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### Bush Dropped The Ball on Flu Vaccines

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The evidence is mounting that the Bush-run FDA completely **dropped the ball on the flu vaccines**. Everyone knew for years it was dumb to rely on one or two sources for vaccines. Other countries had multiple plans in place to deal with "unexpected" problems.

But now it's clearer that the screw-ups at the vaccine plant were seen as early as 1999 -- when the Clinton-run FDA sent a warning letter saying they would take legal action if the plant didn't fix the problems. Then the FDA found problems in 2001, 2003, and 2004 -- and did nothing. So when your elderly parent has to stand in line for hours to get a flu shot or when you have to hack and cough your way through an illness because they told you to skip your shot this year, you know who to thank: Bush.



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