

Episode 57DFU March 25 2025 America Has Been Lucky on Bird Flu So Far A Brain Drain to Europe

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One United States **America Has Been Lucky on Bird Flu So Far** **RAWSEP View** Analyzing the anti scientific views of an unqualified person who has been paradoxically put in charge of the Department of Health and Human Services is daunting The list of the new anti scientific ideas that RFK Junior is putting out there begins with 1A Letting the Bird Flu Virus run through the flocks rather than cull and control outbreaks of Bird Flu in poultry 1B RFK Junior has been told that of the 70 human H5N1 cases reported over the last year in the United States there has been only one death and for that reason RFK Junior made proposal number 1A Number 2A If H5N1 is in fact milder compared with past outbreaks in the Middle East and Asia it may be because in the United States many infections may have occurred through eye exposure perhaps through splashes of contaminated milk during routine farm operations rather than through inhalation 2B RFK Junior has been told that the most widespread variant of H5N1 in American cows B313 is responsible for most cases of pink eye Two other variants D13 and D11 which are found mostly in wild birds and farmed poultry are behind the three severe cases seen in the United States This has led some to speculate that these variants might be more likely to cause hospitalizations or deaths So if most of the spread of Bird Flu is from cows then danger to human mortality may be low 3 The writer of this article below writes What keeps epidemiologists up at night is a scenario where bird flu gains the ability to spread efficiently among humans 4 The writer concludes I fear that the apparent mildness of infections in the United States has confounded calls to act more decisively Agricultural and health authorities were slow to look for the virus in dairy herds reimburse affected farmers and answer important research questions A national strategy for testing milk began in December 2025 months after the virus was found in dairy cows 5 The writer compares United States government response to COVID 19 to government response to Bird Flu under RFK Junior During the early stages of Covid 19 the first Trump administration underestimated the threat repeatedly assuring the public that the risk to the population was low While the future course of H5N1 is more difficult to predict the administration should adopt a no regrets policy doing everything it can to prevent the worst case possibilities and resisting the temptation to downplay potential dangers It is possible that H5N1 will never make the jump to spread human to human After all it has not done so yet But we should not give it the opportunity **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times March 25 2025 Bird flu has long been a top contender for starting the next pandemic Between 2003 and 2023 there were 882 cases of H5N1 reported in humans worldwide resulting in 461 deaths This suggested a staggering mortality rate around 50 percent a warning of the H5N1 deadly potential The vast majority of infections and deaths were before 2020 But a few years of quiet ended in 2024 when America became the epicenter for human infections around the world And there was something else about the US cases They were nowhere near as severe as before The virus had been mostly tied to poultry but in America last year it began circulating in dairy cows

as well It is also worth remembering that a virus does not need a mortality rate of 50 percent to devastate society Some scholars estimate that the mortality rate of the 1918 flu pandemic was most likely only around 2 or 3 percent

