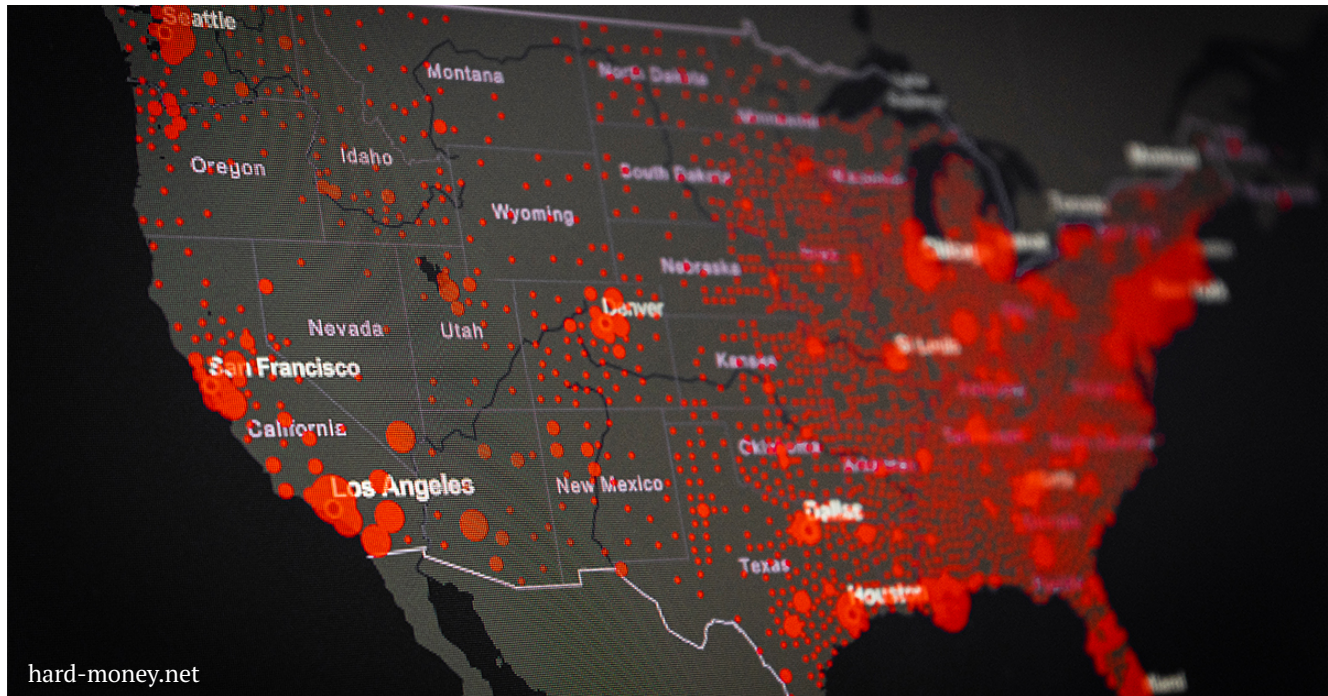


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FDA Approves Covid Vaccine After 340,000,000 Person Clinical Trial

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Food and drug administration isn't just a great way to spend the weekend, it's also the name of the agency in charge of US consumer safety. Their existence makes a clear statement – If you want to drug the populace, you'll have to go through us first. Since 1906 the FDA has stuck to this mission. Nowadays they are more diligent than ever.

Facing a nation hungry for a solution to the Covid-19 pandemic, the FDA stood fast. As the arbiters of America's food supply, the agency is well versed in catastrophic outcomes of seemingly harmless approvals. Still feeling embarrassment from their decision to approve the Big Mac in 1967, FDA officials resolved not to jump the gun this time. They followed a simple mantra: we need more data.

Clinical trials for the new mRNA vaccine began the moment the CDC returned from the 11-year lunch break they took after containing the swine flu. Now, about a year later, the results are in. 340,000,000 people participated in the trial, and after poring over the results, the vaccine has finally been approved for use in the United States. With such a powerful study to

point to, anxiety at the FDA headquarters is the lowest it has been since 1981 — the year Xanax was approved.

Knowing the vaccine is safe, the only concern now is whether people will take it or not. Our public health correspondent asked Melvin Combs, a prominent Anti-Vaccination advocate, for his reaction to the new study. After taking a week to examine the published report with a careful eye, Combs said “Their theoretical assumptions are consistent and their methodology is aligned with the principles of good clinical practice. In light of this evidence, I’ve changed my mind, and now I will be taking the vaccine as soon as I can.”

The official FDA report on the study will be published directly to the collective consciousness of the American public via our existing information-sharing infrastructure: the fragmented network of second-hand tellings and hearsay that distributes critical knowledge by word of mouth in homes, parks, schools, and internet forums across the country.

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