

I Don't Believe in Science

A few years ago I was a pilot in an airline with a volunteer outreach program to elementary school children where they adopted pilots for a few classes on science, business and geography. The airline had a professionally prepared syllabus, but they gave the pilot a little room for improvisation. When we came to the science section, I would begin the session with a question: 'Do you believe in science'? Most would answer in the affirmative and some would just wonder what I was getting at, but I would say, much to the chagrin of the science teacher, "Mr. Coburn does not believe in science."

Most of the students thought that I was joking, but when I explained my stance, there were some doubters. I explained that science wasn't something to believe in, it just is. It is a tool for us to use to learn about things. It is the study of things in a systematic way. We spent some time discussing basic aerodynamics with lift, drag and thrust being our introduction to the scientific process with a couple of practical examples. All real fun, but they learned about how science and theory and hypotheses work to help us understand the world around us. Now, we have the anti-scientist Dr. Anthony Fauci. His last comment to defend his hypocrisy was "Attacks on me, are quite frankly, attacks on science." Well, Dr. Fauci, quite frankly, has been abusing science from the beginning of this pandemic, and possibly years earlier with his contributions to virus 'enhancement.'

He initially made public statements that masks might block a droplet or so, but weren't effective at keeping out the virus. He even commented that the size of the virus molecules were smaller than most masks were capable of preventing either inhaling or expiring. He was then frequently observed wearing not one but two masks even after being vaccinated. That's science! He criticized the use of hydroxychloroquine, because he claimed no studies had shown any effectiveness at preventing or treating the virus. He conveniently disregarded many studies, including the Ford Foundation studies that were there to the contrary. My problem with Dr. Fauci is that he has embraced his media/press-induced celebrity status to the detriment of the health of, not just this nation, but the world. His criticism of states in this country which weathered this pandemic with the least pain to its citizens and with comparable - or sometimes better survival results - demonstrated his total misunderstanding of science, especially as his predictions of super-spreader events never materialized, in ANY instance.

The latest release of his emails certainly exposes his scientific duplicity if not ignorance. Unfortunately, Fauci's misuse of science is just the latest example of the Left's idiocy. Seems that the Left uses any excuse to brand conservatives as deniers, racists, homophobes and any other pejorative to deflect from many failed policies that they are subjecting citizens in this nation to. Maybe at some point citizens in this country will start demanding that their education includes the fact that science is never settled.

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