

The Semmelweis Investigation:

"AIDS Denialism" vs. "Dr. Gallo's Egg"

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On May 13, 2008, [Semmelweis Society International](#) (SSI) presented the Semmelweis "Clean Hands" Award to [Professor Peter Duesberg and Investigative Journalist Celia Farber](#).

The awards were not presented as an endorsement of [Prof. Duesberg's scientific conclusions](#). Indeed, SSI members disagree about many topics related to science, medicine, and politics. They are not unified by one single ideology, but by their commitment to those who oppose the influence of politics that corrupt science, research, and medicine.

Professor Peter Duesberg, PhD

Prof. Duesberg began his award-winning career in cancer research in 1963. Funded by major grants from [National Institutes of Health](#) (NIH), Dr. Duesberg isolated the [first cancer gene](#) in 1970, and mapped the [genetic structure of retroviruses](#) – a class of viruses that does not kill cells, but were thought to possibly cause cancer. In 1986, Prof. Duesberg was voted into the most respected scientific body in the United States, the [National Academy of Sciences](#) (NAS).

One year later, Prof. Duesberg [described the flaws](#) in the HIV hypothesis of AIDS causation. Although formal screenings are not required by Academy members, the NAS published [Prof. Duesberg's paper](#) after an unprecedented six separate peer reviews. After 20 years, Prof. Duesberg's paper [remains unanswered](#).

Prior to these publications, [Dr. Robert Gallo](#), the cancer virologist who claimed HIV caused AIDS in 1984 described Duesberg as the scientist "[who knew more about retroviruses than any man alive](#)."

At the time of his endorsement of Duesberg, Gallo headed the [National Cancer Institute](#) (NCI). Although Gallo's cancer and leukemia research was [fraught with controversy](#), he still enjoyed significant influence in the distribution of research funding from the [National Institutes of Health](#) (NIH). Once Dr. Duesberg questioned Gallo's hypothesis that [HIV \(alone\) caused AIDS](#), all his proposals for research funding were suddenly rejected. Before raising questions about the role of HIV in AIDS causation, Duesberg's grant applications were never denied.

When reporter Celia Farber [reported on Duesberg and the controversy over HIV \(1988\)](#), the NIH barred her from further contact with their scientists and labeled her a "threat to public health." Despite being under constant attack from the

HIV/AIDS industry since then, [Farber continued to probe](#) the subject [in her writings](#) over the years.

Retaliation against publications and journalists who report on scientific challenges to the HIV hypothesis is [not new](#). The gay publications [New York Native](#) and [Christopher Street](#) were shuttered as a result of the [ACT UP](#) boycotts.

Celia Farber

When Farber published her [15-page exposé in Harper's](#) on the unethical practices and patient deaths involved in the experimental AIDS drug trials in 2006, the retaliation was immediate.

Instead of addressing the disturbing content, or the [inconsistencies of Dr. Gallo's AIDS research](#), pharmaceutical industry-sponsored AIDS activists and researchers accusing Farber of having made [56 errors](#), and urged the global media and AIDS communities to discredit her, the [article](#), and [Harper's](#), which they did ([NY Times](#), [The Nation](#), [CJR](#), [Poynter](#), [Gay City News](#), [The Advocate](#), [The Body](#), [Act Up](#)). [The document](#) was posted by the [Treatment Action Campaign \(TAC\)](#) in South Africa, where they are not required to identify their [top 14 international "core donors"](#). The non-profit group, [Rethinking AIDS](#), later published a [rebuttal](#) to their attack on Farber, which proved there were no errors in the Harper's article. Farber's most prominent critics, including Gallo, [refuse to respond](#).

Harper's and Farber stood accused of "AIDS denialism" and drawing negative attention to a "life-saving drug" [Nevirapine](#), which had just been [financed for distribution](#) to [more than a dozen developing nations](#). Their protest was consistent with [their demands](#) for increased distribution of lower-priced [AZT](#) during the 1980s.

In the heat of the attacks, members of *Harper's* staff also received threats. The authors of the [attack manifesto](#) demanded 1) an apology, 2) a condemnation of Farber, 3) *Harper's* surrender of pages to an article extolling the benefits of the drug in the next issue, same length, and the editor's resignations. They even demanded to bring their own fact checkers. *Harper's* yielded to none of the threats, conceded no errors, and continues to stand by the article to this day.

One of the signatories of the attack document against Farber was [Richard Jefferys](#) of New York's [Treatment Action Group \(TAG\)](#), one of many AIDS "activist" groups that are [funded by the pharmaceutical industry](#).

In May 2008, Jefferys led the campaign to antagonize members of both the [Semmelweis Society \(SSI\) and the No Fear Coalition over the Farber/Duesberg awards](#). In seeking to get the awards rescinded, Jefferys disseminated falsehoods about Farber's journalistic record (which this investigator examined) and failed to reveal that the [maker of the drug Farber exposed](#) was TAG's [third largest donor](#). As the coordinator of TAG's [central donor program](#), [Jefferys'](#) job was to [coordinate "global activist/scientist response"](#) against Farber and her article in *Harper's*: In

short, *Harpers* paid Farber to investigate, and [Boehringer Ingelheim](#) paid Jeffreys to [retaliate](#).

As a result of the false allegations, Farber did not receive another journalism assignment for more than two years. Only one source later reported that an independent panel of non-orthodox scientists found Farber's article, after a four month review process, [to be error free](#).

Although his recent cancer theory has earned him newfound respect in scientific circles and media ([Scientific American 2004](#), [2007](#), [Discover 2008](#)), Professor Duesberg remains cut off from all NIH funding, and commutes to Germany to conduct [his scientific work](#). While Prof. Duesberg and [other scientists](#) still doubt that HIV kills cells, their questions are even more troubling when we consider the coordinated personal attacks used by Gallo and a core group of collaborators against those who ask legitimate questions about Dr. Gallo's questionable scientific record:

In 1975, Gallo and Weiss stated that they had isolated a human leukemia virus, HL23 virus, but this was shown later to have resulted from laboratory contamination by three primate retroviruses. In 1980 Gallo claimed to have isolated a human T-cell leukemia virus (HTLV), but did not present positive evidence that this was a human virus. During 1983-4, Gallo and his associates published several papers asserting that the human leukemia virus, HTLV-1, was the agent involved in the development of AIDS. This was eventually disproven but meanwhile the attention of many scientists was misdirected, wasting time and resources that could have been put to far better use...

[Human retroviruses in leukaemia and AIDS \(p. 18\)](#)

Professor Abraham Karpas
Cambridge University

After [years of questions about fraud and questionable research](#), Dr. Gallo [left NCI](#) to open Baltimore's [Institute of Human Virology](#). Professor Duesberg still teaches at the [University of California, Berkeley](#).

A quick summary of the origin of the HIV controversy:

1. Dr. Duesberg identified and mapped [retroviruses](#),
2. Experts determined that retroviruses [do not kill cells](#),
3. Dr. Gallo calls Duesberg the world's [top retrovirus expert](#),
4. Dr. Gallo proclaims that the [HIV \(retrovirus\) causes AIDS](#) (by killing white blood cells),
5. Dr. Duesberg reminds Gallo that [retroviruses don't harm cells](#), and;
6. Dr. Gallo has never proven that HIV exists, attacks cells, or causes AIDS.

History of Scientific Retaliation

Because the [father](#) of the [scientific method](#) was born 1000 years ago in the Middle East, the political pressures of his religion prevented humanity from taking full advantage of the promise of science. [Ibn al Haytham](#) and [Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis](#) were both judged insane not because they were wrong, but because their ideas threatened contemporary political forces.

Prof. Duesberg and Ms. Farber aren't alone. Economist [Ben Stein](#) reported others whose scientific inquiries are now threatened, interrupted, or corrupted by political influence. This influence results in the loss of research grants or, as in the case of Ms. Farber, [industry insiders who blacklisted her in the media](#). In hospitals, these influences kill [thousands of patients annually](#).

When the [NAS](#) published [Prof. Duesberg's 1988 paper](#), Gallo and company scattered like debutants from a stentorian fart. [Anthony Fauci](#) refused comment. [Maxine Singer](#) said she was still reading earlier issues. Saying that he hadn't "heard a single scientist discuss it for a second," [Gallo](#) admitted that a copy was on his desk, but hadn't read it.

[Although he vowed to respond](#), neither Gallo nor any of his defenders ever published a rebuttal of Duesberg's paper (or the [196 peer citations that supported it](#)) in any peer-reviewed publication.

Instead, Gallo's defenders created the specter of [AIDS-Denialists and Denialism](#), epithets designed to marginalize those who questioned Gallo's opinions as somehow *denying the existence of AIDS itself*. Because *Gallo skeptics* never questioned the existence of AIDS, this allegation is false. The fact that malnutrition, septic water, disease, environmental conditions, irresponsible drug use and self-destructive behavior can degrade a body's ability to protect itself from infection and cause death is undeniable. What is in question is Gallo's scientifically unsupported assertions that retroviruses cause leukemia, cancer, and AIDS.

