

Full Transcription of the Hearing Before the House Committee on Oversight

March 13, 2023

The House Committee on Oversight and Reform held a hearing on March 13, 2023, to examine the Biden administration's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The hearing was chaired by Rep. James Comer (R-Ky.), the committee's chairman. Other members of the committee who participated in the hearing included Reps. Jody Hice (R-Ga.), Glenn Grothman (R-Wis.), Ralph Norman (R-S.C.), Byron Donalds (R-Fla.), Scott Perry (R-Pa.), Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.), Andrew Clyde (R-Ga.), Anna Paulina Luna (R-Fla.), Michael Cloud (R-Texas), and Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.).



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Witnesses who testified at the hearing included:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
- Dr. Rochelle Walensky, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Dr. Francis Collins, former Director of the National Institutes of Health
- Dr. Robert Redfield, former Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Dr. Peter Marks, Director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research at the Food and Drug Administration

The hearing began with opening statements from Chairman Comer and Ranking Member Jamie Raskin (D-Md.).

Chairman Comer said that the hearing was "about accountability for the Biden administration's failed COVID-19 response." He said that the administration had "failed to protect the American people from the virus" and had "failed to provide clear and consistent guidance to the public."

Ranking Member Raskin said that the hearing was "a political stunt" and that the Republicans on the committee were "more interested in scoring political points than in getting to the bottom of what happened during the pandemic." He said that the administration had "done the best it could

under difficult circumstances" and that the Republicans were "trying to rewrite history."

The witnesses then testified about the administration's response to the pandemic.

Dr. Fauci said that the administration had "followed the science" in its response to the pandemic and that the decisions it made were "based on the best available evidence." He said that the administration had "saved millions of lives" by taking aggressive action to combat the virus.

Dr. Walensky said that the CDC had "worked tirelessly" to provide guidance to the public about the pandemic. She said that the agency had "constantly updated" its guidance as new information became available.

Dr. Collins said that the NIH had "invested heavily" in research on COVID-19 and that the agency had "played a key role" in the development of vaccines and treatments for the virus.

Dr. Redfield said that the CDC had "made mistakes" in its response to the pandemic, but that the agency had "learned from its mistakes" and had "improved its performance over time." He said that the administration had "done the best it could under difficult circumstances."

Dr. Marks said that the FDA had "worked diligently" to review and approve vaccines and treatments for COVID-19. He said that the agency had "put the safety of the public first" in its decision-making.

The hearing ended with closing statements from Chairman Comer and Ranking Member Raskin.

Chairman Comer said that the hearing had "confirmed the Biden administration's failed COVID-19 response." He said that the administration had "failed to protect the American people from the virus" and had "failed to provide clear and consistent guidance to the public." He said that the committee would continue to investigate the administration's response to the pandemic.

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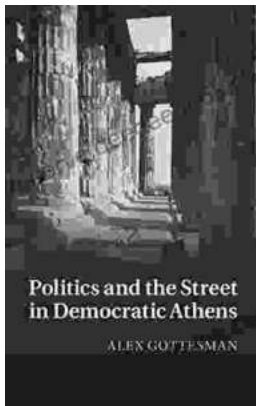
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