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Jay Bhattacharya, the the agency's director, has made a point of welcoming dissent. A letter from his officials will test that.

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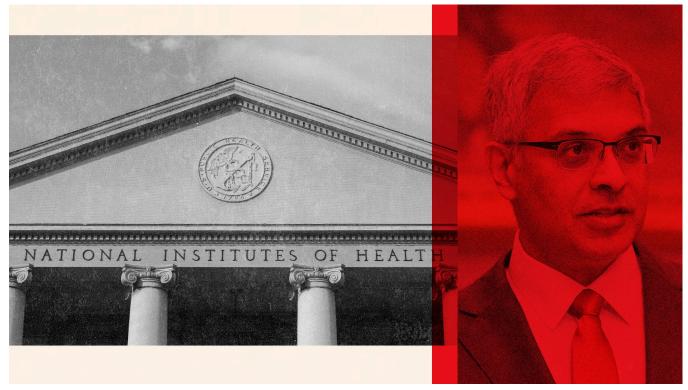


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Since winning President Donald Trump's nomination to serve as the director of the National Institutes of Health, Jay Bhattacharya—a health economist and <u>prominent</u> <u>COVID contrarian</u> who advocated for reopening society in the early months of the pandemic—has pledged himself to a culture of dissent. "Dissent is the very essence of science," Bhattacharya said at his confirmation hearing in March. "I'll foster a culture where NIH leadership will actively encourage different perspectives and create an

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