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'We could open up again and forget the whole thing'

Epidemiologist Knut Wittkowski on the deadly consequences of lockdown.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari A thoughtful discussion of this issues by a physician in California. Worth the watch!

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Lynda Levy And Knut Wittkowski has an apt first name! He's a herd immunity nut - look how well that approach worked in the UK!

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Mia Teresa I can't say I agree with you. Your first article speaks of the virus not being dangerous to healthy young individuals. How do you explain these young people on ventilators, ECMO, etc. And not doing well?

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John Kobus Mia Teresa you need to define "healthy". Being young doesn't mean healthy. Those at risk besides age are type 2 diabetes, heart disease, pulmonary issues and the obese. A majority of the deaths due to Covid 19 can be linked to one or more of these comorbidities.

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Mia Teresa John Kobus 'healthy' I mean normally active people runners people with no medical history

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Justin Doran Mia Teresa https://www.reddit.com/.../covid19_relative_ifr_by_age.../

There's always outliers. Break down the total number of people dead by age group and co-morbidities and you'll see that for someone 45 years or younger with no co-morbidities, the chance of dying is infinitesimally small. Yes, it's still important for young people to take precautions to avoid spreading it. Especially to older, at risk groups. But let's not spread bad information. The numbers given by the CDC show that almost no young healthy people are dying from this.



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COVID-19 relative IFR by age (updated and annotated)

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Mia Teresa Justin Doran not the most reputable source-reddit

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Justin Doran Mia Teresa did you read the article? The source of the statistics is not Redt. The author of the article cites all his sources and they are legit. I'm not trying to say the virus isn't serious. I'm not saying that young healthy people aren't getting sick and dying. I'm saying that the numbers indicate that a very, very, very small % of overall deaths comes from young healthy people. I can find young healthy people who have died of heart attacks. Young men who get prostate cancer. Young people even get Alzheimer's. The important question is, what %. What you describing are statistical outliers and, with the data we now have, it's just wrong to imply that young people need to be worried about dying from Covid. (Unless you're also afraid of heart attacks and rare cancers and other statistically unlikely ailments).

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Mia Teresa Justin Doran Im not going to argue with you. I just don't agree, especially as a healthcare provider.

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Leslie Fox We all know of the periodic tragedies we hear about on the high school playing field. The heartbreaking stories about a player with no known cardiac issues who suddenly collapses and dies. Teams require yearly physicals and yet sometimes these events happen. Does that mean we should ban all track of field? Risk is a part of life....we do our best but there is no way to prevent everything.
 The question is what are reasonably agreed upon precautions? After that, people or participants must make up their own minds. And the lawyers stand ready either way!

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Justin Doran Yes Mia, I saw that you're a nurse. My mom is as well and I understand that these are rough times for healthcare practitioners. Thanks for your being there for the people that need it. I don't want to argue either. I just want to supply concrete numbers for people reading this thread. If there's any young person out there reading this, just look at the numbers.

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Mia Teresa **Justin Doran** for regular young people that social distance and wash their hands their chances probably aren't too great for getting it. But for those that aren't able to stay home, for whatever reason, need to be a little more concerned and vigilant

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Justin Doran Sure. Everyone should wash their hands, wear a mask when venturing out of the house, and in general, be wary of putting other people at risk. Even young people. I agree with you there. I just disagree with the level of threat this poses to healthy young people. The numbers show the risk is very low.

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Sarah Kampel Of course we need to reopen the economy and if everyone would just wear a mask, we could certainly begin the process. The backlash against masks is boggling my mind. There is so much stupid going around.

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Rosie Ortiz Sarah Kampel 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌 exactly!!!!

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A.c. Adams But masks are ineffective. Even the CDC states that.

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Joe Lewis A.c. Adams False.
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 Generally misleading, unless we are still reading into guidance during April.

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 **Sarah Kampel** A.c. Adams Just. Plain. Wrong.
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 **A.c. Adams** Same source, different advice:
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 **Sarah Kampel** A.c. Adams my article supersedes yours, yours was from March. The guidelines have been revised. At the time your article was released there was a PPE shortage for first responders.


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 **A.c. Adams** Sarah Kampel But the "research" quoted from your article is purely experimental. Have you read the study? I have.


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 **Sarah Kampel** A.c. Adams yep. I have and there's enough data to make it worth wearing a mask. Why is it such a big freaking deal to wear the darn mask? If everyone kept their droplets contained we really could start opening a lot of things back up, but the non mask people only think about themselves.


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 **A.c. Adams** Because science. If you take N95 and N99 masks--which are considered the top tier of filtrating masks--filter 0.3 microns. The largest COVID virions are smaller than that (The 2019-nCoV particles varied from about 60 to 140 nm—that means as small as 0.06 microns all the way to 0.14 microns. This is from NEJM.)


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 **Sarah Kampel** A.c. Adams you do you. I'm done.

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 **A.c. Adams** Of course...because you have no science leg to stand on.

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 **Joe Lewis** Did someone just counter a fox News article with another fox News article.
 Man. We are that bored huh?

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Sarah Kampel **Joe Lewis** yep. I picked fox because I know that's the only source some people will listen to 😂

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Caroline Curley Silvey **A.c. Adams** new study : <https://www.google.com/.../coronavirus-wearing-a-mask-can...>



CNBC.COM

Wearing a mask can significantly reduce coronavirus transmission,...

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🙄 I really wish people would stop berating others for not wearing a mask all the time. There literally is a debate as to whether or not wearing them is helpful or not, or to what degree. Here is an initial study of covid patients who coughed while wearing a cloth or surgical mask - and the covid germs go right through them. I'm sure they are working on additional follow up studies that look at different scenarios.

<https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-1342>



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Joe Lewis Watching conclusion shopping from an elected official is not a good look.

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Sarah Kampel **Virginia Beissel Manzari** it's because none of the anti-mask people realize that it's not about them! So yes, berating happens. I wear one to protect YOU when I'm in public! And if you won't return that simple favor, well, that tells me everything I need to know about you. I'm amazed that as a council member you've chosen this hill to die on. Hope it won't be literally when you run out there to reopen everything without a stitch of protection 🙄

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🙄 Again, putting words in my mouth. Here are my ACTUAL words again: "There literally is a debate as to whether or not wearing them is helpful or not, or to what degree. Here is an initial study of covid patients who coughed while wearing a cloth or surgical mask - and the covid germs go right through them." My father in law (a pulmonary physician) sent me this study.

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Sarah Kampel **Virginia Beissel Manzari** the headline on your op is literally 'We could open up again and forget the whole thing' and I'm putting words in your mouth? Ok.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🇺🇸 Here are my comments: We need to open up the economy! Flattening the curve was never meant to prevent the population from getting Covid, it was done to avoid overwhelming hospitals by spreading out the same number of infections over time. We did that. It is unreasonable, unprecedented, and unnecessary to wait for a vaccine that may never come.

Again, it's time to get back to normal!

I stand by them.

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Joe Lewis Its totally within an individuals purview to put themselves at risk to get sick. Its your freedom to do so.

However its no one's right, nor freedom, to put the general public at risk to getting sick.

This is why we are at home.

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Atharv Kulkarni **Joe Lewis** those who wish to stay home can do so. Then we are not putting them at risk by choosing to leave the house.

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Joe Lewis That counter point holds for about one second.

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Eric Holder **Joe Lewis**. Every time you operate a vehicle you " put the general public at risk" every time you every engage in an interaction you have created a level of risk. There is no situation in which two humans engage were there is not risk. Using risk a sole determination for what defines how others exercise their rights is not suffecient. You must define what level of risk is appropriate.