When used around casual observers, the *denialist/denialism* epithet dehumanizes *Gallo skeptics* as [flat-earthers](#), [ufologists](#), [Klansmen](#), [Eugenicists](#), racists, homophobes, and other socially unacceptable groups. Because most people fear the stigma that comes with those associations – and are socially, politically, and professionally unprepared to defend themselves against this slur, they politely scatter and change the subject like Gallo's debutants.

The Storm

Months after Ms. Farber published her [2006 Harper's exposé](#), AIDS industry [activists](#) held [this conference](#) where those who offended the official HIV/AIDS "Party Line" were methodically and unrelentingly attacked as *denialists*.

Co-moderated by TAG operative [Daniel Kuritzkes, MD](#), the [2006 HIV Science and Responsible Journalism Conference](#) asked invited journalists "*if balance was always appropriate when the evidence backs one side.*" These academic "hit men" openly and unapologetically detailed [how and why these attacks shall be executed](#).

A paid consultant to [more than a dozen pharmaceutical companies](#), Dr. Kuritzkes [warned journalists](#) that *denialists* like Peter Duesberg still work in universities and urged that they be denied access to students and reported to authorities whenever possible.

Kuritzkes told his audience:

"If this happens in your neighborhood ask the university authorities why they allow this *and then write about it.*"

WSJ reporter [Marilyn Chase](#) warned reporters not to unintentionally "exalt the position of *denialists* by making them seem like just some sort of independent intellectual contrarian whose views really should be heeded."

Sitting in the audience, research scientist Ella DeCann complained that "science is full of laboratory politics," and asked the panel:

"Do you understand that AIDS research is actually tied to technology, rather than to science?"

Panelist John P. Moore, PhD quickly rejected her assertion. Although he regularly identifies himself as a professor of microbiology and immunology at Cornell University, Moore rarely mentions the [\\$400 million annual funding that Cornell receives for research](#) from taxpayers and HIV drug makers that include [Merck](#), [Bristol-Myers Squibb](#), [Trimeris](#), or [GlaxoSmithKline](#). Bristol Myers Squibb alone acknowledges more than [\\$100 million](#) in research funding. With billions of dollars in research grants at stake, it's understandable why Dr. Moore and America's most prestigious universities are reluctant to offend the pharmaceutical companies that keep their prestigious research laboratories open. Rather than present Gallo's promised proof that HIV exists, kills cells, and causes AIDS, Dr. Moore attacks with rhetoric. A few examples:

- H.I.V. causes AIDS. This is not a controversial claim but an established fact, based on more than 20 years of solid science. It is as certain as the descent of humans from apes and the [falling of dropped objects to the ground](#).
- To deny that HIV causes AIDS is farcical in the [face of the scientific evidence](#).
- Although science is not an ivory tower that should never be questioned, the fundamentals of whether HIV causes AIDS are so certain that challenging them to create trouble [really does harm people](#).

- [AIDS denialism kills.](#)
- We will not engage in any public or private debate with AIDS *denialists* or respond to requests from journalists [who overtly support AIDS denialist causes.](#)
- The debate has been settled. It is not our role to enlighten *denialists* as to their [inability to understand the available information.](#)

A few months later, Dr. Moore wrote this email to another *Gallo skeptic*:

From: John P. Moore, PhD
To: Michael Geiger
Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2007 10:24 AM
Subject: Re: Shame on you JP!

Thanks Geiger! What you sent contains useful information we can use against you people! And we will!

"Dan" has it exactly right when he says:

If they are able to "justify" their actions, it's most likely because they simply see this as WAR. War against the "denialists". Nothing more.

When you're in a war, there are no rules.

This IS a war, there ARE no rules, and we WILL crush you, one at a time, completely and utterly (at least the more influential ones; foot-soldiers like you aren't worth bothering with). John (**emphasis added**)

Although Moore boldly threatens to "crush" those who question the role of HIV in AIDS, he avoids all invitations [to engage in public debate](#) on the HIV hypothesis of AIDS.

Because AIDS is mostly confined to its initial risk groups in America (gay men and drug users), most Americans have been too busy to concern themselves with the issue or the storm of politics and retaliation that continues to mute this largely unnoticed international debate. Most Americans feel unaffected, but our general complacency permitted fundamental changes in the direction and progress of higher-priority medical research. The redistribution of hundreds of billions of research dollars based upon Dr. Gallo's still unproven claims continues to the detriment of millions of Americans and people around the world.

After the Semmelweis Society International (SSI) presented awards to Duesberg and Farber last May, the retaliatory forces that curtailed all funding for Prof. Duesberg's [award-winning cancer research](#) and attacked Ms. Farber's reporting were suddenly brought to bear against SSI and its members (including this investigator). If not for the courage of the SSI membership and the support of [hundreds of award-winning scientists and researchers](#), SSI and the awards would

have evaporated. For their membership, science and medicine must repudiate all forms of political influence, regardless of the political risks involved.

In the spirit of freedom and science, SSI commissioned this report to respond to questions and arguments regarding Professor Duesberg's unanswered questions of Dr. Gallo's 1984 HIV hypothesis. As an independent investigator who could not be influenced by the threats or attacks made against vulnerable SSI members and others; and as someone who had never heard of Duesberg, Gallo, Farber, or AIDS *Denialism* before May 2008, SSI believed that this investigator had the unbiased and proven investigative experience necessary to examine both sides of the controversy. For his efforts, this investigator was not compensated.

One of the more printable attack letters to SSI was from former Emory medical student [Kevin D. Kuritzky](#), who wrote:

It is my understanding that Semmelweis presented Dr. Duesberg with an award, seemingly on behalf of the group. It is not disputed that Dr. Duesberg is a controversial figure. However, I have had personal experiences with his material and his theories. I have read his works, studied them, and frankly, I am sickened.

I am sickened because... I was born in a nation, South Africa that is ravaged by HIV/AIDS. Dr. Duesberg was used as a pawn of the government to impede providing antiretroviral medicines to the needy. Dr. Duesberg has provided no science behind his theories, and he, as a virologist, allowed himself to be complicit to murder by the tens of thousands, in essence to sell his notoriety.

Investigator's Response:

South Africa is not "ravaged by HIV/AIDS." In 2001, the South African Government reported 9,479 deaths due to "HIV Disease" out of a population of [44.8 million](#). This represented only 3.16% of all deaths in the country and only *two-one hundredths of one percent* (0.02 %) of South Africa's total population.

[Mortality and Causes of Death in South Africa, 1997-2003, p.30](#)

Table 4.2: Number of associated deaths for the ten leading reported natural causes of death and for HIV as a reported cause: 1997, 1999 and 2001

Reported causes of death	1997	1999	2001
Other forms of heart disease (I30 - I52)	60 768	53 977	48 927
Tuberculosis (A15 - A19)	25 640	39 759	56 985
Influenza and pneumonia (J10 - J18)	24 698	39 069	55 115
Cerebrovascular diseases (I60 - I69)	24 039	28 218	31 104
Hypertensive diseases (I10 - I15)	19 786	24 911	27 622
General symptoms and signs (R50 - R69)	16 307	19 618	19 454
Respiratory and cardiovascular disorders specific to the perinatal period (P20 - P29)	15 449	16 483	17 191
Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40 - J47)	15 330	18 242	20 136
Ischaemic heart diseases (I 20-I 25)	14 512	16 867	17 380
Diabetics mellitus (E10 - E14)	12 133	14 244	16 207
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) diseases (B20 - B24)*	6 602	10 331	9 479
Events of undetermined intent (Y10 - Y34)*	45 182	37 627	35 328

* HIV and non-natural causes (events of undetermined intent) have been added for comparison purposes

(More African mortality info [here](#))

Kuritzky's reference to "antiretroviral medicines" also implies an Orwellian use of language. The primary "medicine" is [AZT](#), which was designed as a [highly toxic cancer chemotherapy](#) in the 1960s. It's hard to imagine why anyone in America or South Africa would want to deliver toxic chemotherapies to expectant mothers and villagers who already suffer from poverty, malnutrition, and septic water.

In [this 2008 study](#), 320 Tanzanian patients were placed on "antiretroviral therapy" (ART) between October 2003 and November 2006. Most (223) were women, some as young as 15. The majority were between 25 and 34 years of age. Most were severely malnourished, had thrombocytopenia and varying degrees of anemia.

Overall, 95 patients died within 11 months, 59 within three months of starting the drug regimens.

One year mortality was estimated as high as 46.8% in those who were severely malnourished. Other studies confirmed that severe malnutrition is directly related to the mortality of HIV+ African patients "even after the introduction of highly active antiretroviral therapy..."

One of the authors explained that the study's weakness is that **mortality might be underestimated** because so many were lost to follow up and [probably died at home](#). Moreover, the main published study on the side effects of "antiretroviral medicines" is alarming.

