D.he renowned American immunologist [Anthony Fauci](https://www.faz.net/aktuell/gesellschaft/thema/anthony-fauci) is relieved that after the departure of President Donald Trump in the White House he can once again let the facts speak for himself. "We let science speak," said Fauci on Thursday in front of journalists at government headquarters in Washington. "It's kind of a feeling of relief," said the immunologist, who is now advising the new president, Democrat Joe Biden.

With [Trump](https://www.faz.net/aktuell/politik/thema/donald-trump) there were moments when things were communicated that were not based on scientific facts, Fauci said. As an example, he cited Trump's ongoing promotion of the malaria drug hydroxychloroquine as a corona drug, although its effectiveness has not been proven. "It was really uncomfortable because it wasn't based on scientific facts," said Fauci. On another occasion, Trump brought disinfectant spraying into play as a possible corona healing method.

With Trump, he did not have the feeling that he could contradict him without negative consequences, said Fauci. That will be different with [Biden](https://www.faz.net/aktuell/politik/thema/joe-biden) , as the president assured him in a conversation a few minutes ago, said the immunologist. In the future, action and communication would always be transparent and based on scientific findings, promised Fauci.