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Misinformation and censorship concerns at the US Dept of HHS. A threat to scientific integrity?

Recent developments at the US Dept of Health and Human Services (HHS) have raised alarm amongst the scientific community. The new nominee to lead the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) has co-founded a new scientific journal, sparking concerns about the potential spread of misinformation.

Simultaneously, the US government has removed key CDC web pages covering critical health topics. Scientists and health-care professionals warn of the risks to data accessibility and integrity and its impact on research and public health efforts. This has sparked global efforts to archive and preserve essential data, highlighting tensions between science, policy, and public trust.



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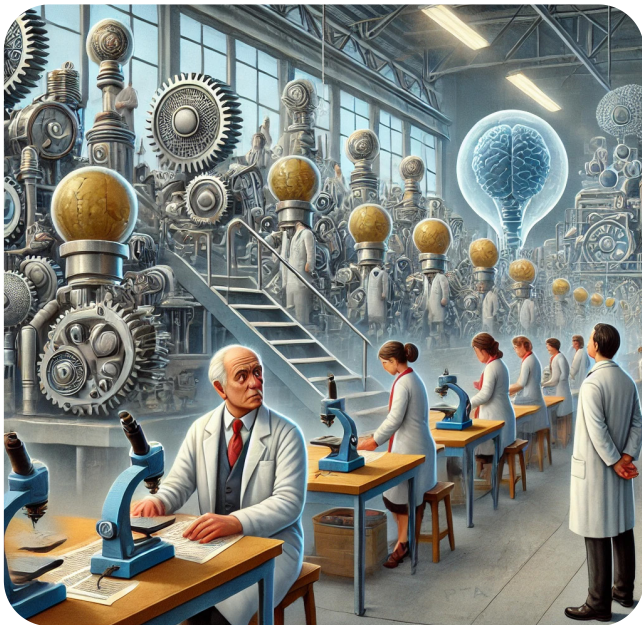
Scientists globally are racing to save vital health databases taken down amid Trump chaos



Judge orders CDC and FDA to restore web pages removed after Trump order

We have heard of “Paper Mills” generating fake papers, but “Patent Mills”?

A new investigation has exposed the rise of “Patent Mills”, operations that sell scientists co-inventorship on questionable medical device patents. Much like paper mills that produce fake research papers, these services exploit academic systems that reward patent filings, regardless of their credibility or practicality. Patent mills offer researchers a way to boost their credentials by listing them as co-inventors on implausible technologies. This trend distorts global innovation metrics raising serious ethical concerns threatening scientific integrity. Experts warn that such practices could undermine public trust in legitimate research and devalue genuine technological advancements.



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