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[RAWSEP View](#) What is on the RFK Junior to do list 1 Treat measles with Vitamin A instead using the preventive measure of vaccination 2 Use beef tallow instead of seed oil for frying food 3 Use vegetable dyes in Froot Loops instead of chemically based dyes 4 Prohibit candy soda and chips from being bought with food stamps and 5 Ban cell phones because they cause cancer [RAWSEP Critique](#) Any health reasons for using Vitamin A and Beef Tallow rather than using vaccination or using seed oils are unproven Any health reason for banning cell phones because they cause cancer is unproven [Top RAWSEP Excerpt](#) Biomedical researchers say that if he really wanted to make America healthy RFK Junior would block the Musk Department of Governmental Efficiency from targeting the scientific enterprise of the United States by reducing jobs and cutting grants I think he has to take the blame for it he is destroying science in America said a pioneer in nutrition research at the Harvard School of Public Health At the height of the coronavirus pandemic Kennedy was identified as one of the top spreaders of misinformation by the Center for Countering Digital Hate which listed him as one of the disinformation dozen His Instagram account was suspended in 2021 and reinstated in 2023 when he began his presidential bid Some of his assertions public health experts say have been just plain wrong Kennedy appears to be largely ignoring government experts on the measles outbreak in Texas [RAWSEP View of how the Trump administration is undermining one of the RFK Junior goals](#) The Trump administration is taking actions that would seem to undermine some RFK Junior goals such as disbanding an expert committee studying how to spare infants from a deadly bacteria that contributed to the decision in 2022 to temporarily shut down an Abbott Nutrition infant formula plant [From the article headline](#) Public health leaders are horrified by the Robert F Kennedy Junior approach to measles but government and industry are responding to him [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The New York Times March 25 2025 Robert F Kennedy Junior the health secretary is offering a new twist on President The Trump Make America Great Again slogan that touches a wide range of food industries He makes powerful industries and civil servants uncomfortable holding forth from his newly powerful perch as head of the Department of Health and Human Services there has been little public pushback The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention posted information about vitamin A on its website after Kennedy promoted it as a measles treatment to the consternation of public health officials who want him to advocate forcefully for vaccination A fast food chain announced it had RFK d its French fries by ditching seed oil for beef tallow a type of rendered beef fat that is similar to lard despite cardiologists who say it poses risks to the heart Kennedy instructed food executives to rid the food supply of artificial dyes Public health experts still have serious concerns about Kennedy whose skepticism of vaccines has colored his response to a Texas measles outbreak Last week Kennedy proposed banning cell phones in schools an idea with bipartisan backing But RFK Junior made an unsubstantiated claim that cell phones produce electromagnetic radiation that can cause cancer So far Kennedy also appears to be largely ignoring government experts He has not had any in person or virtual briefings on measles from infectious disease experts at the CDC according to two people familiar with the response to the Texas outbreak Instead he receives written reports from the agency An administration official said Kennedy meets daily with career leadership at HHS the CDC parent agency to discuss

matters including measles Health officials in Texas say the Kennedy messages have been confusing The director of public health in the city of Lubbock said she is having trouble persuading parents to vaccinate their children because they think vitamin A is protective like the vaccine But Kennedy allies were thrilled when the CDC added a mention of vitamin A in its measles advisory on its website A neighbor of Kennedy in Los Angeles said he is working to identify new members of the CDC vaccine advisory committee a panel Kennedy says is rife with conflicts of interest The Kennedy inner circle seems to be divided into two camps those like who are drawn to him because of his stance on vaccination and those whose focus is nutrition and chronic disease On Monday the governor of West Virginia signed legislation banning certain food dyes from school lunches After a MAHA Moms meeting the White House posted video of Kennedy and some of his guests on social media stumbling over how to pronounce food ingredients like riboflavin Kennedy posted photos with a message to the women You got me where I am today and I will not let you down

3 Europe including the United Kingdom France Germany Poland and Italy dubbed the E5 **In defiance of Donald Trump is a European security council emerging?** **RAWSEP View** **From the article headline** The good news is that European powers are uniting in support of Ukraine The bad news is that Trump pulled the rug out from under Europe while autocratic Russia is threatening not just Ukraine but the other democratic European nations **From the article headline** With the US threatening unilateral withdrawal even from the top Nato military post five European nations must fill the vacuum **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 25 2025 As Trump races to seek an accommodation with Putin at the expense of Ukraine sovereignty and territorial integrity European leaders have discovered to their dismay that neither Nato nor the EU is in a position to provide security guarantees for Kyiv Trump has nixed any Nato role in Ukraine and Viktor Orbán of Hungary has blocked any EU consensus A coalition of the willing has brought nations together in varying configurations to try to bolster Volodymyr Zelenskyy and pull together a possible security force for Ukraine in case of a ceasefire At its core is a group of five European powers the UK France Germany Poland and Italy dubbed the E5 which has the makings of a durable if informal security council Between them these five nations have most of the economic output military forces and political clout of Europe Britain and France are the only nuclear powers and the only permanent members of the UN security council in Europe Germany has the biggest economy in Europe and has just loosened its constitutional debt brake to unleash a massive surge in defense spending Poland is the biggest defense spender proportionate to gross domestic product of Nato and will soon have the biggest army in Europe The E5 is not an ideal format The eight Nordic and Baltic states that are leaders in European defense and resilience deserve a voice On the other hand the seat at the top table of Italy owes more to its legacy status as a southern founder member of the EU and to the political ties of prime minister Giorgia Meloni to Trump than to willingness of Rome to take any military risks for Ukraine The French president Emmanuel Macron first raised the need for a European security initiative in 2017 to mitigate the geopolitical damage from the British vote to leave the EU Nothing came of it then because Brexit had just happened Macron tried again after the full scale invasion by Russia of Ukraine in 2022 leading to the creation of a 44 nation European political community that brought together leaders of free Europe for strategic discussions Last September Europe appeared to have settled into a holding pattern of helping Ukraine just enough to keep its head above water but not enough for it to prevail A Nato official said it may take a second shock of the magnitude of a full scale

