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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; Pleading the Fifth]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Plus, what's next for Dr. Fauci after he pleaded the Fifth more than 100 times. Will Republican lawmakers hold him in contempt?

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STEPHANOPOULOS: And Jay, a sign of the times, that Dr. Fauci hearing yesterday about as partisan as it gets.

JAY O'BRIEN: It was. And now, after that hearing, the chair of that committee, Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky, says he wants to move to hold Dr. Fauci in contempt of Congress after Fauci pled the Fifth more than 100 times in that fiery hearing yesterday. Fauci said he did so as a way of protecting himself because he accused Paul of having, in his words, a — a “unhinged obsession” with putting him in prison. Paul has said that because Fauci has this preemptive pardon from President Biden that covers Fauci's time in government, he may not be allowed to exercise his constitutional right to plead the Fifth. But Paul acknowledged to me that's an untested legal theory that the courts are going to have to settle.