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Former “Monkeypox Czar” Quits CDC Over Vaccine, LGBTQ Policy Changes

The Biden administration’s [“monkeypox czar,”](#) who urged his fellow homosexuals to live it up during an outbreak of that disease, resigned from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Thursday because, in his opinion, the agency is now “in the hands of people focusing on ideological self-interest.”

Then-Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases Demetre Daskalakis gave his notice after then-CDC Director Susan Monarez was [fired](#) following a dispute with Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.



AP Images
Demetre Daskalakis in 2022

Daskalakis made certain the whole world knew why he was leaving his sacred trust at the CDC. On Wednesday evening, he posted — in the words of Daily Caller editor-at-large [Geoffrey Ingersoll](#) — “his nauseatingly self-righteous [resignation letter](#)” on X.

“Enough is enough,” declared Daskalakis, who is fed up with Kennedy’s unwillingness to trust the “experts” who apply “the gold standard science of CDC” to matters of public health. However, as Kennedy [pointed out](#) recently, the CDC website lists abortion (under the rubric of “family planning”) and water fluoridation as two of the 20th century’s [10 greatest public-health achievements](#). Add to that the whole Covid-19 fiasco, and it is simply impossible to swallow the notion that the CDC is an apolitical agency dedicated to public health.

Vaccine Booster

Daskalakis — described (with proof) by the [Conservative Read](#) as “a gay pentagram wearing radical leftist” — makes it quite clear that he is no neutral scientist, either.

For example, he gripes that the CDC’s recent decision to remove the Covid-19 vaccines from the schedule for children and “pregnant people” — a phrase he uses twice in his letter — “threaten[s]” their “lives.” This, of course, is patent nonsense. Kids are in practically zero danger from Covid-19, and young adults are at very minimal risk. “Put flatly,” observed Ingersoll, “[there’s no evidence](#) [vaccination] should even be a consideration for those cohorts unless they have significant, and rare, comorbid health issues.”

Daskalakis also criticizes Kennedy’s decision to release a “frequently asked questions” document about the vaccine decision “without input from CDC subject matter experts.” “I have never ... seen such unskilled manipulation of data to achieve a political end rather than the good of the American people,” he writes.

Apparently, though, he’s okay with *skilled* data manipulation. After all, he was at the CDC throughout the pandemic, during which time he is not known to have challenged any of the agency’s ever-changing



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pronouncements about masks, social distancing, lockdowns, vaccines, or any other so-called mitigation measures. Despite the unscientific, blatantly political nature of these recommendations, Daskalakis' conscience didn't seem to bother him enough to speak up or quit. But now, he says, he must "align my professional responsibilities to my system of ethics and my understanding of the science."

Monkeypox Business

When there was science that clearly supported a policy that conflicted with his personal and political desires, Daskalakis was only too happy to ignore it. Charged with arresting the spread of monkeypox, a disease known to be transmitted by homosexual intercourse, Daskalakis did exactly the opposite.

Whereas, according to the public-health "experts," nearly all public activities had to be canceled to prevent the spread of Covid-19 because people could not be trusted to gauge the risks of attending such events, Daskalakis [told](#) MSNBC regarding monkeypox, "One person's idea of risk is another person's idea of a great festival, or Friday night, for that matter." Instead of telling people to avoid gay sex, Daskalakis simply wanted to "get the word out in a way that supports people's joy." In another interview, he said he made sure that the CDC website offered "clear and culturally appropriate guidance," including such things as "fetish gear" and "leather and latex."

In a 2020 interview in which he offered advice on group sex, Daskalakis said, "In the last five or six years, we shifted the entire dialogue around sexual health to making sure we support a pleasurable life, rather than create an impossible standard of abstinence."

Daskalakis warns that the Trump administration's "desire to please a political base will result in death and disability," yet what does encouraging practices known to transmit monkeypox and AIDS, among other things, do?

Greek Mythology

It isn't hard to figure out what Daskalakis' top priority is. Besides including "he/him/his" in his signature, he writes:

For decades, I have been a trusted voice for the LGBTQ community when it comes to critical health topics. I must also cite the recklessness of the administration in their efforts to erase transgender populations, cease critical domestic and international HIV programming, and terminate key research to support equity as part of my decision.

For good measure, he trots out the Left's favorite anti-Trump buzzwords: "authoritarian" and "fascist." He says his namesake grandfather "stood up to fascist forces in Greece and lost his life doing so. I am resigning to make him and his legacy proud." He blames the "authoritarian" Kennedy for the August 8 [shooting](#) at CDC headquarters:

I am resigning because of the cowardice of a leader that cannot admit that HIS and his minions' words over decades created an environment where violence like this can occur. I reject his and his colleagues' thoughts and prayers, and advise they direct those to people that they have not actively harmed.

Not surprisingly, the CDC did not take Daskalakis up on his offer to "stay on for two weeks to provide transition, if requested." He was [escorted](#) out of CDC headquarters Thursday.



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