

I've spent several days on radio this week

discussing, the latest Revelations concerning the origin of covid-19, and a number of callers have asked a question that I find absurd and it's this.

Who cares, what does it matter? Whether the virus began by jumping naturally from Wildlife to people or whether it escaped from a lab,

I have a hunch as to why they've asked me that it's political, they worry that if the Escape scenario is proven, it will be a win for the other Team. So they'd rather, we not ask, but recent developments they demand answers

This week. The Wall Street Journal broke, the story that according to us intelligence in November of 2019, three researchers from China's Wuhan Institute of virology became sick Enough to Warrant hospital care.

The details of the reporting went beyond what the state department had revealed in the final days of the Trump

Administration. When it said that several researchers became sick with symptoms consistent with covid, November is when many epidemiologists and virologist believe the virus first began circulating around the city of Wuhan.

This was just the latest in a series of revelations that have caused many, who initially dismissed the lab League [leak] theory to reconsider

among those is Donald G, McNeil Jr. Former science writer for the New York Times

who recently published an essay titled, how I learned to stop worrying and love the lab leak Theory, McNeil credits, a former colleague with causing his reflection.

That former colleague is Nicholas Wade who himself wrote recently for the bulletin of atomic scientists. Wade does not come to a conclusion but says, neither the natural Escape Theory nor the natural emergence hypothesis can be ruled out. And as for why the Escape hypothesis was given short shrift, he noted this

because President Trump said the virus had escaped from a Wuhan lab editors gave, the idea little Credence, they joined the virologist sin regarding lab. Escape as a dismissable conspiracy theory during the Trump Administration, they had no trouble in rejecting the position of the intelligence services, that Lab Escape could not be ruled out. But when Avril, Haines President, Biden's Director of National Intelligence said, the same thing. She too was largely ignored.

This is not to argue that editors should have endorsed the Lab Escape scenario. Merely that they should have explored the possibility fully and fairly

Facebook even went so far. Far as to ban posts, claiming covid-19 and made or manufactured they reverse that policy this week.

President, Joe, Biden, this spring. Shut down a State Department investigation into whether the virus could have

leaked from the Chinese lab deeming. The probe and in effective use of resources but on Wednesday Biden, change course, ordering intelligence officials to redouble efforts to investigate the origin of covid and report back to them within 90 days. But how many will be ready to listen? Get those results.

Sadly, the origin of covid-19 has become yet another of those issues where we suit up in our partisan armor before we have all the facts. Trump said X I say Y

Trump believes the Escape theory that I'm going to go with an alternative explanation and the natural progression of this thinking, among some is to not want there to be any answer of any kind, because it might conflict with their predetermined views case in point this caller on my Sirius XM Radio.

Oh Graham. Virus that's killed three and a half million people. Worldwide of Paramount. Concern is preventing it from happening again if this resulted from so-called gain-of-function research than whether such as Airman tation. Should continue has to be considered, so to the funding.

And if the Chinese were negligent and or engaged in cover up, the world should know. And there needs to be accountability and maybe compensation paid. That's why we need to know.

Now it's a time where I want to know what you're thinking based on what we know at this stage go to my website, it's reconyx.com and answer this week's. Survey question did the covid-19 virus originated naturally poor by a lab Leaf?

Joining me now to discuss is the aforementioned And Nicholas Wade sighs. It's writer editor author. Who's worked

on the staff of nature science. And for many years, the New York Times

first question, is there any history of viruses, escaping from even the best run labs? Well, yes, there's a long history of very bad viruses, such as smallpox escaping from Labs with high containment on average that's being about one, bad escape a year, that we know of and program or returned and coming to recent times, as the case of the [t]sar's one virus that caused the South one epidemic. 2002 that one's a real escape artist. It's escaped six times already four times from the Beijing Institute of archaeology.

Your essay is a very deep dive and it includes the fact that doctor she the so-called bat lady set out to create novel, coronavirus has with the highest possible infection of human cells explain this in Lay terms and its significance. Well,

what she was doing was taking the spike protein to solve some viruses that there's a little knobs that come out of the

surface desires and determine its Target. The Target on human cells

and she was putting them into the genomes of other viruses to see how the the infectivity was affected.

