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From: DANIEL GAGNON (b) (6)
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To: "Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]" (b) (6) >
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Dr. Fauci:

I appreciated your office calling me last Thursday regarding my email concern below on the **Covid 19** virus epidemic. The fact that China has a larger percentage of smokers in its population may have something to do with the faster spreading of the virus there. Male smokers outnumber females by a huge number and are therefore dying in much higher numbers because of that fact.

Has anyone at CDC looked into when a person is around cigarette smokers that the particles of smoke land onto a person's clothing. That person then comes home with those smoke particles on their clothing and they can be shed when the clothes are removed from their body thus placing the possible virus-laden particles back into the air at home to infect others. Just smell your clothes the next day and you can no doubt smell smoke on them. Has this case in point been looked into as a possible means of spreading the virus? Since a side effect of the virus is the patient developing pneumonia would giving an elderly person the Prevacid 13 shot help strengthen their immune system before the virus ever strikes them?

I wish you & other virologist God Speed with finding a vaccine that will stop the spread of this epidemic.

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