[Ronald B Reisler M.D., M.P.H.](#) did a [five-year review](#) (1996-2001) of about 3000 HIV/AIDS patients who took the anti-retroviral cocktails. He found that:

1. 332 patients suffered an "AIDS" event, meaning some purported manifestation of the underlying disease, however;
2. 675 patients suffered a "Grade 4" event, meaning a life-threatening illness was attributed **to the drugs, not the virus**. The most common of these side-effects were:
 - a. Liver damage
 - b. Neutropenia (white blood cell loss)
 - c. Anemia (red blood cell loss)
 - d. Cardiovascular, including heart attacks
 - e. Pancreatitis
 - f. Psychiatric disorders
 - g. Kidney problems
 - h. Thrombocytopenia
 - i. Hemorrhage

In sum, twice as many AIDS patients fell ill from the drugs than from AIDS – which is *exactly what Dr. Duesberg predicted would happen in the late 1980s*.

[Grade 4 Events Are as Important as AIDS Events in the Era of HAART](#)
[Reisler, JAIDS, 34\(4\):379-386, Dec. 1, 2003](#)

[Kevin Kuritzky](#):

Dr. Duesberg lacks any courage to back up his claims.

Investigator's Response:

Dr. Duesberg has published numerous papers in the peer-reviewed literature to back up his claims, much to the detriment of his career. A [Google-Scholar](#) search reveals over [200 of his peer-reviewed papers](#). On the other hand, Mr. Kuritzky's claims have been posted on dozens of pharmaceutically-funded activist websites, including [AIDS Truth](#), which was created in direct response to the perceived threat of the consequences of Farber's 2006 *Harper's* article. Although technically a "non-profit," AIDS Truth is operated by "[team members](#)" who are funded directly or indirectly by the pharmaceutical industry.

[Kevin Kuritzky](#):

When I was in college, Dr. Duesberg gave a lecture. He was unprofessional and was offered the opportunity to prove his "theory." He lacked the fortitude to demonstrate his true commitment to the pseudo-science he preaches, and backed away like a coward. If he truly believes what he espouses, he should have the guts to inject himself with HIV to prove his point about "poppers" etc being the real culprits of AIDS. But unlike

Dr. Jaworski who stood up for what he believed in with regards to peptic ulcer disease, Dr. Duesberg was a coward. When I was involved in HIV research as an undergraduate, I told Dr. Duesberg personally that this lack of desire to "prove" his point calls into question his very belief in the pseudotheory, and makes one wonder whether his whole career is based on a notoriety desire.

Investigator's Response:

As the tone of the "former medical student" grew increasingly hostile, this investigator noted consistencies between Kuritzky's attacks, and those routinely repeated by TAG surrogates John P. Moore PhD, Daniel Kuritzkes MD, and Richard Jefferys.

After a brief examination, this investigator discovered that Kuritzky was expelled from [Emory Medical School](#) after [numerous allegations of dishonesty, unprofessional, and unethical conduct](#). Regardless of his past (and consistent with garden-variety TAG attacks), Kuritzky offers no proof; and since Emory Medical School is located three time zones east of UC Berkeley, his anecdote is doubtful.¹

Regarding the allegation of *cowardice*: Prof. Duesberg has offered several times ([example](#)) to inject himself with HIV if 1) only the exact terms for success or failure could be offered by his detractors, and 2) the experiment could be scientifically conclusive.

In 1984, the theorized HIV/AIDS "HIV latency period" (from infection to illness) was said to be from six months to a year. Today, it is accepted that there are varying categories of "long term non-progressors" (LTNP) or "elite controllers", who take decades to progress to AIDS, if at all. In some studies the latency period has been stretched as high as [30 years or more \(2007\)](#), although the drug industry and its activists attribute this to new antiviral drugs. This means that if Prof. Duesberg was injected with the "HIV retrovirus" in a controlled study today, he could die sometime after reaching his 104th birthday.

After twenty years, Dr. Gallo and supporters like Dr. Moore continue to refuse to provide Dr. Gallo's [promised rebuttal](#) to [Prof. Duesberg's PNAS paper](#). Instead, they have declared:

We will not (e)ngage in any public or private debate with AIDS denialists or respond to requests from journalists [who overtly support AIDS denialist causes](#).

¹ NOTE: During the completion of this report, this investigator also identified Kuritzky as the suspect involved in a computer attack against this author (LAPD # 08-0619018). The author also connected a second suspect (also a physician) to [this activist organization](#), which is funded by [these pharmaceutical companies](#).

In this investigator's experience, no other science is defended with epithets and refusals to disclose. After publishing millions of pages of research based upon Dr. Gallo's hypothesis, why would Dr. Moore refuse to present Dr. Gallo's original proof unless it does not exist?

[Kevin Kuritzky](#):

Dr. Duesberg has indirectly killed many human beings through his complicity in South Africa's limits on antiretroviral medications given to pregnant women. The science is proven that vertical transmission is greatly reduced here. I am not sure if Semmelweis is aware that Dr. Duesberg was essentially finally run out of the country (South Africa) as a murderer, and I personally don't disagree with this claim as I am intimately familiar with Dr. Duesberg's behavior in South Africa.

Investigator's Response:

This is one of the most common and manipulative anti-scientific libels used to prevent Duesberg from pursuing his counter-theory in a scientific manner. Like Dr. Moore, Kuritzky offers no evidence, references, or proof of any of these allegations, nor does an aggressive search reveal any clues to substantiate his claims.

Prof. Duesberg was not "finally run out of the country (South Africa) as a murderer": He visited South Africa when [President Thabo Mbeki](#) summoned him for round table discussions between AIDS scientists of opposing viewpoints in [2000](#).

Of the antagonistic, hostile, and threatening attacks made by Gallo defenders, former South African President Thabo Mbeki [appealed to then-President Bill Clinton and UN Secretary General Kofi Annan](#) (April 3, 2000), and:

... passionately defended Duesberg and the other dissidents, and suggested that factors other than HIV could be the cause of AIDS in Africa. He called for a uniquely 'African solution' to the problem, as AIDS seemed to affect Africans differently to those who live in the developed world. He also defended his right to consult dissident scientists, and accused unnamed foreign critics of waging a 'campaign of intellectual intimidation and terrorism' akin to **'the racist apartheid tyranny we opposed'**.

In an earlier period in human history, Mbeki wrote, Duesberg and his followers 'would be the heretics that would be burnt at the stake. The day may not be far off when we will, once again, see books burnt and their authors immolated by fire by those who believe that they have a duty to conduct a holy crusade against the infidels.' The letter, copies of which were delivered by hand to Clinton and Annan, concluded: 'It would constitute a criminal betrayal of our responsibility to our own people to mimic foreign approaches to treating HIV/AIDS.'

As stated earlier, prescribing toxic cancer chemotherapy to pregnant women is [dangerous](#) for both mother and child:

"In reviewing the frequency of birth defects in this population [of HIV+ women taking [AZT](#) during pregnancy] we noted eight birth defects (10%) out of 80 live births [and 8 spontaneous fetal losses, for a total of 17% abnormal pregnancies]"

[Zidovudine Use in Pregnancy: A Report on 104 Cases and the Occurrence of Birth Defects
Kumar et al, 1994 Oct 7\(10\):1034-9](#)

More Questions

The HIV/AIDS issue consists of two components:

1. Dr. Gallo's original opinion, and;
2. Millions of pages of research that are based upon, and used to support, Dr. Gallo's original opinion.

While no ordinary investigator can competently argue millions of pages of HIV/AIDS research, it is equally disingenuous for any scientist to argue any research that is based upon Dr. Gallo's theory without proof that HIV a) actually exists, b) kills white blood cells, and c) causes AIDS. Consensus, based upon unproven hearsay, is not proof.

At the same time, there are a number of easily understandable peer-reviewed reports that conflict with Gallo's theory.

For example, chimpanzees share about [99% of the DNA in humans](#). Since it is unethical to test humans with potentially dangerous pathogens, they serve as the "[gold standard](#)" for scientific experiments. In the mid-1980's, AIDS researchers infected numerous chimps with HIV to induce AIDS. No chimpanzee has ever developed AIDS.

"It is true that HIV does not cause AIDS in chimpanzees."

[Blattner, Gallo, Temin, Science, Vol. 241, 514-517, \(1988\)](#)

It is said that HIV is spread through sex. Yet, the largest epidemiological study of heterosexual transmission of HIV was conducted in San Francisco from 1987-1997. The researchers observed 175 sexually-active discordant heterosexual couples (1 partner HIV+, 1 partner HIV-) for over six years. No person in the study contracted HIV.

"We observed no seroconversions after entry into the study."

(Padian, page 354.)

[Heterosexual Transmission of HIV in Northern California: Results from a Ten-year Study
American Journal of Epidemiology, Vol 146: 350 - 357. \(1997\)](#)

HIV Testing

The problem with [HIV tests](#) is that there is [no viral gold standard](#). HIV test accuracy is not measured against any isolated (purified) HIV, but against indirect measures or patients with clinical symptoms of AIDS. These tests generally detect, and are hypersensitive to, antibodies of [many different viruses and cellular debris](#). This [\\$50,000 award](#), offered in exchange for scientific validation of any HIV test, remains unclaimed.

