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David:

You were so very kind to me in this article. Thank you so much.
Warm regards,
Tony

Coronavirus hero: Anthony Fauci is a great public servant in a time of great public need

Fauci is the world's leading authority on infectious diseases and the best person in the country to help us deal with the COVID-19 crisis.

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Some viewers of the daily White House coronavirus briefings may wonder why everyone increasingly defers to a diminutive, Brooklyn-accented 79-year-old doctor, Tony Fauci.

They do because, as I have learned over many years of talking with and more recently interviewing this man, he is without doubt the world's leading authority on infectious diseases. In any area of human activity or knowledge, there always seems to be one person who is the global gold standard. In the world of infectious diseases that person is Tony Fauci.

So the American people — indeed, people around the globe — should be grateful that Tony has dug into this crisis with the same work-around-the-clock, just-the-facts ma'am style that he has used while serving under and working with [six U.S. presidents](#). He is as apolitical as anyone can be. I have no idea if he is registered with any political party; I suspect though that he is rabidly Independent. His only focus is getting the facts out, providing the best health care treatment and information possible, and saving lives.

A top expert from AIDS to Ebola

Tony Fauci [joined the National Institutes of Health](#) in 1968, after completing his medical training at Weill Cornell Medical Center, and he has led the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease [since 1984](#) — 36 years. Hard to believe anyone can run anything that long and still be at the top of his game. But Tony is. During this period, he has dealt with every serious infectious disease challenge — malaria, Among Tony's best known accomplishments, beyond simply running the institute and training dozens of the world's top infectious disease professionals, has been helping to discover how HIV leads to AIDS and, later, leading the effort to create (at President George W. Bush's direction) the [President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief](#) (PEPFAR), which has transformed the treatment of HIV/AIDS in Africa, and other parts of the developing world. Millions of lives have been saved by this program alone. More recently, he has been an architect and powerful advocate of President Donald Trump's [plan for ending](#) the AIDS epidemic in the U.S. through HIV antiretroviral therapy targeted to disease hotspots.