

Hi Greg,


My Bluesky post is a line lifted from the story and it’s referring to the interview by Jocelyn Kaiser. You are framing this as my calling Jay Bhattacharya a “liar.” I use no such language. Those are your words.

.Jocelyn was referring to the Nature article. Thacker characterized it as:

In fact, Nature had speculated the new policy might end all foreign awards.

Kozlov, the author of the *Nature*, article addressed this:

With NIH director Jayanta Bhattacharya dismissing my reporting as "false" and "spreading rumors" hours before releasing a policy that confirmed said "rumors," I feel compelled to respond. Here's an inside look into how I reported this story, and how NIH tried to shut it down. 🗞️



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My article was about subawards and the impact of the policy. There is no ambiguity, so please do not take it out of context and cherry pick. In the interview, Jocelyn attempts, repeatedly, to discuss the distinction he is making, and he returns to discussing a point about all collaborations and rumors—a point she is not pursuing. This is not addressing her question about a policy change—announced within hours—that has serious ramifications for many foreign collaborations, as my article with Meredith Wadman explains. To my mind, it introduces some ambiguity about the impact that cutting the sub awards will have on foreign collaborations in the eyes of American researchers, as our story explains.

Thacker has long made unfair, inaccurate criticisms of me and my work that attempt to defame me. I have responded to him in detail. And I have addressed his criticisms elsewhere, too.

See my response to him that he posted at the end of his inaccurate and unfair article here.



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They Called Him “Crooked Cohen”
disinformationchronicle.substack.com

See my response to allegations about the anonymous e-mail I received, which he and other inaccurately describe as a “whistleblower” e-mail:

On Jan 15, 2023, at 10:11 AM, Lorne Rosen (BIOETHICS) (U) <lorne.rosen@bioethics.org> wrote:

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Be cautious of this email.

I work in the NIH Division of Information Policy and we have a copy in litigation that contains some of your articles. Attached are 3 pages containing an email forwarded to me by Dr. John Anderson and several others. Did they then forward to Dr. Rosen. Do you have any commercial interest in this material? It's difficult to discern whether you were planning an article for Science on this topic or not. Please let me know as soon as possible whether we should protect any of this as confidential commercial information. I have also attached some guidance on what constitutes confidential commercial information.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

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I am working in the field in Africa, and will be slow to respond to any further questions. I hope you take the time to read what I’m sending and to sort out what is accurate and inaccurate, fair and unfair. Thacker, as I wrote to him, has an agenda.

Best,

Jon