Using a “cops and robbers” analogy, Dr. Gallo’s HIV test relies on the presence of cops (antibodies) to indicate the presence of robbers (HIV). While it’s true that cops appear at bank robberies, they also appear at doughnut shops, police stations, fundraisers, sporting events, and training academies. The presence of cops does not necessarily prove the presence of robbers.

The autoimmunity phenomenon is characterized by an immune response against its own cells and tissues. So while the presence of HIV-antibodies (cops) *may* indicate that, at some point, someone *may* have been in contact with an HIV-virus or related particle (robbers), there is no way to ascertain the significance of such an event.

Antibody production does not mean that the antigen is necessarily noxious.

For example, the [most common form of hypothyroidism](#) is caused by anti-thyroid antibodies. This does not mean that the thyroid tissue is a harmful pathogen. The antibodies against virtually all endocrine organs, including ovaries, have been identified and (so far) no one has demanded the mass performance of *thyroidectomies* or *ovarectomies*. This becomes more complicated since many patients with anti-thyroid or anti-ovarian antibodies do not suffer from significant target organ damage. In this “cops and robbers” analogy, the cops (antivirus) are sometimes summoned by those who have mistaken the noise of a stray cat for a home invasion robbery.

Consider the “metal detector” analogy: To prevent terrorists from boarding planes (or HIV in our blood supply), HIV test sensitivities are set so that *Jimmy’s* orthodontics and Grandma’s titanium hips activate the alarms. Once those alarms sound, the tests brand them as suspected terrorists.

[Kevin Kuritzky](#)

The fact that any westernized physician, particularly an Ob-Gyn (SSI member) can defend Peter Duesberg is beyond my comprehension. I think any Ob-Gyn that fails to administer anti-retrovirals to a pregnant woman should not only be peer-reviewed, but should be put in jail. Yet, Dr. Duesberg has espoused this sickening ideology.

Investigator's Response:

Remember that SSI chose to answer Kuritzky's letter because he offered *the most common and coherent attack* against Prof. Duesberg. In light of the aforementioned evidence of his criminal behavior, it was extremely difficult for this investigator to take any of Kuritzky's TAG-generated myths seriously.

Kuritzky also illustrates that the hysteria that incarcerated history's [first scientist](#) and [Dr. Semmelweis](#) still exists today. When science becomes a hysterical political argument and criminal attacks, science and human progress cease to exist. Nevertheless, the record appears to reflect that these are Mr. Kuritzky's (and TAG's) *strongest* arguments. Indeed, these also appear to be the same political arguments used to coerce scientists and physicians into politicizing real science.

Panic & Politics

In the late spring of 1981, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) were coming under increasing Congressional pressure to [clean up the waste and corruption](#) that characterized their ten-year [War on Cancer](#).

At the same time, [CDC epidemiologist Dr. Wayne Shandera reported](#) that five homosexual men in their 20s and 30s were stricken by a pneumonia that ordinarily struck cancer and transplant patients. Said Shandera, "The best we can say is that somehow the pneumonia appears to be related to gay life style."

[The report stated](#) that five patients also suffered from infections due to [a virus](#) "that causes mononucleosis-type symptoms" and is "shown to be capable of suppressing the body's immune defense system in a manner similar to anti-cancer drugs." Investigators speculated that the virus ([CMV](#)) was "suppressing the immune defense system of certain individuals sufficiently to make them vulnerable to the *P. carinii* already present in most persons' lungs."

"They are carrying out an intensive study to learn what the common factor may be in the lifestyle of gay males. One speculation is that the inhalants commonly used in the gay community to heighten sexual feeling may somehow be involved."

When [the story](#) came out, some insensitive clergy and ideologues suggested in the media that AIDS was "[punishment for homosexuals who violated God's Law](#)." Homosexuals and their advocates were understandably hurt by these remarks. Unfortunately for science, this immediately polarized and politicized the debate. While the extreme right sought to stigmatize AIDS as a "gay disease" that was unworthy of attention, the left exaggerated the risk that AIDS posed to the general population and demanded endless funding.

Policymakers were [understandably reluctant to shift billions of dollars](#) in research funding from [deadlier diseases](#) like [heart disease \(#1\)](#) and [cancer \(#2\)](#) to a lesser understood pathology that appeared to only affect a [small population segment](#).

When the [Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation](#) (GLAAD) protested the skeptical ["homophobic and AIDS-phobic coverage"](#) of the [New York Post](#), the US media killed all stories that suggested the propriety of a careful government response. Without the media's support, politicians, government officials, and drug manufacturers grew unwilling to risk the [homophobe label](#). This appears to coincide with the period when American science was corrupted by the political debate.

The result was devastating to those most vulnerable. Poisonous toxins [suddenly became available as the FDA rushed their approval of new AIDS medications](#) in as little as [six weeks](#). During the [AZT trials](#), [Burroughs-Wellcome](#) used their own researchers to test and distribute [AZT](#) with little more than hat tip from the FDA:

"By the middle of 1985 there were over 10,000 AIDS patients anxiously awaiting a drug. The extreme patient need for a drug sped up the process from test tube to patient tremendously. After filing six patents on the preparation and use of [AZT](#), and racing through necessary animal tests in partnership with the NCI, Burroughs-Wellcome submitted an application to the FDA for an Investigational New Drug (IND). In a miracle of bureaucracy, the FDA approved of the first [AZT](#) trial [in only seven days](#)."

Wastila, L.J., Lasagna, L.
The history of zidovudine. ([AZT](#)).
[Journal of Clinical Research and Pharmaco-Epidemiology](#), 4: 25-37 (1990)

When word spread that [AZT](#) trials at Burroughs-Wellcome required placebos for half of their 282 HIV/AIDS patients, the media fueled several more controversies:

"Some critics believed that [AZT](#) was too toxic for weak AIDS patients, and others accused Burroughs Wellcome and the FDA with hindering the drug's ability. Many critics felt that the placebo arm of the arm was unethical, and called for all patients to have access to the drug. Burroughs Wellcome's spokespersons vigorously defended the trial, but the company recognized the high stakes of the trial and, in collaboration with the NCI and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), they established the Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) consisting of various AIDS experts that were removed from the trial.

"In September of 1986, only 7 months after the trial started, the board concluded that there was a significantly lower mortality rate in patients randomly assigned to receive [AZT](#) than the placebo. Only one of the 145 patients receiving [AZT](#) had died, compared with 16 patient deaths from the 137-patient group. The trial was halted, and the patients who received placebos were given an opportunity to take [AZT](#)... by March of 1987, 4500 AIDS patients, or one-third of all Americans living with AIDS, had received free Retrovir ([AZT](#)) handouts from the company...

"In less than three years, [AZT](#) had progressed from the obscure shelves of Burroughs Wellcome to pharmacies all across the country, providing patients a measure of hope at a time when there was none..."

[T.E. Haigler](#)

Former president of Burroughs Wellcome
(on the company's research of AZT)

Former NCI director [Dr. Samuel Broder](#) characterized the three-year-process as moving "[at the speed of light](#)." [AZT](#) retailed for [\\$188 per bottle](#), or approximately \$7,000 to \$10,000 per patient, per year. Compared with [today's FDA standards](#), three years is a *glacial* pace.

Hundreds of billions of dollars were subsequently transferred from cancer and cardiovascular disease research and, as the [uncontrolled waste and abuse spread](#), scientists, physicians, and universities truncated reports, shortcut peer review studies, and attacked those who challenged their questionable methodologies. Millions of research pages and articles were subsequently generated that cited, complimented, and supported other research papers that all assumed that Dr. Gallo's HIV theory was an "established scientific conclusion."

Gay men and drug addicts who were terrorized by the fear and propaganda campaign about HIV, and stigmatized by unreliable HIV tests, *stampeded* to AIDS clinics for fast prescriptions of lethal doses of [AZT](#). The greatest period of mortality (1987-1995) attributed to HIV occurred during the exact years of [AZT](#) monotherapy. Coincidentally, as [AZT](#) was replaced by less toxic drugs, mortality also dropped to current levels. Liver failure remains the leading cause of death among HIV+ patients who use the current generation of black-box anti-HIV medications. Liver failure is caused by drug toxicity and is not considered an AIDS-defining illness.

When 13-year-old [Ryan White](#) was diagnosed as HIV+ in 1984, his *illness* further fueled the hysteria. In 1987, Oprah Winfrey quoted "scientific predictions" that 20 percent of all heterosexual men [would die from AIDS by 1990](#):

"By 1996, three to five million Americans will be HIV positive and one million will be dead from AIDS."

NIAID Director Dr. Anthony Fauci, [NY Times](#), 14 Jan 1986

"By 1991, HIV will have spread to between 5 and 10 million Americans."

