrying out an investigation into secretive gain-of-function research on monkeypox viruses conducted by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), then helmed by Dr. Anthony Fauci.

The investigation was sparked by a 2022 *Science* magazine interview with Dr. Bernard Moss of the NIAID, who disclosed the plans for the experiments.

When asked if any such experiments were proposed or approved, the representatives of the federal healthcare apparatus repeatedly said “no.” “For nearly a year and a half, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the NIH [National Institutes of Health], and NIAID misrepresented and deceived the Committee by repeatedly denying that the potentially dangerous experiment was proposed and approved. However ... documents made available for review to Committee staff confirmed the 2015 approval of the experiment,” said the committee in a press release.

According to the NIH, the experiment is part of a project on monkeypox virus enhancement, and entails transferring genes from a rare and highly lethal strain into the strain currently circulating in the United States. The first is known to be lethal to more than 10 percent of unvaccinated humans; the second is not as fatal, but is far more transmissible.

*Science* reported that, “With roughly 200,000 nucleotides and 200 genes, the monkeypox genome is more than 20 times the size of HIV’s. It’s not clear what many of those genes do, Moss says, let alone how they interact with each other or how changes in any of them might affect their impact on humans.”

Still, the intricate nature and potentially devastating effects on human health did not deter the NIH from approving research on these poorly understood viruses.



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## Judge Extends Restraining Order Against ATF



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CNN reported on June 12 that U.S. District Court Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk extended his initial temporary restraining order issued in May against the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) regarding the “gun show loophole.” Kacsmaryk’s June 11 ruling prohibits the ATF from enforcing its new “Final Rule” delineating what constitutes a “gun dealer.”

The original complaint was filed in May by the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Utah, along with Gun Owners of America, the Gun Owners Foundation, the Tennessee Firearms Association, and the Virginia Citizens Defense League. The plaintiffs noted that the ATF seeks “to declare countless thousands of Americans unlawfully ‘engaged in the business’” when they merely offer a firearm for sale at a gun show — hence the “gun show loophole.” That would mean that millions of law-abiding gun owners would become “gun dealers” when they offer to sell a firearm, and would be required to obtain a federal firearms license (FFL).

According to the plaintiffs, “Once an individual receives an FFL, ATF reserves the right ‘to enter during business hours’ without a warrant ... ‘the premises, including places of storage, of any ... licensed dealer for the purpose of inspecting or examining records, documents, ammunition and firearms.’ For most forced to obtain an FFL by the Final Rule, this ‘premises’ is the private home. For most forced to obtain an FFL by the Final Rule, ‘business inventory’ is their personal collection of firearms. ATF can conduct this inspection without a warrant and entirely without notice.”

In his June 11 ruling enjoining the ATF from enforcing the rule, the judge noted that, if the Final Rule were allowed to stand, the ATF would simply be able to declare any individual gun owner offering to sell a firearm privately to be a “gun dealer.” The onus of proving his innocence would then be on the gun owner. Wrote Kacsmaryk: “They [the ATF] flip the statute on its head by requiring [that] firearms owners prove innocence rather than the government prove guilt.”

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## San Francisco Becomes Sanctuary City for Transgenders



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On June 11, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors officially declared the city a sanctuary for people claiming to be transgender, gender-nonconforming, nonbinary, or Two-Spirit. In its June 12 coverage of the board's unanimous decision, the *San Francisco Examiner* noted that it is a response to "the introduction this year of more than 500 pieces of legislation targeting LGBTQ+ people."

The resolution opens with a summary of the surge in state legislation across the country aimed at protecting children and women by limiting or prohibiting access to certain medical procedures and drugs and by excluding biological males from women's sports and places such as public bathrooms across the United States, and laments that "nearly half" of these legislative initiatives "specifically target transgender youth and their families."

The supervisors quote California's 2022 Senate Bill No. 107, which "protects individuals seeking sanctuary from out-of-state prosecution and explicitly prohibits law enforcement agencies from knowingly making or participating in the arrest or extradition of an individual pursuant to an out-of-state arrest warrant based on another state's law against receiving gender affirming healthcare in California."

The proclamation quotes research concluding that "gender-affirming care" improves patients' well-being, including better mental-health outcomes and lower suicide risks. However, numerous studies show that individuals who have undergone "gender-reassignment" surgeries have an increased suicide risk. The resolution also quotes favorable research on puberty blockers. Omitted is the fact that puberty blockers are linked to brain swelling and blindness in children, and can cause a host of irreversible problems such as infertility, bone-density loss, poor brain development, and growth suppression.

San Francisco already spends a considerable amount of money providing for "transgender" individuals. Its Office of Transgender Initiatives links transgender, gender-nonconforming, and nonbinary residents with city and local resources including healthcare, housing, legal services, employment opportunities, and more, and its GIFT program — Guaranteed Income for Trans People — offers them \$1,200 per month for 18 months, as well as healthcare and financial coaching.

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## Aliens Among Us?



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The *New York Post* reported on June 12 about a new study from the Human Flourishing Program at Harvard University suggesting that unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAP), commonly referred to as UFOs, may involve craft from other planets or dimensions inhabited by “cryptoterrestrials” — intelligent, nonhuman entities that may live among us disguised as humans — aka “aliens.”

Theories of UAP currently center on two possibilities: They are either actually of human origin representing unknown technology, or advanced beings visiting the Earth from a distant planet or an alternate dimension. However, according to the study, there is “a more unconventional set of theories known collectively as the ‘ultraterrestrial’ hypothesis ... centered around the possibility that UAP may involve forms of non-human intelligence ... that are already present in Earth’s environment in some sense.”

One such theory involves a technologically advanced human civilization that was destroyed millennia ago, but of which a remnant remains — think Atlantis.

Secondly, such cryptoterrestrials could be nonhuman, an advanced form of hominid or the descendants of “unknown, intelligent dinosaurs” living underground. Such cryptoterrestrials could actually be among us, disguised as humans.

Another fanciful notion is that cryptoterrestrials are time travelers, here from a distant future or past studying either their ancestors or their future selves, but always remaining stealthy.

The researchers call the fourth type of cryptoterrestrial “magical,” and link it to “fairies, elves, gnomes, brownies, [and] trolls.” They include in this the concept of angels.

Many Christian apologists are of the opinion that the UFO phenomenon and the entire idea of cryptoterrestrials is spoken about in the first book of the Bible. As recorded in Genesis 6:4, “There were nephilim in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.”

Unbelievable? The notion of nephilim as the offspring of fallen angels is at least as plausible as that of



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intelligent dinosaurs, time travelers, or aliens.

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