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Joe Lewis Theres a lot going on here. The general guidance is as follows:

- If you need to go out for essential needs, as laid out by Executive Order, do so.
- If you need to go out for needs outside of what is outlined in the Executive Order, don't.

So basically. If you need to go out to replenish things crucial to your survival, do so. Otherwise, stay at home.

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Joe Lewis If we are talking about a risk scale for something like.... lets say eating, here's how something like that can go:

No Risk: Preparing Food at home with supplies from your own home

Low Risk: Ordering food to be delivered to your home.

Moderate Risk: Driving to your favorite eatery for curbside pick up

High Risk: Eating Out at your favorite place,

For most all things that involve going out will have a moderate to high risk. What we can do is trust that health professionals and local governments assess the viability of every profession and open things gradually based on the Moderate and High Risk of infection for every common activity.

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Michael Ashworth **Joe Lewis** It's also not an individual's right to burden the healthcare system and put providers at risk!

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Eric Holder **Joe Lewis**. I meant more along the lines of your evidence for assuming that opening the country is a high risk of death situation

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Eric Holder **Michael Ashworth**. Lol so youre just fabricating rights now? It's your duty as an American to read and understand the constitution. Fulfill your duty

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Joe Lewis Theres a lot going on here.

However, the country cannot open up as a collective. That is what makes this process so tricky. Every state has varying degrees of exposure to Covid-19. What is making this increasing difficult for some and frustrating to others is this truth. The timetable for things to open in New Jersey are totally going to be different than Alaska.

So what does this mean?

Do we do it based on the areas with the most infections or with the fewest?

Would opening up based on the global trend diminish areas that are trending upward?

Would staying longer have adverse affects on areas that may be ready to enter the stages of opening right now?

These are all questions states and the fed have to think about.

The general consensus however is that opening now is dangerous for everyone, regardless of where they live.

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Eric Holder **Joe Lewis**. Why not open up now and allow low risk individuals to operate. Those who are fearful, old, and immunocompromised stay home and limit interactions. There is massive costs everyday we allow for this shutdown. At some point the quarantine conditions become worse than the disease itself

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Atharv Kulkarni **Joe Lewis** how does it hold for one second? Are people being forced to leave their houses?

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Joe Lewis There is no way to know who are low risk individuals.

For perspective, even if we go by the highest totals, only <1% of the US population is confirmed to have Covid-19. This number is most likely higher, but there really is no way to know because the US really punted the ball.

We don't have the data to know the susceptibility of the virus. Why? Because its still being researched as we speak.

So in short, we don't have the data to know who is low risk. So why even suggest something that we have no way of knowing for sure?

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🙄 **Joe Lewis**, That is just not correct.

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Eric Holder **Joe Lewis**. Huh? It's established that people under 40 are low risk. Unless they have had a history of lung disease. Data is being sourced from various nations and they all come to that same conclusion.

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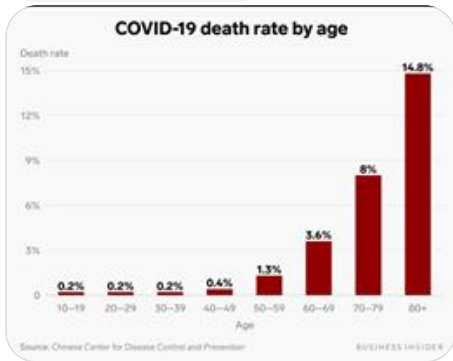
Atharv Kulkarni **Jenhau Chen** I know I can. I was speaking in the context of opening the economy and allowed low risk workers to operate.

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Joe Lewis Its cool. She won't respond with data. That's usually how conclusion fishing works

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Eric Holder **Joe Lewis**



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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🙄 Here's some data for you **Joe Lewis** ...

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How Fear, Groupthink Drove Unnecessary Global Lockdowns...

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Joe Lewis Do you have any articles that are not opinion pieces?

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Joe Lewis Also, just so we are clear, there is no data to suggest who is actually low risk.

We have a very good idea from the data who is high risk, that is true; over 60 and underlying condition.

But we cannot really reliably confirm medium to low risk because the sample size of people who are infected is very small.

We are talking somewhere around 1~% of the United State is confirmed to be infected. That is still a very, /very/ large number. Unfortunately that's still not good enough to confirm low risk factors.

Pandemic viruses are not the same as something like the seasonal flu.

With pandemic viruses, its rare that the population has built in immunity, so it can infect anyone.

We don't have enough information about Covid-19 to safely "open up".

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Eric Holder Actually, laws of statics tell us that sample size does not need to be extremely large to estimate a sample proportion. As long as the proportion is normally disturbed we can determine the mean.

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Shantanu Saha This whole "you all have to risk your families' lives so I can get a haircut" message is not a good look from a politician. I WILL remember it at your next election.

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Shekhar Deshpande Shantanu Saha exactly my thoughts!!

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Joe Lewis Her term ends in 2021 sadly

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🙄 **Shantanu Saha** Are you addressing me? Where did I say "you all have to risk your families' lives so I can get a haircut"? I'll answer for you: I didn't say that. What I did say was that our economy cannot wait for a vaccine that may never come (they have been working on an HIV vaccine for decades but still don't have one). And I did say that the shutdown was initiated so that hospitals were not over-run with patients. We did that. Also, the models that were used to justify the shutdown (and which included social distancing) were found to be completely wrong, by an order of magnitude. Yet our response hasn't changed. Here we are, months later, still in shut down. It makes no sense, given what we now know. I am looking at data, not basing this on fear.

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Jennifer Dreher Winebarger Virginia Beissel Manzari you absolutely should not be saying bc we do not have a vaccine for HIV despite years of research that strengthens some belief you have that we may never have a vaccine for Covid. These viruses are very different and Covid does not continuously mutate like HIV. Don't make comparisons when you clearly lack understanding as to why HIV has been so difficult to treat. The likelihood of a covid vaccine is pretty high if you look at data by people that actually know what they are talking about.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🙄 They may develop one and they may not. As I said, despite a lot of effort and money spent on it, they were unable to develop one for HIV. My point is, you can't put the economy on "pause" for an indefinite period of time while you try to find a vaccine. And, the data is now showing that this virus isn't nearly as deadly as they thought it was initially, by a huge margin. And btw, they have never successfully developed a vaccine for the other coronaviruses either.

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Brandon Castro Virginia Beissel Manzari I'm not so sure you understand how a communicable virus works.

I mean like, I'm not a doctor. But my understanding is still a little more sophisticated than, "graph go flat, graph stay flat, right? ok nice business man open business shop again."

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Sandra Black Duffy YOU get back to normal; I'll stay alive.

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Kraf Tee <https://www.usatoday.com/.../fact-check-herd.../5156368002/>



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Fact check: Herd immunity would not fully stop the spread of coronavirus

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Paritosh Desai Are you serious???

We flattened the curve by staying at home. It's flattening, but NOTHING else has changed. The virus is still rampant in NJ and killing people daily. It continues to affect people with ailments and older people disproportionately. It's symptoms still show up 2-3 weeks later, until which time, infections can grow exponentially. And finally, there is NO cure yet.

And you're saying it's time to get back to normal??

Here is the reality - Until this virus is eliminated completely (how? that's another discussion), this IS the new normal.

You start banging on the drums like this, you will contribute to the next hypercurve.

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Kraf Tee We all have opinions, and some really strong feelings. At the end of the day, we all want the same thing. There is no political conspiracy. Patience, perseverance, and a little kindness will be the things that get us through this.

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Kraf Tee Also, what do you mean by "Get back to normal"? Even if you open everything up, you know that's not how it works, right?

