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# Attorney General Ken Paxton Sues Pfizer for Misrepresenting COVID-19 Vaccine Efficacy and Conspiring to Censor Public Discourse

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has sued Pfizer, Inc., for unlawfully misrepresenting the effectiveness of the company's COVID-19 vaccine and attempting to censor public discussion of the product.

Pfizer engaged in false, deceptive, and misleading acts and practices by making unsupported claims regarding the company's COVID-19 vaccine in violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

The pharmaceutical company's widespread representation that its vaccine possessed 95% efficacy against infection was highly misleading. That metric represented a calculation of the so-called "relative risk reduction" for vaccinated individuals in Pfizer's initial, two-month clinical trial results. FDA publications indicate "relative risk reduction" is a misleading statistic that "unduly influence[s]" consumer choice. Pfizer was also put on

notice at that time that vaccine protection could not accurately be predicted beyond two months. Nevertheless, Pfizer fostered a misleading impression that vaccine protection was durable and withheld from the public information that undermined its claims about the duration of protection. And, despite the fact that its clinical trial failed to measure whether the vaccine protects against transmission, Pfizer embarked on a campaign to intimidate the public into getting the vaccine as a necessary measure to protect their loved ones.

In fact, Pfizer's product failed to live up to the company's representations. COVID-19 cases increased after widespread vaccine administration, and some areas saw a greater percentage of deaths from COVID-19 among the vaccinated population than the unvaccinated. When the failure of its product became apparent, Pfizer then pivoted to silencing truth-tellers. The lawsuit notes: "How did Pfizer respond when it became apparent that its vaccine was failing and the viability of its cash cow was threatened? By intimidating those spreading the truth, and by conspiring to censor its critics. Pfizer labeled as 'criminals' those who spread facts about the vaccine. It accused them of spreading 'misinformation.' And it coerced social media platforms to silence prominent truth-tellers."

"We are pursuing justice for the people of Texas, many of whom were coerced by tyrannical vaccine mandates to take a defective product sold by lies," said Attorney General Paxton. "The facts are clear. Pfizer did not tell the truth about their COVID-19 vaccines. Whereas the Biden Administration weaponized the pandemic to force illegal public health decrees on the public and enrich pharmaceutical companies, I will use every tool I have to protect our citizens who were misled and harmed by Pfizer's actions."

The lawsuit follows Attorney General Paxton's [investigation](https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/news/releases/paxton-launches-investigation-gain-function-research-and-misrepresentations-covid-19-vaccine?utm_content=&) ([https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/news/releases/paxton-launches-investigation-gain-function-research-and-misrepresentations-covid-19-vaccine?utm\\_content=&](https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/news/releases/paxton-launches-investigation-gain-function-research-and-misrepresentations-covid-19-vaccine?utm_content=&)

[utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=\)](#) into Pfizer and other vaccine manufacturers announced earlier this year.

To read the petition, [click here \(/sites/default/files/images/press/Pfizer%20Vaccine%20Petition%20Filed.pdf\)](/sites/default/files/images/press/Pfizer%20Vaccine%20Petition%20Filed.pdf).

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