

US Admits Waging InfoWar Against Russia's Sputnik Vaccine to "Combat Malign Influence"

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The Kremlin on Tuesday called out [what's it's dubbed](#) the "unprecedented" propaganda war against Russia's Sputnik V vaccine. The words were issued by spokesman Dmitry Peskov in response to widespread allegations that the United States is actively trying to dissuade its allies from purchasing the Russian-produced vaccine. This despite [the emerging scientific consensus](#) that's found it to be at least 91% effective while further preventing inoculated persons from becoming severely ill.

The Kremlin is responding to newly emerged proof that the US intervened with the largest country in South America, Brazil. *The Washington Post* [details that](#) "Buried deep in the dry, 72-page annual report of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services lay a startling admission: U.S. health officials under President Donald Trump worked to convince Brazil to reject Russia's Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine."

US Dep. of Health publicly confirmed that it pressured Brazil against Sputnik V. We believe countries should work together to save lives. Efforts to undermine the vaccines are unethical and are costing lives.

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— Sputnik V (@sputnikvaccine) [March 15, 2021](#)

Brazil has long stood as the second highest COVID-19 infected country in the world behind the US, with over 11.5 confirmed infections so far (with the US now approaching the 30 million mark).

Here's the key controversial section from the [71-page document](#). The section is entitled "Combatting malignant influence in the Americas"...

Combatting malign influences in the Americas: OGA used diplomatic relations in the Americas region to mitigate efforts by states, including Cuba, Venezuela, and Russia, who are working to increase their influence in the region to the detriment of US safety and security. OGA coordinated with other U.S. government agencies to strengthen diplomatic ties and offer technical and humanitarian assistance to dissuade countries in the region from accepting aid from these ill-intentioned states. Examples include using OGA's Health Attaché office to persuade Brazil to reject the Russian COVID-19 vaccine, and offering CDC technical assistance in lieu of Panama accepting an offer of Cuban doctors.

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Brazil's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has since claimed it never received directives or "consultations" such as are described in the report from the US, with a statement saying, "the Embassy of Brazil in Washington has not received consultations or actions from United States authorities or companies regarding the possible purchase, by Brazil, of the Russian vaccine against Covid-19."

Kremlin spokesman Peskov in his comments didn't name the allegations specifically but only denounced generally that "In many countries the scale of pressure is quite unprecedented... such selfish attempts to force countries to abandon any vaccines have no prospects."

"We believe that there should be as many doses of vaccines as possible so that all countries, including the poorest, have the opportunity to stop the pandemic," Peskov added.

Thus far neither the US Embassy in Moscow nor the US Department of State have responded, according to Reuters.

However, the annual HHS report clearly constitutes a "smoking gun" admission which details that Washington does indeed have a covert policy of blocking the Sputnik V vaccine's spread. This is ironic given one would think Washington would be more focused on *combatting the spread of the pandemic itself*, regardless of politics or geopolitical maneuvering.

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