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Solomon Guhl-Miller Because people pushed like this before the second wave of the Spanish flu, there was a devastating second wave of the Spanish flu.

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Vasanti Subramanian Anand Agree. Just maintain social distancing regulations. But you can never go back to normalcy. Still need to prevent a resurgence.

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Laura Sullivan Coen We are all going to have to adjust and get comfortable with the "new normals" which will be occurring over the next few months and maybe even years. Many things will still be in your control and some will not. Figure out your risks and what you are comfortable with. And let others do the same for themselves.

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Kathy Casey Gordon Go ahead girl! Make sure you put everyone in your family and friends on the line first!!! I am all for it! Buh-bye!!!

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Justin Fruhling "I'm starting to feel less depressed, so I don't need to take my depression medication anymore!"

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A.c. Adams The reason why we will have a deadlier second wave is because we are not allowing the current (and milder) strain to process through society. 85% of those who contract will recover; those odds will decrease significantly with a more virulent, mutated strain.

If you think this strain is deadly now, just wait until the second wave.

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Joanne Glover Opinions. Opinions. Opinions. For every opinion there's another opinion debating it. It's become ridiculous. I'm just using my common sense and staying in.

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Andrew Wilhelm Agree 100%. Anyone who thinks quarantine is going to beat Covid is delusional. If the next peak needs to be flattened by more than sensible social interactions and proper hand washing we do it all over again. But hiding under your bed is not going to make Covid go away, and throwing around this second wave like it's not going to come, or is not a requirement to stay this virus, is fear mongering plain and simple.

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Justin Fruhling We've seen what happened when various places across the country and world reopened. It ended badly for them. Quarantining isn't going to kill the virus, but it sure will help stop us from being killed by it.

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Andrew Wilhelm Justin I'm not saying you should risk yourself against Covid. That's your decision. I'm saying the government needs to stop telling everyone what to decide and let us make our own decision based on the data. Data, which I might add, is horribly misrepresented in the media.

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Justin Fruhling [Andrew Wilhelm](#) That's fair. That said, it's mostly been up to local governments, and it seems that as soon as any of them loosen up a little, like open bars in Wisconsin or beaches in Florida, people gather in groups and spread the disease around some more. In theory, people should be allowed to make their own decisions and go out while taking proper precautions, but in practice, a lot of people make stupid decisions and endanger themselves and others.

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Andrew Wilhelm Justin stupid people are stupid. Always have been. Crowded bars and subway cars should certainly be avoided, wearing a face mask for the safety of others should be mandatory. Somethings cannot be avoided like grocery and drug stores, so wear gloves and / or wash your hands thoroughly.
All I know is there are people out there facing some real tough decisions, like do I get breakfast or my prescription tough, because they are unable to work. They shouldn't have to starve over a virus that can be relatively controlled with better hygiene habits, common courtesy, and common sense.

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Justin Fruhling [Andrew Wilhelm](#) Yeah, that I can agree with.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🙄 [Justin Fruhling](#) FYI, it has not been up to local governments. The orders are given by the state governments.

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Justin Fruhling [Virginia Beissel Manzari](#) Ah, sorry about that. Yes, state governments as opposed to federal and local.

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Andrew Wilhelm Jenhau what does this have to do with the GOP? And as for your non constructive input, I am more likely to die in car accident on my way to see a friend than I am from contracting Covid. It is the elderly and otherwise compromised that we need to protect. Oh yeah, and the non elderly or compromised who are ill informed and so terrified that they are more than happy to take other people's livelihood away to ensure their own safety from a perceived threat. Let's not forget that group. They are, after all, the ones who emptied the stores of toilet paper.

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Andrew Wilhelm Jenhau oh ok. So nothing intelligent to add, just witty name calling. I'm gonna go back to the adult conversation now.

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Brandon Castro **Andrew Wilhelm** Yeah, because people who work for coercive employers, who can't stop working due to threat of starvation or financial hardship, who might be undocumented, who might be immuno-compromised, who might live with or have to care for someone who is, are really in a position to make a rational decision about going back to work based on data and their own personal freedom and liberty.

Get a grip. The world isn't your enlightenment-era philosopher fantasy role playing party.

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Andrew Wilhelm **Brandon** got it. So you should make the decision for them. That's a much better alternative. Unfortunately the world is not your totalitarian dictatorship to decide the fates of others either.

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Andrew Wilhelm Sorry, I meant fortunately.

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Brandon Castro **Andrew Wilhelm** Yeah dude, decisions made to reduce scum bag employers from exploiting a worker's need to eat during a public health crisis is definitely the equivalent of a "totalitarian dictatorship."

Any outcome-focused policy is basically totalitarian.

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Brandon Castro **Andrew Wilhelm** Actually bro, do me a favor: define totalitarian

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Andrew Wilhelm **Brandon** totalitarian is where you get to make the tough decisions on behalf of the person being impacted so they are not allowed to. As an example, take a dentist. Dentistry is a very important service, no arguments I hope, and typically (of course there are exceptions) non emergent. Therefore the current status of my dentist is closed. Now, and I agree with you, it is a tough decision for my dentist to pick between the risk that I may show up for my usual cleaning and be an asymptomatic carrier of Covid versus feeding his family. Your suggestion that he lacks the mental capacity to be informed enough to make that decision notwithstanding, you have decided that he needs to remain closed. I am suggesting that you do not have a right to do that, and that he is intelligent enough, and more importantly the only person with the right, to make that decision.

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Brandon Castro **Andrew Wilhelm** Incredible

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Deb Okorodudu I think one of the reasons a lot of people are pushing back on his ideas is that there isn't certainty as to whether or not you can be reinfected, and how long immunity, if any lasts. This is a novel virus, and a lot is still unknown. I won't be going anywhere without a mask for some time, now. In addition, young people, while safer, can certainly spread CV to their parents, teachers, etc.

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Deb Okorodudu There is a statement by Rockefeller University, essentially disavowing him. I encourage everyone to do their own research, seek multiple sources, and not just latch on to views that make you feel good. This guy could be right, but the fact that the vast majority of virologists and epidemiologist disagree with his view, causes me to at least question what he is saying.

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Caroline Curley Silvey Deb Okorodudu 👍 Well said. Caution is warranted until science catches up.

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Esther Sun Spiked online 😊 That is an interesting name of the site

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Todd Reynolds Posted this a few days back: Here's where we are.. We have the "Get back out there Group" .. We have the " Hell No, Wont Go" Group... and then the " I'm going out but want to be protected and safe" Group. Guess What?? In the end people are going to do what they want to do.. period! I'm in the third group. I will wear a mask, gloves, and take whatever precautions necessary to keep me , my family and employees safe. Whatever group you belong to really does not effect the other groups. For example: If your in the Get Back out There group, you can only really effect your own group(because you'r all back out there together) and I assume the infection rate and corresponding medical issues will go up in some degree for this group. If I have my protections up you really can't effect me. Obviously the Hell No, Wont go group will be at home safe 😊. It would be much harder for me to infect any of the other groups because I am protecting them by wearing and practicing the proper protection.

I say this to say that yes the country is opening up to one degree or another and depending on what group you are in will typically dictate your outcome.

Freedom of Choice does not mean Freedom From Consequence!

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Diane Marolda I'm all for reopening. But....The only way to reopen and STAY open is to KNOW IT, TEST IT, TRACK IT, TREAT IT, and eventually cure it with a vaccine . Without robust testing available, even if u open you WILL close once your business gets it. You lose employees 2 weeks post exposure and then another 2 more post illness without testing. I'm on the front line and I have NEVER seen so many healthcare providers spooked by what we are seeing in terms of morbidity . Kids, healthy adults . It's mutating and it's nasty. Until the current administration gets their act together and (starts wearing a mask themselves) leads a national effort its every state for themselves competing with each other. Public health is a federal responsibility. Complete irresponsibility promoting hydroxychloroquine in the absence of clinical trial data to support it . Dangerous on so many levels . Less medicine available for those who actually need it. I could go on and on.... the biggest obstacle to opening the economy is sitting in the oval office

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Caroline Curley Silvey Diane Marolda Hear hear !