[Newsweek](#), 10 Nov 1986

"By 1991, 1 in 10 babies may be AIDS victims."

[USA Today](#) headline, 20 Jul 1988

"Without massive federal AIDS intervention, there may be no one left."

HHS Secretary Donna Shalala, [1993](#)
[Washington Times](#), 8 Jun 1999

Once the massive government fire hose was turned on to fight the "War on AIDS," competing, fact-based, scientific views, were drowned out or otherwise suppressed.

Because so few middle-class, white heterosexuals ever got AIDS or knew someone who did, many Americans passively disconnected themselves from the campaign.

Motives

Within the scientific community, the HIV/AIDS question may have been one symptom of an even larger disease.

During the 1980s, the general public began to under-value and under-appreciate the work of independent academic scientists like Prof. Duesberg. NIH grants became scarce, endowments dried up, and tuitions barely covered teaching activities. As a result, the salaries and social status of academic faculty members began to decline and many talented individuals fled the universities.

Due to this negative selection, the majority who stayed in academia became very different from classic scientific giants like [Robert Koch](#). While this did not mean that all academicians became unethical, it was easier to become disillusioned and cynical in such environment. Some faculty members grew desperate in their search for some form of a steady income that would compensate for many years of education and training. The pharmaceutical industry was more than happy to help – *for a price*.

This situation is described in the book, [The Truth About the Drug Companies](#), by former [New England Journal of Medicine \(NEJM\)](#) editor [Marcia Angell](#). When, in an earlier NEJM editorial, Dr. Angell asked, "[Is Academic Medicine for Sale?](#)" a reader replied, "*No, the current owner (Pharmaceutical Industry) is very happy with it!*"

[Anti-retroviral drugs](#) are all in categories of known or unknown danger to fetal development. In the post-[thalidomide](#) age, the FDA strongly recommends against administering these drugs during gestation. [None are "safe"](#) to mother or fetus. ([one example](#))

Celia Farber also documented the horrific death from organ failure in pregnant mother [Joyce Ann Hafford](#), who was being treated with AIDS drugs ([nevirapine](#) and [combivir](#), made with [AZT](#)) while pregnant with her second child.

In March 1996, the FDA authorized the sale and distribution of [crixivan](#) **six weeks** after [Merck](#) applied for [FDA approval](#). Compared to the years taken to complete [110 clinical tests](#) before approving [Splenda](#) and [AZT's](#) "light speed" three-year testing, it's hard to imagine how the FDA could safely approve anything in 42 days.

Noted for being "well tolerated" and causing *substantial improvements* in "CD4 cell counts and viral load," [the crixivan report noted](#) that "the relevance of changes in viral load had not been established"; nor did it show any effect on the development of infection, survival, or as a cure for AIDS.

In light of the profit margins related to drugs like crixivan and the catastrophic deaths related to toxins like [nevirapine](#), it's hard to ignore the potential profits generated by panicked people who learn they've tested HIV+.

AIDS prescriptions are costly. [About.com](#) reports that pharmacies charge \$570/mo for crixivan capsules:

\$570/mo x 12mo = \$6,840/year

When multiplied by the estimated US population of [one million HIV+ patients](#), potential income for crixivan alone can be considerable:

\$6,840,000,000.00 (BILLION) per YEAR

The drugs [aptivus](#) (\$1117/mo) and [fuzeon](#) (\$2315/mo) [cost much more](#). As of this writing, [Merck](#) shares sold at \$35/share. (more info [here](#))

The export and consumption of these untested known toxins by mostly rural and poor villagers of foreign countries is also disturbing.

HIV/AIDS science appears to target minorities. HIV test drives are [sharply focused on the African American community](#), which was [Joyce Ann Hafford's](#) misfortune.

[Abbott Laboratories](#) recently donated \$60 million in their five-year program to urge black Americans to be tested for HIV. According to Abbott, their "[I Stand with Magic](#)" campaign "intends to halve the rate of new infections among US blacks." Despite Dr. Gallo's unproven HIV/AIDS hypothesis, basketball legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson uses "[his fame to raise public awareness of the virus that causes AIDS](#)." Moviemaker Spike Lee, who directed the public service ads, said, "We African Americans can be homophobic. ***There's a whole lot of re-education that needs to get started.***"

According to the [same LA Times article](#):

... the heads of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People... took HIV tests in public and made testing available at their annual convention. That same year, 16 mainstream black organizations, including 100 Black Men of America, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and the National Council of Negro Women, pledged to fight the epidemic.

"The black community is where the gay white community probably was in the late 1980s or early 1990s," said Dr. Wilbert C. Jordan, medical director of the OASIS Clinic at the Martin Luther King Jr. Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center. "But we're not where we need to be still."

The numbers provide ample reason for alarm. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, blacks make up almost half the estimated 1.2 million Americans living with HIV today, though they are just 13% of the U.S. population overall.

The same article cited the [Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation](#) (KFF) assertion that “women accounted for more than a third of AIDS cases diagnosed among African Americans in 2006.” KFF is the same organization that hosted the aforementioned [2006 journalism conference](#) where drug industry-funded panelists told journalists how to marginalize alleged *denialists*.

[Professor Henry Bauer](#) has shown that, for all available US demographics, people of African descent are on average 8-10 times more likely to test HIV positive than Caucasians. Since this has been the case for two decades now, this may also be an indication that the tests are racially biased.

The AIDS *industry* has accused Africa of being responsible for the [original spread of HIV](#), that [Africans enjoy “dry sex”](#), are more promiscuous than people on other continents, and hold [voodoo beliefs about health, medicine, and healing](#). Ironically, Benin is one African country where [voodoo still keeps HIV/AIDS mortality below two percent](#).

Although the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) recently reported that the [threat of a “heterosexual pandemic” of AIDS was over](#), AIDS activists still insist that millions are infected and dying from the [“AIDS epidemic.”](#) Despite the WHO report, the US Congress intends to authorize another [\\$50 Billion](#) in new AIDS funding to Africa this year.

Of the aid package, House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman [Howard Berman](#) declared, [“We have a moral imperative to act and to act decisively.”](#)

While [critics lament](#) the *absence* of research funding (it was **ONLY \$12.6 Billion FY 2006**), it’s hard to know where that funding goes when drug companies [don’t conduct tests or trials](#). The reluctance of funded researchers to accept, for example, the [Perth Group’s modest request](#) also becomes more understandable; and it could also explain their 21-year hostility toward Prof. Duesberg, Ms. Farber, and hundreds of other scientists, physicians, and journalists who try to report it to US Government officials (NIH, HHS, NIAID) who still refuse to listen.

In time, and if no one asks these critical questions, the drug companies may slowly wean their more sensible customers from toxins to life-saving placebos without losing funding. Eventually, ground celery seed capsules under the label of *thiswontkillyouflex* and sold for \$500 a bottle could keep HIV+ patients and drug companies alive for more than a normal lifespan. If and when this occurs, the drug companies, scientists, and politicians could finally congratulate themselves for winning Dr. Gallo’s “War on AIDS.”

Analysis

In many ways, today's HIV/AIDS industry resembles a mature [termite colony](#).

In the years since HIV produced Dr. Gallo's first egg, *workers* (administrators and researchers) have built a labyrinthine fortress of [carton walls](#) (research and facilities) to support the colony. While its *soldiers* defend the colony and king, Dr. Gallo and HIV are managed, groomed, and fed by the attending *workers* that surround, care for, and defend them.

At first glance, the fortress appears impenetrable and the dark interconnected passages too confusing to navigate. After more than twenty years and millions of pages of research and studies that are built upon Gallo's *original egg*, no sane person could attempt to comprehend the infinite trivia without going mad. To argue against the mountains of interdependent self-supported HIV/AIDS minutiae requires terabytes of computational power and the tenacity of the world's most obnoxious sports fans.

The key to the conundrum lies not with the carton walls, workers, soldiers, or the myriad unnavigable passages, but with Dr. Gallo's original HIV declaration itself.

The principle of [Occam's razor](#) states that the best explanation tends to be one that requires the fewest additional assumptions. Such an explanation invokes the fewest intermediate factors (i.e., 25 years of HIV/AIDS research) while maintaining its "predictive power"; that is, its ability to explain current data to predict future data. If we apply *Occam's razor* and the *Scientific Method*, it is clear that the relationship of HIV/AIDS was never formally proven, and to assert that it is true until disproven is fallacious.

When asked which argument most strongly convinced him that HIV was not the cause of AIDS, [Nobel laureate Kary Mullis](#) replied, "[The fact that there's no evidence for it.](#)"

One does not need to be a pharmaceutically-funded AIDS researcher to understand these questions. *Occam's razor* and the *Scientific Method* are both taught in grade schools around the world. When the scientific world reacquaints itself with these principles and reestablishes the discipline to apply them, the queen will die and Gallo's colony will collapse.

