

Vinay Prasad is a professor at UC San Francisco with left-leaning political opinions but who was a gadfly to the establishment on Covid policy. He may not have been as plumb-line as you and I, but he seems like an honest man who hasn't hesitated to admit when he's been wrong, and likewise hasn't hesitated to criticize what we laughingly call "The Science."

Thus he said flat out: "It is irrational to mask." He opposed the school closures. He opposes the mainstream recommendations on Paxlovid and the shots. He's criticized the CDC for its phony-baloney numbers intended to panic people about an alleged Covid threat to kids.

So it was a good sign when the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) invited Prasad to keynote its annual meeting next month.

Until it didn't.

A vocal minority of crazies on Twitter registered their strong disapproval. Prasad, they insisted, had spread "misinformation" about Covid, and his invitation was a "spit in the face" to people who had suffered with the disease.

The ACCP immediately caved. They sent Prasad a letter saying they were rescinding his invitation because of complaints, and that was that. He was given no opportunity to defend himself.

The meeting will be a giant echo chamber, just the way the thought controllers like it.

His talk wasn't even going to be about Covid. He recalls:

"We agreed my talk would focus on whether medical evidence should have an expiration date. In other words, as conditions change (less smoking; more obesity), should doctors and pharmacists regularly reassess the evidence for our pharmaceutical treatments?

"I invite my critics to disagree with me on any of my positions and to change my mind. Like any good scientist, I *have* changed my mind over the course of Covid.... But instead of debate or dialogue, the ACCP organizers preferred to cancel my talk on a topic unrelated to Covid....

"What does it say that small groups of people online can cancel talks?"

Prasad further wonders what kind of country we're creating when the message being broadcast to young would-be practitioners is: keep your mouth shut, or there will be consequences.