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Virginia Beissel Manzari ☹️ **Diane Marolda** Physicians routinely use medications off label (with no clinical trials to support it). It happens every single day. And in the case of hydroxychloroquine (which has been around since the 50s), many doctors across the country are using it for Covid with great success. I've seen several interviews, and each of them said they've had near 100% success with it. There is ample supply, and some hospitals are actually making it in their own labs. It really is between a patient and his or her doctor to determine if they should be taking it.

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Diane Marolda **Virginia Beissel Manzari** you have no idea what you are talking about. It has been part of our treatment protocols (along with many others, which EVOLVE, like the virus, weekly!) for ICU patients. Sometimes it helps sometimes it doesn't. Also causes prolonged QT interval (cardiac, that is why I know this!)) and liver failure. Not tested at all for prevention (with no ICU or telemetry monitoring!) Interesting that is the focus of your response. As I have said to you before, as an elected official you have a responsibility for your words on a page like this. This is not your personal FB page with your friend group.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari ☹️ Really, Diane? Which part do you disagree with?

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Virginia Beissel Manzari ☹️ So let me break this down, so I understand you. Physicians routinely use meds off label. That is 100% true. Happens every day. True. HQC has been around since the 50s. True. Many docs using it with great success, some have had near 100% success with it. True (see video below for just one example). Ample supply, some hospitals making it in house (Saw this on a nightly news clip. Would have to search for it, but i have no reason to not believe it.) Up to the patient and his or her doc to determine whether it's an option for them. Always true. So....what is it that I got so wrong? <https://www.foxnews.com/.../dr-stephen-smith-on...>

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Dr. Stephen Smith on effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine: 'I think...

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Virginia Beissel Manzari ☹️ For the record, I never said that it would work for everyone or that it wouldn't cause issues for some. I said it's up the patient and doc to decide. Honestly, that should go for every medical decision.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari ☹️ The reason I responded to your statement about HQC was because you said it was "completely irresponsible" to promote it without a clinical trial. That is simply not true, and it is irresponsible to say that. For some people, hydroxychloroquine might just be what saves their lives!

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Jerry Olcsvary Have you been paying attention to what is going on? I can't believe you are an elected official. But then again, I can't believe a lot of people are elected officials. I am behind opening the country, too. But use your brain. I think you are going to lose at the next election. Well done!



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Virginia Beissel Manzari ☹️ **Jerry Olcsvary** I have been paying attention. I've read a lot. I've watched interviews with physicians. I've had many conversations with my father in law who is a pulmonary physician, who happens to agree with me. I also get emails and calls every single day from residents who want to go back to work and are worried about losing their jobs or their businesses. They are worried they won't be able to continue feeding their families. I've heard from people who haven't been able to get medical procedures done because they are deemed 'non-essential.' There are CLEARLY two sides to this, and I am looking at both of them. The data simply doesn't support continuing an un-ending shutdown.

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Jerry Olcsvary good luck.

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Joe Lewis **Virginia Beissel Manzari** Maybe we should call upon then Fed and State governments to do a better job at taking care of Americans so people are not choosing to risk their life over a pay check.



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Jerry Olcsvary
<https://www.nytimes.com/.../us/coronavirus-cases-deaths.html>

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🗣️ Perhaps the NJ governor should have taken the approach of the Florida governor. Instead of Murphy's draconian measures - locking everyone down, treating all NJ counties as if they are the same as Bergen County, forcing nursing homes to take Covid patients, and releasing Covid-positive prisoners into the general public, he should have been doing what DeSantis did - using a targeted approach to protect those at greater risk (sending in the National Guard to clean the nursing homes, repeatedly and steadfastly testing patients and healthcare workers, and removing them from the nursing home if they tested positive, etc).

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🗣️ Yes, I agree, but only part of NJ was in the middle of the biggest hotspot. Basically the suburbs of New York City. So is it right that people in south Jersey - where there are very few cases - are going to food banks because they can't afford to feed their families, because the governor is treating them the same way he's treating Bergen County? I don't think so.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🗣️ "[S]he's somebody that's got a degree in journalism communication and geography. She is not involved in collating any data, she does not have the expertise to do that," DeSantis said Tuesday after Vice President Pence was asked about the case.

"She is not an epidemiologist, she is not the chief architect of our web portal, that is another false statement, and what she was doing was she was putting data on the portal, which the scientists didn't believe was valid data," the Florida governor added. "So she didn't listen to the people who were her superiors, she had many people above her in the chain of command and so said she was dismissed because of that." <https://www.msn.com/.../desantis-defends.../ar-BB14ni37...>

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Jerry Olcsvary What were your thoughts when the president was warned at the beginning of the year and he flat out ignored this? See people like you are trying to divide the country on this topic when it's time to work together and overcome this in a thoughtful manner. Murphy IS opening the state in a calculated way, following the advice of non partisan doctors and scientists. YOUR president ignored this and played golf as he was warned to act on this quickly. The rest of the world is united on putting life first, then business.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari Jerry Olcsvary, why did you bring the President into this discussion? I haven't said anything political or partisan. I am talking about the data that we now have that indicates that Covid is not nearly as deadly as initial predicted, and that the current lockdown situation was done as a temporary measure to prevent a run on hospitals, and that the economy cannot be on hold indefinitely.

With regard to your comments about the timeline of events, it seems you have quite a few errors there.

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Jerry Olcsvary This timeline?



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Dan Fabrizio Jerry Olcsvary Jerry, I hope you never consider running for public office, your just not fit for it and i no idea what you do for a living. Best wishes.

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Jerry Olcsvary Dan Fabrizio thanks Dan 😊 You've added a lot to the debate. Which. Shouldn't be a debate. I want to reopen more than Virginia does, but I also want to stay healthy. If we did not fire our pandemic team in 2018 and we acted in a timely fashion, we wouldn't be bickering about this. The Fed Chairman has already said this economy is going to be screwed for the next few years. Why rush into reopening now? So big business doesn't have to pay unemployment Id bet.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🇺🇸 The CCP allowed this disease to spread, lied about it, and silenced experts from sounding the alarm. The WHO covered for them. Taiwan tried to sound the alarm and the WHO (which doesn't even acknowledge Taiwan as a country) ignored them. I also remember DiBlasio telling people to ignore Covid and take the subway, go to bars, etc. I remember Biden calling the President racist and xenophobic for enacting a travel ban from China. At the same time I remember Nancy Pelosi touring Chinatown and telling people to come out bc there's nothing to fear. So yeah, there is a lot to learn from the timeline.

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Jerry Olcsvary **Virginia Beissel Manzari** the republican blame game--which are all lies

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Justin Fruhling **Virginia Beissel Manzari** "Perhaps the NJ governor should have taken the approach of the Florida governor."

Opening the beaches and then saying "oops" as tons of people immediately got sick?

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Missy Duttry Pirrera Obviously, this is a complicated issue, with many opinions around it - pro, con and 🤔... I find myself steadfast on some things, looser on others and questioning my own decisions from one day to the next... HERE IS MY QUESTION.

Is **Virginia Beissel Manzari** speaking for herself or representing the entirety of our local government, since she is PRESIDENT OF TOWN COUNCIL.