And the reason she was doing this was the same as soldiers around the world. Do these gain-of-function experiments to try and get a jump ahead of what's going to happen naturally. And they say this will help them predict some for stole the next epidemic.

I made clear at the outset mr. Way, that you don't come to a conclusion you think that the natural emergence and Lab Escape hypotheses. That neither can be ruled out but and I'll put this on the screen. You say that proponents of Lab Escape have a pretty strong case quote, it's documented that researchers at the Wuhan Institute of virology, we're doing gain-of-function experiments. Designed to make coronavirus has infect human cells and humanized mice. This is exactly the kind of experiment from

Which source to like virus could have emerged. The researchers were not vaccinated against the viruses under study and they were not working in the minimal safety conditions of a bsl-2 laboratory. So Escape of a virus would not at all be surprising in all of China, the pandemic broke out on the doorstep of the Wuhan Institute.

Okay, here's the question. So what's lacking then for the scientific Community to say this is where it began.

Well, what's that can use direct proof? We have no direct proof of either Lab, Escape all-natural engines. We'll all we can do is take the available evidence and say which scenario explains the evidence better. And, and I believe that Lab Escape jobs to get the proof. You suggest what we need to see is the records from the wedding suit of armor.

In sealed up by the Chinese government.

In your essay you also and I hope people will take the time to read it. You also the politics of this interest me, you said that two letters on which many relied meeting many in the scientific Community. Peter Das ich I hope I'm doing right by the name and Christian Andersen were really political not scientific and yet they were amazingly effective explain.

Well I flew, stop those two groups of virologists capture the national line set. They persuaded the means to the mainstream media but there was nothing to look at. It was obviously a case of natural emergence just move on and mainstream media that newspapers and television networks. They just falls into that story without doing any serious digging of their own. And that's why we've been in this sort of delusion for more The media has let us down by failing to investigate a very flimsy story that these two groups of artists who puts up and looking Beyond it to the actual facts of what was happening in doctor, she slab or which is a matter of public record in the US as I lay down in my house.

You heard my? Opening commentary. Do you agree with my premise that the thinking among some is, if Donald Trump were advocating it, they didn't want to hear it and they were going to go in the other direction.

Yes, use disastrous, when Mr. Trump, made his statement, the virus has definitely come from the Wuhan laughs. I'm sure what is intelligence Services. Probably told him was, there's no, he can't really sharp, which is a different matter,

but his statement then polarized, the issue. Everyone prefers to talk about politics rather than the scientific teacher. Also sure are hard to understand. So we went round in this Tokyo relevant debate about what Trump said what he didn't say.

Final question. Will we ever know?

Yes, I hope we will. I hope if and if enough people and enough countries say that we think I'm present evidence the virus came from a Chinese laughs that will for the first time put pressure on China's who open up and cooperating with

the rest of the world in trying to prevent another such and
Ma there are alternatives will be to become the world's
Pariah and and tells them. Cool. Heads in Beijing, may decide
it's better to The cooperate and tell us what they know.

Nicholas Wade. Thank you.

What are your thoughts? Tweet me out to work on us. Go to
my Facebook page, I'll read some responses throughout the
course of the program from the world of Twitter Smerconish.
I believe it came from animals and China, tried to experiment
and learn about it and it got out of hand. But at the end of the
day, who cares?

Let's control it vaccinate. Wear a mask and watch your
distance. I care. Alex, I care because in your assessment
there's no accountability for the Chinese. If in fact, the story
is different than they've led us to believe and and

He just heard from Nicholas Wade, explaining that and you
heard what he said, so make your own mind. But I believe I

heard him say that those records from the Wuhan Institute of virology would instruct us on this issue of whether the so-called bat lady was doing experimentation that had unforeseen consequences. Meaning there's an answer out there but they've got to give it to us. I want to know what you think, go to my website at Smerconish.com this hour and answer this week's survey. Question did the covid-19 virus?

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Sir. Or by Lab Lake up ahead. The New England Patriots Infamous Spygate videotaping. Cheating scandal happen almost 15 years ago but we're just now learning, there's apparently more to that story. The Late Senator Arlen Specter, once wrote that someone had offered him. Quote, a lot of money in Palm Beach to drop the investigation. Now, his son, Shane inspector, joins me to discuss his explosive allegation. He says that person who offered his dad money was former President Donald J Trump.