Trump slams HHS watchdog for report on hospital shortages, rips WHO

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President Trump on Tuesday again lashed out at the Department of Health and Human Services inspector general, accusing her of political bias after she compiled a report about serious shortages of supplies and equipment at many US hospitals.

“Why didn’t the I.G., who spent 8 years with the Obama Administration (Did she Report on the failed H1N1 Swine Flu debacle where 17,000 people died?), want to talk to the Admirals, Generals, V.P. & others in charge, before doing her report. Another Fake Dossier!” [he tweeted](https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1247545358705664002), referring to Christi Grimm, who began her government career 20 years ago under President Bill Clinton and was appointed to her current job in 2020.

The president also assailed the World Health Organization [in another tweet](https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1247540701291638787), accusing the body of favoring China over the US.

“The W.H.O. really blew it. For some reason, funded largely by the United States, yet very China centric. We will be giving that a good look. Fortunately I rejected their advice on keeping our borders open to China early on. Why did they give us such a faulty recommendation?” Trump wrote.

The president’s attacks on Grimm, who has served in both Republican and Democratic administrations, [began a day earlier](https://nypost.com/2020/04/06/president-trump-smears-watchdog-report-it-is-wrong/) when reporters asked about the report during the daily briefing by the White House coronavirus task force.

“It is wrong,” Trump said, incorrectly referring to her as an “Obama appointee” as he defended the administration’s efforts to supply hospitals with masks, protective clothing and ventilators.

“So, give me the name of the inspector general? Could politics be entered into that?”

### [Trump blasts watchdog report claiming shortage of medical supplies](https://nypost.com/2020/04/06/president-trump-smears-watchdog-report-it-is-wrong/)

Trump’s attacks on Grimm came days after he [fired Michael Atkinson](https://nypost.com/2020/04/06/trump-defends-firing-terrible-intel-watchdog-michael-atkinson/), the IG for the intelligence community who gave Congress a copy of the whistleblower’s complaint about Trump’s call with the president of Ukraine, which led to his impeachment.

Atkinson was required by law to share the information if he found it credible, but the president insisted he should not have handed it over.

Trump ordered travel restrictions on people arriving from China in January to ward off spread of the virus here.

The WHO opposed the move at the time, as did some Democrats and others.

Since the virus was first detected in Wuhan, China, on New Year’s Eve, [430,000 people have arrived in the US](https://nypost.com/2020/04/06/430k-people-have-come-to-us-from-china-since-coronavirus-crisis/) from China, including about 40,000 since the ban was enacted.

The WHO also downplayed the severity of the outbreak.

“Preliminary investigations conducted by the Chinese authorities have found no clear evidence of human-to-human transmission,” the group tweeted in mid-January.

The agency took a full week to reverse that misinformation, [according to the Wall Street Journal](https://www.wsj.com/articles/world-health-coronavirus-disinformation-11586122093).