Hemant Marathe , as we all struggle to make the best decisions we can with the information we've got, is this the overall position of West Windsor's leadership?

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Diane Marolda **Missy Duttry Pirrera** I so agree with you

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Deb Okorodudu **Missy Duttry Pirrera** these are excellent questions, since this post seems to be advocating herd immunity, which is a very controversial subject at best. If you believe what Knut Wittkowski says, then the logical behavior would be to forget masks and social distancing. In fact he is saying we should accelerate exposure. Tread carefully here..

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Joe Lewis I say. Let her keep digging

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🗨️ Missy Duttry Pirrera I never speak for anyone but myself. And I am entitled to an opinion. And FYI, it is the governor who has been making policy on this subject. Not the legislature. Not the individual town councils.

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Kraf Tee Virginia Beissel Manzari thank god

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Jim Gresavage




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Terri Hassett Brown I read through the article at the top of this chain, and there are so many incorrect statements that I am astounded anyone would post it. To anyone who does not think hospitals were overwhelmed, find me ONE nurse who was not overwhelmed.





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Sarah Kampel Terri Hassett Brown and an elected council member posted it no less, how bizarre!



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Lynda Levy Terri and Sarah Kampel - totally agree - concerns me in regard to how WW will be ensuring we come out of this safely

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Virginia Beissel Manzari ☹️ I realize there were lots of hospitals in NJ and NY that were crazy with Covid patients. But yes, I do know plenty of healthcare workers who were not overwhelmed. Some were even in NJ. Some hospitals have laid people off. The temporary hospitals that were built - even in the NY/NJ/Philly hotspots - were barely used and taken down.

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Lynda Levy Yes - those in office based practices and hospital departments not related to COVID - but try talking to anyone in the Princeton ICU and finding someone that was not overwhelmed!

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Virginia Beissel Manzari ☹️ I have a friend who is a respiratory therapist. You can't get more front line than that for Covid. She agrees that we need to get the economy going again. I am far from alone in thinking this.

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Ted Whitby

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Sarah Kampel Ted Whitby can't trust anything coming out of this administration 🙄

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Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo It's all theoretical until one of your loved ones dies. Go ahead sacrifice yourself and your family. The rest of us will stay safe.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari ☹️ Thanks for making that point. I do believe that if people want to go back to work, they should. If they want to open their business, they should. If they want to visit people, they should. If others don't want to, they don't have to. They can stay at home. It has never been ok for the government to pick and choose winners and losers among businesses. Why is it ok to get clothes at Walmart but not at Lord and Taylor (which is going out of business, btw.) Why is it ok to shop at Target but not Nieman Marcus (which is also going out of business). Why can you social distance safely at Costco but not at church? These are arbitrary rules. They don't make sense.

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 **Sarah Kampel** [Virginia Beissel Manzari](#) wait, what? Did you really just say that it's not ok for the government to pick winners and losers among businesses? With this administration in the White House? And it just shows what poor judgement you have to post this all HERE rather than on your personal timeline. Everyone is entitled to an opinion but publicly elected officials may find that expressing them loudly on a public group has consequences.

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 **Virginia Beissel Manzari** 🗨️ When I was elected to council I didn't give up my First Amendment rights to speak or give an opinion. I never said I was speaking on behalf of anyone else. In fact I said I only speak for myself. Funny that I never see you complain about council members that you support when they post publicly. Hmm.

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 **Anthony Azzara** [Virginia Beissel Manzari](#) Arbitrary? I wasn't aware that you could buy food, medicine and diapers at church, Neiman Marcus, or Lord and Taylor. But I know that you can get those things at Walmart, Costco and Target.

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 **Virginia Beissel Manzari** 🗨️ Yes, arbitrary. Who's to say what's essential to an individual? You can buy business clothing at Lord and Taylor but not at Walmart. Many people feel church IS essential. Clearly you don't, and that's your choice. Just as it's my choice to go if I want to. It's not the governor's choice. Closing the parks was idiotic. Sunshine, fresh air, and exercise boost your immune system. Only allowing indoor construction if it was for a government contract, affordable housing, etc but not for individuals or businesses made no sense and had no scientific basis. I could go on, but you get the point.

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 **Sarah Kampel** [Virginia Beissel Manzari](#) council members who I support would never post the kind of stuff you started all this with. They are smart enough to avoid things that will stir up controversial sentiments. If you're so concerned about the opening up issue, the right thing to do would be to work behind the scenes as an elected official to get us to the point of safely opening up, and then tell everyone how you're planning to do it. Not posting garbage conspiracy theories and attention grabbing headlines that are sure to rile people up like your first article. But I think you can see where this has gotten you and like every other adult in the room, you get to live with the consequences of your actions.

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 **Virginia Beissel Manzari** 🗨️ I remember a "council member you support" calling me racist for saying that people should NOT be judged on the color of their skin. I'll take my judgment over hers any day. In any event, here's a great article a friend texted me. It contains plenty of data to expand on what the original article talked about.

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Medha Joshi Virginia Beissel Manzari, I shop at Walmart regularly and they do sell business attire. You could check it out online.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari ☹️ That's funny about the Fox News thing. I actually have been doing a lot of reading. And I regularly chat with my father in law, who is a pulmonary physician. But if it makes you feel better to make this political and make jokes instead of talking about data and the real issues, that's ok, it's your choice. I hope you have a nice evening nonetheless.

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David Culp Virginia Beissel Manzari. Well said.

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Brandon Castro This is the dumbest thing I've ever read

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Robert S Piccione What specifically would you do differently?

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Ketan Sengupta You don't want your constituents dead. Please, be responsible; you're an elected official. Don't prioritize soundbytes over lives.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari ☹️ Wow. Soundbytes over lives? I am concerned about the economic shutdown having devastating effects on residents' lives. I get emails and calls every single day from others who are concerned about the same. Believe it or not, the shutdown is already hurting people. Some of the small businesses in town will not reopen, along with some large ones. People have been laid off and lost their businesses. Some people are so overcome with fear that they are debilitated by it. One parent told me her children are now afraid to get near anyone else. Some have told me they've not been able to get needed medical treatments because the governor deemed them "unessential." Many financial experts believe we are headed towards a depression on steroids. If that happens, we will see poverty, illness, and death way beyond anything Covid shells out.

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Rimma R. Yakobovich Open state! Our country is all about Liberty and Freedom, and personal responsibility. We cannot sustain our country and be regulated by government what business should be open and what should be closed. Gov cannot shut down Worship houses. It is all unamerican.

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Sarah Kampel Did you see what happened in "worship houses" that opened up too soon?

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Fabian Nicieza When we "open back up again" I am never going to wear shoes in a store or stop at a red light ever again because of freedom. Government and private businesses can't tell me what to do except for all the times they tell me what to do.





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Catherine Lawler OConnell Sarah Kampel then you need to stay home you cannot do that to everyone maybe they didn't socially distant correctly we don't know the whole story you cannot close up everything forever my goodness this disease might be here for quite a while or we all going to stay inside forever until a vaccine we won't even have a United States anymore

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Sarah Kampel Catherine Lawler OConnell this was one story but there are more, just do a quick search and see. Those who want to go to houses of worship, feel free. Just sign a waiver at the door saying when you get sick you'll self-treat and not subject the overburdened health care workers to your stupidity 🙄

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🗣️ "The virus is now known to have an infection fatality rate for most people under 65 that is no more dangerous than driving 13 to 101 miles per day. Even by conservative estimates, the odds of COVID-19 death are roughly in line with existing baseline odds of dying in any given year." https://www.realclearpolitics.com/.../how_fear_groupthink...



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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🗣️ "New York City reached over a 25% infection rate and yet 99.98% of all people in the city under 45 survived, making it comparable to death rates by normal accidents."