Of *scientific consensus*, [Michael Crichton said](#):

"(T)he work of science has nothing whatever to do with consensus. Consensus is the business of politics. Science, on the contrary, requires only one investigator who happens to be right, which means that he or she has results that are verifiable by reference to the real world. In science consensus is irrelevant. What is relevant is reproducible results. The greatest scientists in history are great precisely because they broke with the consensus... There is no such thing as consensus science. If it's consensus, it isn't science. If it's science, it isn't consensus. Period."

Conclusions

With millions of diagnosed and undiagnosed HIV+ men and women leading healthy and productive lives around the world [without AIDS medication](#), this investigator is left with [Prof. Duesberg's lingering questions](#) and [Dr. Gallo's hysterical defenders](#), who, this investigator has **personally** discovered, appear predisposed to use libelous and criminal tactics to silence those who ask questions. (see Epilogue)

These questions are not insignificant. No other science appears to be defended more aggressively than Dr. Gallo's theory. If an investigator questions the curvature of the Earth, or the internal combustion engine, it's hard to imagine NASA or Honda paying SPACETruth or HONDATruth advocates to defend either discipline. Indeed, both topics are clearly presented on public websites and libraries around the world without fear, intimidation, or the threat of lost grant funding. The idea that advocates would use criminal means to dissuade someone from investigating the internal combustion engine would seem preposterous; and yet, hundreds if not thousands of journalists, teachers, scientists, and ordinary individuals are routinely targeted by Dr. Gallo's well-funded defenders.

Only one of two conclusions is possible:

1. This investigator has deliberately, unintentionally, or recklessly overlooked the answer to these fundamental questions to present an unsupportable conspiracy theory, complete with imaginary threats, emails, and phone calls memorialized in his 66-page police report and pending federal lawsuit, or;
2. The pharmaceutical companies are:
 - a. Using inaccurate, unverified testing protocols to claim people are infected with a retrovirus that has not been shown to cause harm but, they claim, could kill;
 - b. Inventing, manufacturing, and distributing toxins designed to disrupt normal cellular and enzymatic functions necessary to sustain life to fight the presence of a harmless passenger retrovirus;
 - c. Using those toxins to deliberately, unintentionally, or recklessly compromise what may otherwise be healthy immune systems, and;
 - d. Manipulating drug-caused illness and mortality statistics to maintain HIV/AIDS funding
 - e. Enlisting and paying uninformed but well-meaning celebrities to promote HIV testing and treatment to specific targets (gay community, low-income minorities, and third world populations) that are most vulnerable to seductive and high-pressure marketing strategies.

If the first conclusion is true, this investigator will continue to enjoy a long healthy life with his family and friends in Southern California.

If the second conclusion is true, America could eventually recover from the scandal: but it's hard to calculate the impact of the needless suffering, death, lost confidence in American science and good will, class action lawsuits, lost shareholder value, product liability, the wasted energy and resources expended within our academic institutions, its effect in the international community and the US and global economies.

If the survivors of "Dr. Gallo's Egg" sense that government agencies and drug companies took shortcuts that unnecessarily killed otherwise healthy people, like [13-year-old Ryan White](#), agencies, politicians, and the media will soon start pointing fingers to blame someone for igniting a human disaster that could make Enron and 9/11 look like garden-variety purse snatches and auto accidents. Families of those who suffered and died from the toxicity of drugs like [AZT](#) will want to attack politicians. Politicians will blame agencies for misleading them, and those agencies will blame previous administrations.

A backlash against media, and within, the gay community, could also result. The gay and lesbian media, community centers, and HIV/AIDS advocacy groups that employ thousands and profit from generous pharmaceutical sponsors and CDC grants for advertising, lavish event planning, hosting, and fundraising will end. Threatened by the loss of such funding, these organizations will be reluctant to close their doors to seek other employment.

Scientists will hide behind their research, doctors behind their hospitals, gays behind their physicians and [clinics](#), politicians behind their constituents, and journalists behind their editors. The most obvious targets will be the drug companies that produced, distributed, and profited by selling known toxins throughout what may be nothing more than a 25-year sabbatical from the science.

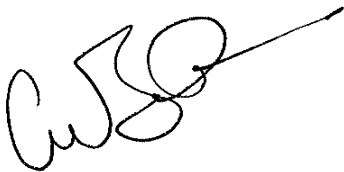
The medical and academic members of Semmelweis Society International cannot be sure because those who insist that HIV is harmful [still refuse to prove HIV's connection to AIDS](#). What is not disputed are the poisonous properties listed on the [labels of ALL FDA approved HIV/AIDS medications](#).

No one is competently required to prove the non-existence of Dr. Gallo HIV/AIDS theory. Prof. Duesberg raised questions about Gallo's theory [twenty years ago](#) that Gallo and his defenders [still refuse to answer](#). When Dr. Gallo and his defenders decide to prove that HIV exists, attacks white blood cells, and causes AIDS, their investment of ten months and \$100,000 will finally put these questions to rest – as they should have been 24 years ago.

Based upon the evidence contained in this report, this investigator must agree with [hundreds of reputable scientists and doctors](#) who remain unconvinced that Dr. Gallo's retrovirus is real or has anything to do with the disease called AIDS.

It is this history, this evidence, and these questions that Professor Duesberg, Ms. Farber and countless others have risked their careers to present. The members of Semmelweis Society International may or may not agree with all aspects of this report, but they unwaveringly support the courageous men and women of medicine and science who continue to ask questions about the world around us.

Without honest and intellectually curious scientists like Peter Duesberg, humanity loses the promise of innovation and progress. Without aggressive and impartial journalists like Celia Farber, industry and government cannot be held accountable. Without both, the 232-year experiment we call the *United States of America* will have failed.



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INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Under ordinary circumstances, I would list and thank those who assisted me in this investigation and subsequent report. Because of current conditions within the scientific community and pharmaceutical industry, exposing these witnesses as potential targets would serve no legitimate purpose. When the day comes, the world will know the difference between those who served Humanity, and those who served themselves at Humanity's expense.

Epilogue:

One of the most difficult aspects of this investigation has been to document and articulate the kind of attacks made by the AIDS industry's core cadre of operatives. As explained by operatives Kuritzkes and Moore, their role is to silence minor inquiries and destroy serious threats. In my years of investigation, I have only been attacked by individuals who hoped to dissuade me from investigating their own criminal enterprises. In this case, email permits me to more easily identify the tactics used by these operatives.

Even before this report was completed, several individuals continued their personal attacks against me. My PI license was threatened, my computer security attacked, and I have been libeled by numerous "professionals" from various private and government agencies. The following emails will describe how insidious these attacks can be. As you read through them, consider how threatening these emails could be to a young physician, scientist, student, or teacher who dares to question these professional operatives.

Dr. James Murtagh used government servers at the Veterans Administration to pressure me to discontinue my investigation. When his efforts failed, he notified Brian Foley, PhD of the [Los Alamos National Laboratory](#) (LANL).

While being paid by US taxpayers, Dr. Foley used his influence from within the government facility to attack me through uninvolved third parties. He is supervised at LANL by fellow [AIDSTruth](#) operative [Bette Korber, PhD](#).

Here is my email to the LANL Ombudsman:

To: [Camilla S. Lopez, PhD](#) – Los Alamos National Laboratory, Ombudsman

My name is Clark Baker. I am a private investigator, licensed in California. I have been an investigator for 28 years both privately and with the Los Angeles Police Department (1980-2000). I have conducted more than 5000 criminal and civil investigations and have investigated, arrested, processed, and helped convict more than 2,700 career felons. I have also received more than 80 citizen and official commendations for my service as a US marine sergeant and police officer.

I was in Washington DC last May where I testified before Congress on pending whistleblower legislation. While there, I became aware, for the first time, of the HIV/AIDS dispute between those who believe Dr. Peter Duesberg HIV hypothesis, and those who believe Dr. Robert Gallo's HIV hypothesis.

Before they were scheduled to testify, Dr. Duesberg and investigative reporter Celia Farber had been libeled by the Treatment Action Group as *AIDS denialists* - an epithet that suggests neither believe that *AIDS exists*. Because these *Gallo-skeptics* have been vilified as something on par with racists, homophobes, and worse, those who controlled the "*No Fear Tribunals*" suddenly became to afraid to allow their testimony to be heard. More than anyone else who testified that week, Duesberg and Farber deserved the time to testify about what they endured because of the organizational and individual behavior of TAG, AIDSTruth, and members of esteemed universities throughout the United States.

I testified about my own experiences as a whistleblower and left Washington hopeful that new legislation could protect individuals who asked relevant questions about publicly-funded expenditures.

I am deeply concerned that the Los Alamos National Laboratory would hire such individuals and I intend to proceed in a way that illuminates the conduct of both TAG and AIDSTruth membership. And if LANL refuses to investigate or otherwise whitewashes this complaint, I will make it my fulltime occupation to ensure that US taxpayers learn how their money is spent at LANL.

In law enforcement, when an officer commits perjury or lies during an investigation, he/she is correctly barred from being a police officer anywhere in the country, for such individuals have no credibility as investigators. Had Dr. Foley been caught doing this as a police officer, he would be flipping burgers tomorrow – if McDonalds could trust him.

