

Tennis (Or Science), Anyone—Novak Djokovic Versus Anthony Fauci

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I admit to being a huge Novak Djokovic fan, all the more when he was willing to forgo his opportunity to win yet another Australian Open, his best tournament, during COVID-19 for his refusal to take the mRNA vaccines.



(L) Novak Djokovic holds a press conference after winning the men's singles round of sixteen matches against Argentina's Francisco Cerundolo on day nine of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros Complex in Paris on June 3, 2024. (R) Dr. Anthony Fauci, former Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, testifies before the House Select Committee on the Coronavirus, in Washington, DC, on June 3, 2024. (Dimitar Dilkoff/AFP via Getty Images; Allison Bailey/Middle East Images/AFP via Getty Images)

Called “NoVax” by his detractors, history has supported his decision as nearly daily we read reports of the global failures of the vaccines—suppression of inexpensive drugs that might have worked, deadly side effects, lockdowns,

developmental and educational deficits for children worldwide, and on and on—that are finally surfacing *after the fact*.

History has also supported Mr. Djokovic's decision personally, because since COVID-19, he, unvaccinated, has won more than enough tennis Grand Slams, reaching an unheard of 24, to be considered the greatest of all time at his sport, some say of [all sports](#).

This year, at the French Open, Mr. Djokovic has [outdone himself](#), no matter the final results of the ongoing tournament, by winning back-to-back five-set matches within hours of each other, the first having ended at a [record-breaking 3:07 a.m.](#) (He also broke all remaining records for victories in a Grand Slam, according to [Tennis.com](#).)

The matches took over nine hours en toto, and the two men he beat were a combined 27 years younger than Mr. Djokovic who is 37.

The Serb is doing his best to demonstrate to the world the extent of human physical capability as we age. It's inspirational, if you think about it.

He does this through a combination of an exceptionally careful pescatarian, gluten-free diet (he has written about this), tremendous fitness through a variety of exercises, many in nature, and, of course, an extraordinary amount of willpower. The athletic skills are obvious.

WHERE DR. FAUCI FITS IN

As Mr. Djokovic was playing the second of these marathon matches, at more or less the same time, Dr. Anthony Fauci was testifying before a congressional committee.

As is often the case, the hearings were mostly unimpressive, preparation mediocre at best, with opinions of the doctor breaking along partisan lines.

As reported in The Epoch Times, Dr. Fauci "[downplayed his connection to Dr. David Morens](#)," his longtime senior adviser. "Dr. Morens recently acknowledged to the U.S. House of

Representatives Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic that he deleted emails after unearthed messages showed him [bragging](#) about learning how to avoid the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). He also communicated frequently with [Peter Daszak](#), the head of EcoHealth Alliance, which funneled NIAID grant money to a lab in China.”

Mr. Daszak is said to be Dr. Fauci’s conduit to the Wuhan Institute of Virology, the lab from which, most of the world now admits, the virus leaked.

This was a “theory,” the former director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases sought to obfuscate, since it would have perhaps pointed some of the blame for the pandemic toward him. He would have been partly responsible for the greatest worldwide disaster since World War II plus the extraordinary enrichment of drug companies and others who profited endlessly off the suffering of millions of people.

But we know all this, don’t we?

The doctor denied all culpability and they applauded, calling him an American hero. They asked us to sympathize with his problems when his policies contributed to global suffering beyond comprehension.

It’s enough to make a normal person go ballistic, wondering what has happened to this country, because all its citizens and their families are and have been involved in this endless nightmare and dread it being repeated, not just those of one political party.

Democrats, too, are supposedly subject to health mandates, good or bad, whether they come from our government or, yet more ominously, the World Health Organization, whose alliance with China is well known.

Did Rep. [Marjorie Taylor Greene](#) (R-Ga.) go too far when she said Dr. Fauci (whom she refused to call “Dr.”) should go to prison? I’m no particular fan of Ms. Greene’s stylistics, but I have to agree that without punishment, such activity is

likely to happen again.

At the very least what happened should be thoroughly investigated by our legal system, not just by Congress. Unfortunately, our current system has been so thoroughly weaponized that they are as likely to conduct such an investigation as I am, at age 80, to play tennis for the United States in the forthcoming Olympics

So, on that theme, let's return to Novak Djokovic.

He is the opposite of Dr. Fauci because he symbolizes the individual's responsibility for one's own health care as opposed to governments or international organizations.

Admittedly, the tennis star, great as he is at his sport, is no saint. He has made his acknowledged mistakes—as when he sponsored a tournament in his native Serbia that featured an excess of partying, with several players contracting COVID-19.

His diet ideas also did not just spring from his own head. As a young player, he was having energy problems in his matches with Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, and consulted a doctor who discovered his gluten allergy. The doctor then recommended a diet to Mr. Djokovic that the athlete has extended himself in consultation with others.

Message: We are not alone. We do need doctors. Just pick them wisely and consult more than one when it's serious.

But the further message of Novak Djokovic is that we are ultimately responsible for ourselves. It is "our bodies, ourselves," but in an intelligent way. We do not belong to the state. We must always scrutinize their decrees. Dr. Fauci represents the dangers if we don't, which only encourages increased state power, leading, inexorably, to communism. Like Novak—just say no.

We belong to ourselves, our families, and to G-d. My observation is that He, ultimately, is the arbiter of our

health. I would imagine most of you agree.

Because of an injury to his right knee sustained in his victory over Francisco Cerundolo, he had emergency meniscus surgery in Paris with the hopes of being ready for the Olympics in that city in late July. Wimbledon maybe next year.

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