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Brandon Castro This is, again, misleading. The total death rate in NYC is around 8%. You're mixing up death rate, total deaths, and deaths under 45.

If you're going to throw constituents lives away, at least be precise and intellectually honest: you just don't care if they're poor or old.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🇺🇸 More than half of NJ's deaths are people in nursing homes. The very places that Gov Murphy forced to take covid patients, instead of sending them to one of the many field hospitals that were barely used. If you're looking for someone who doesn't care about poor or old people, you should look his way. What he should have done was a more targeted approach to protecting the elderly and immune compromised. He should have sent the National Guard in to clean nursing homes. He should have insisted on frequent and comprehensive testing of residents and workers in long term care facilities. And he should have focused on the NJ counties which are suburbs of NYC. Instead, he took a hammer to NJ's economy, released covid-positive prisoners into the general population, shuttered small businesses, locked down healthy people, and closed the state and county parks.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🇺🇸 "Sweden never closed down borders, primary schools, restaurants, or businesses, and never mandated masks, yet 99.998% of all their people under 60 have survived and their hospitals were never overburdened."

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Brandon Castro Sweden's death rate is at 12%. That's double the US death rate.

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Jenhau Chen
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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🇺🇸 Deaths per million: Belgium 801, Spain 597, UK 537, Italy 535, France 419, Sweden 376, Netherlands 334, Ireland 324, US 285. All of those countries had significant lockdowns except for Sweden. ([statista.com](https://www-statista-com.translate.googl/statista.com))



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Brandon Castro *Virginia Beissel Manzari* This is so bafflingly stupid I don't even know where to begin.

A. That link doesn't take me to any meaningful data
B. You're referring to deaths per capita, which is different than the death rate. The death rate refers to the amount of people who are infected, who die from the disease. Sweden's death rate is at 12%. Because this is a nasty virus that ravages the elderly and immuno-compromised.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/sweden-coronavirus-plan...>

Surprisingly decent reporting from Business Insider here. I recommend you read the whole article, but I know you won't, so here's the kicker:

"But Sweden's death toll — at 3,698 on Tuesday — has soared above its Nordic neighbors that locked down early.

Per capita, its deaths are about four times those in Denmark and eight times those in Norway — countries with similar healthcare systems, political systems, and population densities."

Grow up and do your research before hocking conspiracy theories and reactionary garbage to West Windsor's conservative base.



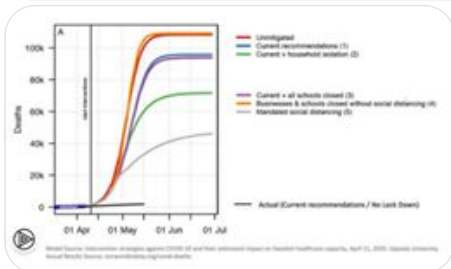
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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🇸🇪 A. Facebook included the link on it's own. B. Here is a chart of Sweden's predicted (modeled) deaths vs actual...



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Brandon Castro *Virginia Beissel Manzari* d... did you even review the entire OWID page that provided the data for this graph?

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🗨️ "The March 16 report by Imperial College epidemiologist Neil Ferguson is credited (or blamed) with causing the U.K. to lock down and contributing to the domino effect of global lockdowns. The model has since come under intense criticism for being "totally unreliable and a buggy mess."

This is the same Neil Ferguson who in 2005 predicted 200 million could die from the bird flu. Total deaths over the last 15 years turned out to be 455. This is the same Neil Ferguson who in 2009 predicted that 65,000 people could die in the U.K. from the swine flu. The final number ended up around 392. Now, in 2020, he predicted that 500,000 British would die from coronavirus."

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Brandon Castro Intense criticism from who? Why?

Be. Precise. Holy crap.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🗨️ Read the article.... I've attached it repeatedly. There are plenty of links with follow up information.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🗨️ Pretty much all experts now realize Ferguson's model was garbage.

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Miguel Vilaró You owe West Windsor an apology.

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David Culp Virginia Beissel Manzari. It's interesting, that instead of addressing the logic of what you say, people resort to politically motivated ad hominem attacks and threats. I wonder how many of them are small business owners who will lose their businesses or have cycled through their life savings because they can't work. A mere "inconvenience" from the perspective of someone who is working from home collecting a paycheck. Those people that want to work are "selfish" and want to "kill us all". What rubbish! So why is Walmart or Costco "safer" than a mom and pop store or "safer" than a church or synagogue?

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Brandon Castro No, I addressed her nonsense points and insulted her character.

Because both of those things are garbage.

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David Culp **Brandon Castro**. Respectfully, you have no idea what you're talking about, "Dr. Castro"

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Brandon Castro **David Culp** Gotcha, noted

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Sarah Kampel Why is Costco safer than a church or synagogue? Because you have to wear a mask and a small number of people are only allowed in at a time. Or you get this: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/.../two-churches-reclose.../>



WASHINGTONPOST.COM
Two churches reclose after faith leaders and congregants get...



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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🙄 The same precautions for cleanliness can be taken at a church as they can at a store. Why were bike stores closed and other retail stores open? There is no difference in safety between them. No basis in science or data.

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Sarah Kampel **Virginia Beissel Manzari** I agree that bike shops and mom & pop retail should be able to open with the same rules as other stores (limit how many people can enter, wear masks, etc.), and if religious organizations can do the same, sure. I've just seen too many examples of things going wrong in churches in particular.

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🙄 Thank you, David Culp. I have gotten so many texts and messages since yesterday from folks who say they want to comment in agreement, but are afraid of being personally attacked by this group. It is really sad.


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 **Brandon Castro** No, I don't think it's sad. I think that's about right.

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 **Jennifer Eig Agran** [Virginia Beissel Manzari](#) I'm one of them! Scared to agree with Virginia due to backlash. Not right!


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 **David Culp** A robust argument! Always stay intellectually curious.

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 **Joe Lewis** Here's the thing right?

The vast majority disagree with you.

That comes from somewhere.

I think understanding how the things you are saying are potentially problematic and work on your advocacy from there is a much more productive way of creating a counter argument.


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 **Shashank Reddy** [Joe Lewis](#) eh usually people who disagree with a statement voice their opinions more i promise you there are plenty of people in agreement

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 **Joe Lewis** Absolutely. I think what makes the conversation weirder is that the loudest people who want the economy open are Politicians and Business owners.

Those two groups of people have stake in the economy being open due to lobbying and the need for patrons to keep revenue up.

Couple that with dated support for Americans in time of health crisis and the fear of resource manipulation, you have this weird game where neither side, Federal or State, want to over indulge on aid due to the fear of potential abuse.





Politicians and Business owners are the first to argue that people want to get back to work, which is true. However, it does not acknowledge the fact that most Americans are not even comfortable with going back to work in the first. Also /of course/ a business owner wants people out and working again, because it makes them absurdly more money than the people they employ to do that work. This is why you see people worried that no will go back to work because the unemployment benefits for some drastically overbenefit people compared to their employer.

Politicians get pressure from businesses and corporations experiencing loss of work and revenue streams, and you get people itching to get back to work for the same people who disenfranchise them because there's no support from the Politicians for help.

Its this constant feedback loop.


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Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo Getting back to "normal"? That "normal" we were all living has become a thing of the past. It's over. As Thomas Wolfe wrote, "You Can't Go Home Again." In other words, things will never be as they once were. If we don't accept that, we'll stay stuck and never progress. The only things certain in life are change and death. Take your choice. I say, let's change. I suggest we put our energies into developing new and creative ways to move forward toward reopening SAFELY. In the last few months I've witnessed many innovated folks doing just that; delivering solutions to some of these challenges, without having folks take unnecessary risks. So, it can be done. Let's continue with these new business models that can both keep people safe and inject life back into the economy. Necessity is the mother of invention!