As a disciplined investigator, Dr. Foley fell far below any standard as a scientist, as an investigator, and as a human being.

This is why I have included Dr. Lopez in my response to Dr. Foley. If and when you require further information from me, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Clark Baker
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323-650-6667

Dr. Foley:

Since you've decided to clear the air, I thought I'd help you a little.

As someone who protected and defended my country in uniform for 28 years, I'm ashamed that US taxpayers are funding your efforts as an AIDSTruth operative to unnecessarily libel me and others before uninformed and disinterested third parties during the course of my official investigation.

Last Friday, you used LANL government servers to identify Mr. <REDACTED>:

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[Querying whois.arin.net]
[whois.arin.net]

OrgName:      Los Alamos National Laboratory
OrgID:        LANL-2
Address:      P. O. Box 1663
City:         Los Alamos
StateProv:    NM
PostalCode:   87545
Country:      US

NetRange:     128.165.0.0 - 128.165.255.255
CIDR:         128.165.0.0/16
NetName:      LANL-INET
NetHandle:    NET-128-165-0-0-1
Parent:       NET-128-0-0-0-0
NetType:      Direct Assignment
NameServer:   NSX.LANL.GOV
NameServer:   NSX2.LANL.GOV
NameServer:   NS1.ES.NET
Comment:
RegDate:      1986-09-29
Updated:      2008-04-03

OrgAbuseHandle: REPOR-ARIN
OrgAbuseName:  Report Abuse
OrgAbusePhone: +1-505-667-3310
OrgAbuseEmail: abuse@lanl.gov

OrgTechHandle: PGR1-ARIN
OrgTechName:   Raichur, P. Giridhar
OrgTechPhone:  +1-505-665-3671
OrgTechEmail:  graichur@lanl.gov
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You, Dr. Foley, then contacted <REDACTED> using your AKA *John Smith* (sculdermully2001@yahoo.com). If your intentions were honorable, why would you use aliases and not disclose your real identity?

----- Original Message -----

From: [John Smith](#)
To: <REDACTED>
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2008 4:39 PM
Subject: Your friend Clark Baker says HIV does not exist.

This is the same Clark Baker who nicknamed you:

----- Original Message -----

From: [John Smith](#)
To: <REDACTED>
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2008 4:48 PM
Subject: Maybe you can help?

He claims to have never heard of Duesberg before starting his investigation. But his report is totally biased. He seems to have never even checked on the science of this at all.

Is there any chance you can talk to him?

My friend had not heard of me for nearly ten years and was understandably surprised. He had never heard of "John Smith" or Brian Foley:

----- Original Message -----

From: <REDACTED>
Subject: Re: Maybe you can help?
To: sculdermully2001@yahoo.com
Date: Friday, July 11, 2008, 5:44 PM

Hello John!

Wow, this definitely got my attention! First off, who is this? I'm sorry if there is a lapse in my memory! Please let me know so I can make the connection. Then I will most definitely consider speaking with Clark upon further review. Thank you for sending this! Please get back to me as soon as possible!

Foley replied:

----- Original Message -----

From: [John Smith](#)
To: <REDACTED>
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 4:57 AM
Subject: Re: Maybe you can help?

Well, Clark Baker is listed about 4/5 of the way down you friend's page:

<REDACTED>

He is an ex LAPD cop. His connection to the Semmelweis society seems to have a few different roots, one being that he was supposedly released from the LAPD over a Rodney King type of excessive force incident. I guess he claims to have been a "whistleblower" reporting that the cops all had orders from high up that they were supposed to beat up drunks or something like that.

Foley libeled me by suggesting that I was an abusive police officer.

Because Foley raised this issue, I will briefly explain:

In 1991, I wrote an op-ed in the Los Angeles *Daily News* that suggested that the LA mayor and his police commission had created the policies that resulted in the violent arrest of Rodney King. Within weeks, I was falsely accused of my first excessive force complaint and was criminally charged, even though the suspect had no injuries and the LAPD cleared me in 1992. Despite that, I was criminally charged, convicted, sentenced, and fired from the LAPD. I returned to the LAPD in 1994 after the judge and prosecutors were found guilty of misconduct. I retired honorably in 2000 after twenty years of service. (More info [here](#))

Dr. James Murtagh, who gave Foley this information about me and <REDACTED>, has a copy of my appeal and knows better than to libel me. A PhD at LANL should have the ethical standard to check out the story before spreading false allegations by email to disinterested third parties. Based upon Foley's conduct at this point, he has used US government servers and his position at LANL to deliberately libel me with the apparent intent to discredit me and interfere with my investigation. I expect a full inquiry at LANL by the Ombudsman of both Foley and his supervisor, AIDSTruth operative [Dr. Bette Korber](#). Both are listed as "AIDSTruth team members" on the [AIDSTruth website](#).

Foley's July 12th email continues:

On your page, it says:

*"A note from my friend and mentor, retired Los Angeles Police Officer Clark Baker, who nicknamed me Da Pirate. I can't tell you what an incredible impact Mr. Baker has left on my heart, life and mission. I am forever grateful to him and no, not just for the 'nickname':
"...*

Clark also writes a blog called Ex Liberal in Hollywood. That is where he said something like "Although I am not gay, I have many friends who have died of AIDS, including this one" and the "this one" is a link to <REDACTED>.

The Semmelweis Society International was a society to protect medical "whistleblowers" who were allegedly blackballed by peer review after reporting on unsafe medical conditions. Of course not every doctor who was ever peer reviewed and found to be lacking in skills is falsely accused. Some are truly bad doctors. So it seems that at least one or two truly bad doctors got into the Semmelweis Society. And they are not all MDs there are a few chiropractors and others who just don't believe in infectious disease at all. Anyway, two members of Semmelweis awarded Peter Duesberg and Celia Farber the "clean hands award" for being whistleblowers, claiming that these two have uncovered massive fraud in HIV/AIDS research etc. when in fact both Duesberg and Farber are proven liars.

I have advised Ms. Farber's attorneys of these libels.

Clark was then apparently hired (although he claims to have done it for free) or he volunteered to do a private investigation to find out if HIV is harmless or not. But he seems to have not done much investigating, he just asked Celia what she thought, or something like that. His report is 100% copied from the standard virusmyth crap.

My report, when published, will include more than 100 citations from publications like PNAS and JAMA. The fact that websites like [Virusmyth](#) posts [peer reviewed information](#) is not in dispute. But to attack websites that collect and post peer-reviewed studies is disingenuous, at best. Dr. Foley's suggestion that my 400+ hours of work consisted of plagiarizing or copying Ms. Farber is a libel and a direct attack on my professional reputation.

Anyway, given that your site claims you were once good friends, and his site claims you died of AIDS, I thought perhaps you might have some more insight into what is going on with Clark.

Since Foley admitted to me (July 15 phone call) that he received his information from (disgruntled former Semmelweis member) Dr. Murtagh, he could have contacted me by phone or email – just as Murtagh did during his criminal attacks of May and June. Dr. Foley deliberately avoided contacting me directly, faked his name and, instead, libeled me.

Dr. Foley continues:

----- Original Message -----

From: [John Smith](#)

To: <REDACTED>

Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 7:54 AM

Subject: Re: Maybe you can help?

Clark is highly anti-Obama, and his blog makes him seem sort of racist. He does mention the Reverend Jeremiah Wright (who claims to believe Leonard Horowitz's bullshhit). But I don't think he is doing this mainly for political purposes.

I think he just has no clue about biology, epidemiology, etc (and many people don't, they are not well taught in our schools) so as he was friends with Gil Mileikowsky and other hard-core AIDS denialists, he became convinced that HIV is a myth.

I seriously doubt this is going anywhere, but the folks who built the Semmelweis Society are pretty upset to see it torn down over this. Duesberg of course is basking in the glory of his award, and does not care how many people die for his fame.

Murtagh, his criminal partner, and their lawyer (now known among SSI members as *Larry, Mo, and Curly*) are **former** Semmelweis members. The executive board is intact, and SSI's membership remains committed to good science and medicine. All are pleased by the trio's clumsy (but noisy) departure. Had Dr. Foley (is he REALLY a scientist?) any real intention to seek the truth about this matter, he could have contacted me or any real member of Semmelweis directly. He chose not to.

On July 15, Foley wrote to <reporter> who had recently interviewed <REDACTED> for an HIV publication: (No header info available)

<REPORTER>

Web site ~ XXX.net XXX) 123-4567

WEBSITE

Is an article by <reporter> about <REDACTED>: HIV survivor. Clark Baker of the Semmelweis society says that <REDACTED> is one of his friends who died of AIDS:

WEBSITE

and Clark Baker is claiming that HIV is harmless or does not exist. He recently finished a report for the Semmelweis Society about Peter Duesberg.

Can you please have <REPORTER> write to me about this?