invasion by Russia to jolt Europeans out of their complacency and spur them to take more radical collective steps to boost their own defenses The Trump return to the White House has delivered that shock Trump as president adopted the Moscow narrative on the origins of the war branded Zelenskyy a dictator subjected him to a humiliating ambush in the Oval Office and cut off arms and intelligence for Kyiv He riled allies with demands that the US take over Greenland part of EU member Denmark retake control of the Panama canal and absorb Canada as the 51st state of the US Europe is crying out for leadership Germany is finally ready to answer London and Paris have taken the lead in trying to moderate Trump and prevent him selling out Ukraine while organizing a European mobilization to support Kyiv The European Commission has put forward a collaborative rearmament plan centered on €150bn in EU loans The UK France Germany and Nordic countries are working on a phased European takeover of US Nato responsibilities over five to 10 years to be put to Trump before a Nato summit in June A de facto European security council may limit the damage from the Trump geopolitical wrecking ball and prevent a security vacuum in Europe Trump may vacate the top Nato military post of Supreme Allied Commander Europe which has existed since 1951 with Eisenhower in the role The transition may be sudden unilateral and chaotic rather than gradual consensual and negotiated That would be a true stress test of whether Europeans can handle their own security in an increasingly lawless world of predatory great powers

4 France Belgium The Netherlands and Germany [The Trump Policies Worry Scientists France and Others](#)

[Put Out a Welcome Mat](#) [RAWSEP View](#) The good news is that fired United States Federal scientists doing vital research have a place to go in the European Union The bad news is because of Trump policies the United States is experiencing a scientific brain drain [From the article headline](#) European universities have begun recruiting researchers who lost their jobs in the Trump cost cutting efforts or are anxious over perceived threats to academic freedom [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The

New York Times March 25 2025 Just hours after opening its new program for American researchers called Safe Place For Science in reaction to Trump administration policies Aix Marseille University received its first application Since then the university in the south of France known for its science programs has received about a dozen applications per day from what the school considers scientific asylum seekers Other universities in France and elsewhere in Europe have also rushed to save American researchers fleeing drastic cuts to jobs and programs by the Trump administration as well as perceived attacks on whole fields of research At stake are not just individual jobs but the concept of free scientific inquiry They are rushing to fill huge holes in collective research caused by the cuts particularly in areas targeted by the Trump administration including studies of climate change public health and environmental science It could mean the reversal of the long term brain drain that has seen generations of scientists move to the United States This program is to declare what is happening in the United States is not normal said Éric Berton president of Aix Marseille University which has earmarked 15 million euros nearly \$16300000 for 15 three year positions He said the number of openings was not much but the goal was to give them a little hope In France Aix Marseille University is considered a leader in the push to bring in American researchers Since that program started a cancer research foundation in Paris announced it was immediately putting up 35 million euros to welcome American cancer researchers And last week two universities in Paris announced they were offering positions to American scientists whose work has been curtailed or halted by the Trump administration A European Commission spokesperson said a meeting was being planned to coordinate the most effective response to the Trump administration cuts to

scientific research In Brussels two sister universities Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Université Libre de Bruxelles said they planned to market to American students 36 postdoctoral positions open to international researchers The positions largely funded by European Union money will focus on research in climate In the Netherlands the minister of education culture and science Eppo Bruins announced that he wanted to set up a fund in the very short term to attract leading scientists in a variety of fields While he did not mention Trump directly he hinted at it to the Dutch House of Representatives The geopolitical climate is changing which is currently increasing the international mobility of scientists he wrote Several European countries are responding to this and are going to attract international scientific talent A German economist who is member of the leading economic council in Germany urged European governments to increase investment in science to attract out of work researchers from the United States