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Brandon Castro Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo ❤️

Not with our economic system. In our economic system, short-term returns for investors is the mother of invention 🙄

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Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo Brandon Castro you are quite correct in your assessment.

But perhaps that's another thing that needs to change. Their greed is killing us.

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👍 **Catherine Lawler OConnell** Absolutely I couldn't agree with you more! Why is a Walmart safer than a mom and pop shop? You can't stay closed forever. 40% of the deaths were in long-term facilities do they talk about that no! there are so many people who are not attending to their medical needs and are dying because of other causes. You have children that are getting depressed and adults alike. as you say the whole point of this as they told us was to flatten the curb and that the hospitals get ahead of themselves not to destroy the economy and lock us up indefinitely

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Martin Crouse What year was this ??



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Virginia Beissel Manzari ☕ Exactly.

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Martin Crouse Once again, I can go to the Grocery store and touch all of the produce but I can't touch a golf flag or ball washer !! This is not about safety or the endangerment of others. You don't need statistics or an MIT degree!!!

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Brandon Castro poor baby can't go golfing



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Martin Crouse **Brandon Castro** that was just a small point I was using . If that was all you got out of my comment then I see why the public is the way they are about certain topics.

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Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo **Martin Crouse** golf is open.

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Martin Crouse **Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo** who said it wasn't ????????

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Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo **Martin Crouse** be happy you can play then.

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Deb Okorodudu The most interesting thing about this whole thread is that people are arguing about the details of opening up, which is going to happen, and not at all about the fact that the subject of the original post is saying that the answer is herd immunity. He says we should just simply isolate the elderly, forget the masks, and let this thing run through the population. That is worth much more scrutiny, as far as whether this approach is being advocated.

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Martin Crouse **Deb Okorodudu** it may have already infected about 25% with what they found out with antibody testing in certain areas

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Deb Okorodudu **Martin Crouse** that is a far cry from the approximately 50% needed for herd immunity. And, as I said before, there is not sufficient evidence yet to conclude that once infected and recovered, you can't be reinfected, or if immunity is acquired, how long it would last. That is why there is so much push back to this approach. This guy is proposing intentional exposure, and quickly.

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Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo **Deb Okorodudu** odd how folks who say these things are in no hurry to use themselves or their families as Guinea pigs to test this hypothesis.

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Deb Okorodudu **Martin Crouse** so you intend on intentionally exposing yourself and your family?

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Martin Crouse Deb Okorodudu intentionally no but life goes on

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Deb Okorodudu Martin Crouse I don't understand your point, then. I made a specific comment about the link from the original post, what do your responses have to do with my original comments above?

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Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo Martin Crouse how about this; would you intentionally tell your kids to run out in the middle of busy traffic? Maybe they won't get hit. But if they do, they could die or suffer a lifelong disability. Would you be willing to take that chance? Of course you wouldn't. Why would you then intentionally expose your family or yourself to this virus? That behavior is just as dangerous. You could die or suffer lifelong health conditions.

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Martin Crouse Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo give it a rest.

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Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo Martin Crouse I'll give it a rest when people take the danger of this virus seriously.

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Martin Crouse Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo you need help

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Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo Martin Crouse I'm not the one who would put myself or family at risk. You might want to research past pandemics along with the particulars of this virus.. And all of us need help protecting ourselves from corporate greed.

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Martin Crouse Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo turn off CNN

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Brandon Castro Martin Crouse what?

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Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo Martin Crouse I don't watch TV. I read.

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Zach Aroni 🙌 So what are people's thoughts on the white power movement being directly connected to the reopen America movement?

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Zach Aroni 🙌 I guess none


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Jenhau Chen Deb Okorodudu Here you go. Your herd immunity:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znIHVdIVTuc>



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Sweden 'herd immunity' figure is still in single digits, even though it didn't go...



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Deb Okorodudu Jenhau Chen exactly.

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Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo Deb Okorodudu The biggest problem with Herd Immunity and this virus is that it's not been proven that antibodies protect from it permanently. It would be like infecting a herd of cattle with anthrax and expecting them to survive. There is so much that is not yet known with this.

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Deb Okorodudu Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo I agree that is exactly the point. In addition, there are articles showing that the herd immunity approach is not working on Sweden. All this time, and the infection rate is still in the single digits. They are taking a big risk. They have had the most deaths in Europe per capita in the past week.


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Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo Deb Okorodudu Yes, and I just heard that surrounding countries are considering shutting their borders to Sweden.

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Andrew Wilhelm Joe Lewis I can tell you exactly where that is coming from: fear mongering by a horribly irresponsible media designed to sell you a product instead of information. They have been doing it for years. Look up in these comments. My family has to die so you can work? Don't care about how many people you kill? It's like opening the barber shop is the same as setting off a dirty bomb in downtown Manhattan.

The media tell you what they think will sell. Look at their attack on youth football, presenting only the risk relative to specific other sports. Yeah, my son is 1.5 times more likely to get a head injury from football than say tennis. The absolute risk is something in the range of 75 incidents per 100,000 events. That's less than .1%. Also less than cycling as I understand. Yet the media focus on relative risk, not because they hate football specifically, but because we love football. The Super Bowl is pretty consistently the most watched TV event of the year. Advertising 101: hit the largest audience.

The facts are: the average age of a Covid death is 80. More than 2/3 of deaths are patients who living in an assisted living or nursing home facility or similar. More than 3/4 of deaths are patients with other comorbidities, mostly related to pulmonary function. We know who we have to protect from this virus, and it is not your typical working adult or school children. Sure there are always outliers, but there is a way to open back up without the sky falling and killing everyone in the country.

This insane garbage about unknown immunity is also the media's BS. Of course we don't know for sure what immunity will look like, Covid-19 is very new. But Corona has been around forever. Other known strains result in immunity after infection, but let's focus on how this one MIGHT not. Right? That's a sensible and measured approach.

How anyone can say Sweden failed at herd immunity, and then reference their infection rate is also nonsense. You just finished telling me that you don't know if infection results in immunity, but now you're going to tell me about the immunity in Sweden. That makes sense. The only thing I have heard anyone say so far is that Sweden has low infection rate. That is more likely an indicator that this virus doesn't spread at the rates the media told us it did. What Sweden did fail at, however, was protecting their vulnerable population, so they have experienced their deaths in a condensed time frame. The goal of heard immunity is for the 75% of healthy people to gain immunity through infection while protecting the vulnerable 25%. Sweden did not do this well.

There are "experts" on both sides of this discussion. I happen to know an expert. He is not paid by the government or a media outlet for what he says, and he tells me reopening with a measured and sensible approach is called for. Masks, avoiding crowds, washing your hands, being conscious of other people, and courtesy. Not locking ourselves in the house and certainly not all this drama and panic.

For the record I believe Covid exists, and I believe it kills. I believe we need to deal with it. I just don't believe all this dramatic media hype BS, and I certainly don't believe 30,000,000 people need to be put out work for it.


Sorry for the long post.

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Sharon DeWitte Cacciabaudo It doesn't matter how much this virus is denied by those who see themselves above it. The history of plagues proves otherwise. And as I've said; "it's all theoretical until a loved one dies."
 Why take needless chances? As my mother would always say, "Better safe than sorry." There will be ways to deal with this safely, along with the ability to bring back the economy. We just need to exercise the virtue of patience.

