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Dear Dr. Fauci,

Thank you very much for courageous and tireless efforts to defeat the coronavirus pandemic.

One of the statements attributed to you puzzled me.

The article

Dr. Anthony Fauci Says He Would Like a 'Dramatic' Reduction of Personal Interactions at Social Gatherings to Fight Coronavirus, by [Donica Phifer](https://www.newsweek.com/donica-phifer), [newsweek.com](https://www.newsweek.com)

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<https://www.newsweek.com/dr-anthony-fauci-says-he-would-like-dramatic-reduction-personal-interactions-social-1492410>"

quotes you as saying,

"I've said many times if you just leave it alone and left the virus to its own devices then it'll go way up and it'll come down naturally over a period of several weeks," Fauci said. "Unfortunately for our colleagues in Italy, in France, and certainly in China, that's what happened."