Brian Foley, PhD
HIV Databases
<http://www.hiv.lanl.gov>
btf@lanl.gov
505 665-1970

Except in the context of libel and disinformation, it's hard to understand why Dr. Foley would target additional disinterested third parties to discredit me and to harm <REDACTED> reputation by using his title and official standing as a member of LANL. In light of AIDSTruth/TAG's attack of Ms. Farber, it is unwise to share any info with these operatives.

<REPORTER> replied:

----- Original Message -----

From: <REPORTER>
To: btf@lanl.gov
Cc: <redacted> ; <publisher>
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 11:43 AM
Subject: Clark Baker

Brian,

I received your message about Clark Baker.

On the Web page that reproduces text said to be from Mr. Baker, it says:
"Although I am not gay, I have watched many friends die (<redacted> is one of them) from what I once believed was an AIDS-related death."

I cannot say why he links to <REDACTED> web site as an example of a friend who has died. The <REDACTED> I interviewed is alive and well.

I am cc'ing <REDACTED> and <PUBLISHER> on this email. I imagine <REDACTED> will want to contact Clark Baker -- assuming it's the same Clark Baker that gave <REDACTED> his moniker -- ask him where the text that is quoted came from and why he links to <REDACTED> page.

<REDACTED> and <PUBLISHER>, the link is: WEBSITE
The full text of Brian's email to me about this is below.

I hope that helps.

Thanks,
<REPORTER>

Dr. Foley replied to <REPORTER> *and her publisher*: (!)

----- Original Message -----

From: [Brian Foley PhD](#)
To: <reporter>
Cc: <redacted> ; <publisher>
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 11:58 AM
Subject: Re: Clark Baker

Hi <REPORTER>,

Thanks for writing back. I am glad to hear that <REDACTED> is indeed alive and well. It turns out that Clark Baker has more going on than just his blogs. He was part of a fiasco where the Semmelweis Society International awarded some "clean hands awards" to Peter Duesberg and Celia Farber. The two members of Semmeleis who did this, kept it a secret from the other members until it was too late. This deception seems to have resulted in the complete break-up of the Semmelweis Society. Clark Baker's name appears on a "report" on HIV and AIDS written for the Semmelweis Socociety, but it seems very highly unlikely that Clark himself wrote the report. It is much more likely that Celia Farber and/or others ghost wrote the report for him, and just put his name on it (with his approval).

All of these allegations are, and should have been suspected as false. If anyone wishes to have further background on these issues, please contact me directly or contact any SSI board member. (Dr. Foley identified Dr. Murtagh as the source of this information.)

I have spent hundreds of hours on my investigation and report since June 11th. Before last May, I had never heard of Duesberg, Farber, or *denialism*. Like many Americans, I figured that HIV/AIDS was a "gay disease" and, except for the friends I've known (I'm also a former member of the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles), AIDS was not something that occupied my time or energy. So when I entered this investigation, I was as uninformed as anyone.

As I looked at the evidence against Duesberg and Farber, I found evidence of prevarication, subterfuge, libel, and criminal behavior on the [Gallo side](#) against that PNAS-published science of [Duesberg's side](#). I'm not sure, but the last time science was defended by unethical and criminal behavior was when the Pope enforced the wide "scientific consensus" that the [Earth was the center of the universe](#). In that case, an [uninformed Bohemian](#) risked his life to suggest that the [Earth orbited the sun](#), somewhere on the edge of the Milky Way.

Foley continued:

It is a bit of an interesting story to people who study HIV and AIDS denialism, but not newsworthy for other people. I just wanted to check and make sure that <REDACTED> had not died and left his web sites running. Thanks for writing back. Glad to hear that <REDACTED> is still thriving!

Brian Foley
HIV Databases

Dr. Foley's tactic was described by WSJ reporter [Marilyn Chase](#) who warned reporters not to unintentionally "exalt the position of *denialists* by making them seem like just some sort of independent intellectual contrarian whose views really should be heeded."

At the [same conference](#), TAG operative Dan Kuritzkes MD [warned journalists](#) that *denialists* like Peter Duesberg still work in universities and urged that they be denied access to students and reported to authorities whenever possible. Kuritzkes told his audience:

"If this happens in your neighborhood ask the university authorities why they allow this *and then write about it.*"

Remember that Foley spoke to <REDACTED> days earlier. After I spoke to Foley by phone this evening, he recanted – somewhat (below).

Ms. Farber's attorney... and I want to hear what LANL plans to do about Dr. Foley's behavior and misappropriation of government resources and funding. I also want to know why the US government would hire AIDSTruth operatives to control their HIV databases and why scientists like Foley think its okay to libel others without checking the facts first. If his behavior is consistent with other Gallo defenders, taxpayers should wonder how their HIV/AIDS funding is spent, and who the liars are within my investigative report.

I invite any of you to contact me directly if you have any further questions.

Best wishes,

Clark Baker
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323-650-6667

Dr. Foley's July 15th recant:

-----Original Message-----
From: Brian T. Foley [mailto:btf@lanl.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 5:44 PM
To: <REPORTER>; cwb@xxx.com
Cc: btf@lanl.gov; <REDACTED>; <PUBLISHER>
Subject: Re: Clark Baker

Dear <REPORTER>,

Clark Baker called me and discussed the Semmelweis report. He assured me that he himself did write the full report. So I was wrong in suspecting he had not written it himself. He also assures me he very carefully does his fact checking, not trusting either side in a situation such as this one.

sincerely,
Brian Foley
HIV Databases

-----Original Message-----
From: Brian T. Foley [mailto:btf@lanl.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 5:54 PM
To: cwb@XXX.net
Subject: I did not attack <REDACTED> or ask him to attack you publicly.

Dear Clark,

You wrote:

WEBSITE

One clarification - When I last saw <REDACTED> around 1999, he appeared very sick from HIV/AIDS and he did not expect to live much longer. I lost track of him after that and assumed that he had passed away. When I linked to his site in the above email to (FIAR) I assumed that the site was a memorial without determining that he was actually alive. <REDACTED> is still HIV+ and still takes anti-retroviral drugs. Brian Foley of AIDSTruth, and a member of the Los Alamos Nat'l Laboratory has been harassing and pressuring <REDACTED> to attack me publicly. If I'm the crackpot that Murt and the other pharma-terroists claim I am, why are they working so hard to attack me and my long lost friends? "The lady doth protest too much!"

I did not even ask <REDACTED> to contact you at all, or attack you publicly. I only asked if he was still alive.

No, Dr. Foley, check your SENT BOX:

----- Original Message -----
From: [John Smith](mailto:John.Smith@lanl.gov)
To: <REDACTED>
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2008 4:48 PM
Subject: Maybe you can help?

He claims to have never heard of Duesberg before starting his investigation. But his report is totally biased. He seems to have never even checked on the science of this at all.

Is there any chance you can talk to him?

(Foley continues with his July 15 recant)

One of the points you made on the phone was why would PhDs or MDs care enough about this issue to deal with it in "blogs" etc and not just simply stick to the peer reviewed literature. It is because lives are at stake, it is not just a theoretical discussion such as is the Earth flat or round.

I'm certain that expectant mothers like [Joyce Ann Hafford](#) and children like [Ryan White](#) would agree with you, if they were still alive. Both were quite healthy until told to ingest black box HIV drugs.

My question was, specifically, why you and your AIDSTruth/TAG team members would answer [Prof. Duesberg's National Academy of Sciences Paper](#), supported by 196 peer-reviewed studies, with pharmaceutically-funded blogs like AIDSTruth and TAG, *which vows not to engage in any public or private debate with AIDS denialists or respond to requests from journalists who overtly support AIDS denialist causes.*

Why would any *real* scientist refuse to engage in a dialogue with taxpayers and other scientists within a democracy? Why attack those, like you attacked me, who ask questions?

What are you hiding?

What are you so afraid of?

While I'm certain that Dr. Mengele would have agreed with your lifesaving sentiments, I'm appalled, embarrassed, and sickened by the behavior of someone who is, ostensibly, a man of science. You are no real investigator.

Clark Baker
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When Dr. Foley received an emailed copy of my July 15 complaint to LANL, Dr. Foley emailed this message to Dr. Murtagh and John P. Moore, PhD – the Cornell microbiologist who annually secures millions of dollars in pharmaceutical funding:

----- Original Message -----
From: "Brian T. Foley" <btf@lanl.gov>
To: "Jim Murtagh" <jmurtag@mindspring.com> (OTHER SSI MEMBERS REDACTED)
Cc: <bhmfacsh@hotmail.com> <jpm2003@med.cornell.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 10:15 AM

Subject: Re: Clark's report against Kevin

Dear Friends,

I am shocked. Clark has completed his "investigation," and is issuing a report in the name of SSI that I believe very few SSI members (if any) would agree with.

I don't think Clark wrote this. He doesn't have enough command of the English language, so someone ghost wrote it.

Clark assures me that he wrote it himself. He called me at home to discuss it, and then wrote to the ombudsperson of Los Alamos National Laboratory and copied me...