5 Germany [The New Parliament of Germany Is Sworn In With Women a Rarer Sight](#) [RAWSEP View](#) The good news is that Germany has lifted its debt brake allowing Germany to access money to truly help Ukraine defend itself against Russia The bad news is that the CDU CSU which now leads Germany has a lower percentage of women MPs than the previous leader the SPD had [From the article headline](#) The class of lawmakers taking office is noticeably more male and less diverse than the constituents it will represent [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The New York Times March 25 2025 Three and a half years after the only woman to serve as chancellor Angela Merkel retired German national politics seems to be backsliding when it comes to gender parity The new German Parliament that was sworn in on Tuesday is more male and than the one before it Only 32 percent of the 630 new lawmakers are women a drop from 35 percent when the last Parliament was formed in 2021 The number of women in the highest elected body has been stagnating since 2013 when it hit a high of 36 percent One reason for the loss of women members is the political drift to the right in Germany where right wing parties tend to have fewer female lawmakers In the Parliament the Bundestag women make up only 12 percent of the hard right Alternative for Germany known as the AfD 23 percent of the Merz conservative Christian Democratic Union 25 percent of its Bavarian only sister party the Christian Social Union and 42 percent among center left Social Democrats Only among the smallest parties in Parliament the Greens and Die Linke both on the left are female parliamentarians in the majority When Olaf Scholz formed his cabinet in 2021 he vowed that he would name as many women to be ministers as men That balance stayed in place until Christine Lambrecht the defense minister was forced to resign after several missteps and was replaced by a man Mechthild Heil who leads a group of women in the Merz party went public with her concerns about the subordinate role women play in the party writing a letter to Merz and demanding that women hold 50 percent of the leadership roles in Parliament I can give you many examples of really competent women who are not even sitting on the negotiating teams now Without women present during negotiations she said important issues could be missed one reason so few women are represented is that the pool of candidates is relatively small Many women she said have to deal with dual pressures of work and raising a family Another problem she says is that many networks within political parties especially when it comes to the Christian Democratic Union formed years ago when even fewer women were in position of power

6 Germany [German parliament sits for first time with AfD as main opposition](#) [RAWSEP View](#) The good news is that a coalition between the CDU CSU and the SPD has quickly formed The bad news is that the

firewall against the neo Nazi AfD must be stronger against a larger opposition in the AfD just elected **From the article headline** Far right party doubles its number of seats while chancellor in waiting Friedrich Merz hopes to form government before Easter **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 25 2025 The 630 members of the Bundestag 230 of whom are newly elected will sit in parliament The AfD has doubled its number of seats to 152 while centrist parties are overhauling the German military and fiscal policy in response to rising threats to European security The MPs taking seats on Tuesday range in age from 23 to 84 The youngest is Luke Hoss a student from the far left Die Linke who has promised to give away most of his €11000 a month salary The oldest is Alexander Gauland a former journalist from the AfD who in 2018 downplayed Hitler and the Nazis The new parliament contains about 100 fewer MPs than the previous one Fewer than a third of MPs in the new Bundestag are women slightly below the share in the previous legislature The gender inequality is lowest in the Greens with women sixty one point two percent of MPs and highest gender inequality is in the AfD with women 11 point 8 percent Women are also greatly underrepresented in the center right with women twenty two point six percent of MPs in the Christian Democratic Union CDU and women twenty five percent of MPs in the Christian Social Union CSU The CDU/CSU has nominated the CDU party treasurer Julia Klöckner to be Bundestag president a position similar to that of the speaker in other countries Tense coalition talks are under way between the CDU/CSU the largest faction in parliament and the Social Democratic party SPD The chancellor in waiting Merz hopes to form a government before Easter The probable incoming government scored an early win this month after securing the support of the Greens to amend the constitution and loosen the debt brake of Germany The Debt Brake Lift approved on Friday by the Bundesrat a legislative body akin to an upper house of parliament paves the way for a debt financed package of investments in defense infrastructure and climate action The proposal would have failed to in this new parliament which contains a blocking minority from the AfD and Die Linke who oppose sending weapons to Ukraine

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