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Diane Marolda I repeat. IRRESPONSIBLE! Pretend Doctor Trump should stop promoting this drug. #evidencedbasedmedicine
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Hydroxychloroquine Tied to Deaths, Heart Risk in Covid Study

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Virginia Beissel Manzari ☹️ I think this woman would disagree with you, Diane. "It was less than two hours before she started to feel relief." <https://www.freep.com/.../democrat-karen.../2955430001/>



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Virginia Beissel Manzari ☹️ And this gentleman ... <https://mynorthwest.com/.../rantz-hydroxychloroquine.../?>



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Rachael Braverman Let's get back to normal and infect our towns children! For the economy! Fantastic job Virginia you're a joke

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Virginia Beissel Manzari ☹️ Hmm, she seems nice.

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Brandon Castro Virginia Beissel Manzari you are a psychopath

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🗨️ Staying locked down DOES have negative consequences. I have a friend who had to wait months for cancer surgery, and the father of another friend finally got his triple bypass surgery last week. [https://www.forbes.com/.../600-physicians-say.../...](https://www.forbes.com/.../600-physicians-say.../)



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600 Physicians Say Lockdowns Are A 'Mass Casualty Incident'

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🗨️ Lockdowns are creating a mental health crisis. [https://www.nationalreview.com/.../a-years-worth-of-.../...](https://www.nationalreview.com/.../a-years-worth-of-.../)



NATIONALREVIEW.COM
'A Year's Worth of Suicide Attempts in the Last Four Weeks': California...

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🗨️ People are losing their jobs. Many small business owners have already said they will not be able to reopen. There is a real possibility that people will lose their homes, lose their life savings, or will not be able to feed their families. <https://www.politico.com/.../new-jerseys-unemployment...>



POLITICO.COM
New Jersey's unemployment rate soars to a record 15.3 percent in April

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Brandon Castro **Virginia Beissel Manzari** yo look at that, turns out having no social safety net and building an entire economy on usury was a terrible idea. I can expect to hear about you actively advocating for policy to rectify that at the municipal level yeah?

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🗨️ Locking up healthy people, closing parks, and preventing folks from earning a living, while at the same time releasing prisoners (some of them covid-positive) and forcing nursing homes to take covid patients doesn't make sense. We should be allowing healthy people to work while protecting our vulnerable populations. If people don't want to go out, they don't have to.

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Justin Fruhling The problem is that everyone wants to go out, and loads of people don't know how to practice social distancing.

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Deb Okorodudu [Virginia Beissel Manzari](#) everyone is trying to figure out how to open up safely. I am more interested in the subject of your post which is Knut Wittkowski. He is an advocate of herd immunity. No social distancing, just let hide the elderly for a few weeks, and let the virus run through the population. I assume that since you posted this article, you agree with him?

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🇺🇸 We will never know what would have happened if we had not shut down the economy and stayed home. IMO, given the information that we had at the time, shutting down (temporarily) was the right choice. Flattening the curve was meant to spread the cases out over time, so as not to overrun the hospitals. Especially in places like NYC and it's NJ suburbs, that was a big concern. It also gave us more data and time to sift through it.

However, there were several epidemiologists and statisticians who at the time were questioning the models that were used. Those people were ignored. And those models have now been found to be deeply flawed. Yet we haven't changed our strategy. It's still based on the old models which predicted a huge death rate.

Our reality is that Covid is here. No matter how long we keep things shut down, we can't escape it. Given what we know now, I believe the data argues for opening things up, letting healthy people get back to work, and protecting our elderly and immune compromised. If people don't want to go out, they don't have to.

As far as herd immunity goes, we are likely to have to depend on that no matter what happens. Whether it's from exposure or from a vaccine. We may get a vaccine or we may not. (They have yet to develop a vaccine for any of the other coronaviruses.) I read an article the other day about a potential vaccine that they are working on. It is still early (many things still need to happen and lots of things can go wrong with it), but preliminary info showed that it might give about the same immunity or possibly slightly better than if you get the virus and recover from it. So we shall see. But yes, it is here, people will continue to get it, and the vast majority will recover.

I have spoken with a couple of specialists who believe that we would have been better off if we hadn't shut everything down, closed the schools, etc, and had instead focused on vulnerable populations. This is based on the information they know now. Again, we'll never know what would've happened had we taken another course of action. We can only take into account what we know now and move forward.

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Susan Adams Honestly, I think you must not have had anyone close to you catch it. It is serious and it is avoidable. I know it is unrealistic to keep the economy tamped down forever, but we have to be smart about reopening, not just "over it."

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Virginia Beissel Manzari 🇺🇸 Susan, I know several people who have had it. It can be very serious, yes, or it can be very mild. Vulnerable populations should be protected.

Our governor didn't do that. He did the exact opposite of that, by forcing nursing homes to take Covid patients. He didn't send in the National Guard to clean them like some other governors did in Florida and Connecticut. He didn't do copious testing in long-term care facilities like some other governors did. As a result, over half of NJ's deaths have been in long-term care facilities. He released prisoners, some of them with Covid, into the general population, spreading the disease and endangering the public. He has made arbitrary rules about what can be open and what can't. And he has treated every county in NJ the same as Bergen and Hudson County. None of that makes any sense.

There are consequences to his bad policies, not just in how he handled the nursing homes or the prisoners, but in restricting people's ability to work. Over a million people in NJ have filed for unemployment. There are real consequences as a result, including people losing their life savings, losing their home, going hungry, not getting the non-covid medical care they need, and suicide.

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Brandon Castro Virginia Beissel Manzari this is so profoundly stupid and intellectually dishonest it's baffling

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Shantanu Saha Virginia Beissel Manzari so releasing prisoners is bad because some have COVID-19, but forcing people, many more of whom have COVID-19, back to work (and you're forcing them back if you're not providing for their survival during a pandemic), is good. Only rich people and people who have jobs that allow them to work remotely (note, I'm in the latter category) have the luxury to self-isolate without government intervention (and I probably will have to go back to work in September), in this greatest of countries with the worst social safety net of any advanced industrialized country. But of course, for Republicans and captains of industry, the lives and health of anyone not them are of no account. Those people are always expendable in order to provide greater comfort to the comfortable.

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Jennifer Eig Agran Brandon Castro you are incredibly rude.

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Brandon Castro Jennifer Eig Agran what's rude is being deliberately misleading towards the base of a privileged, upper-middle class town while advocating for a medical genocide of the poor and undocumented.

I think she'll recover from my mean words.

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Jacqueline Zoladz Watson I was very curious as to the source of this article. I read a lot and “Spiked” was not a name that I knew. So I did some digging.
 The first thing I did was go to the publication itself. Here are just a few of the headlines that jumped out at me:
 “Our dimwitted police state”
 “The #MeToo movement is gaslighting us all”
 “‘Rape Culture’ is a dangerous myth”
 And this: “Hate Speech: Blasphemy for the 21st Century, We must never give the state the power to criminalize speech.”
 Those appalling headlines lead me to dig deeper. I found out that “Spiked” is a publication that has argued that global warming could be a good thing. “Spiked” is a British internet magazine that was founded in 2001 by the same editor and many of the same contributors as “Living Marxism” which had closed in 2000 after being sued for libel by ITN (Independent Television News) It is funded in part by donations from the Charles Koch Foundation.
 The publication has taken an extreme view OPPOSING such things as gun control, restrictions on tobacco and the tobacco industry, legislation to promote healthy eating, all corporate regulation, bans on child pornography, legislation on hate speech, and the #MeToo movement.
 I post a link from another British publication Desmoguk, a British investigative media outlet that is “dedicated to cutting through the spin clouding the debate on energy and the environment”) that goes into detail about the agenda of “Spiked.”
<https://www.desmog.co.uk/.../spiked-lm-dark-money-koch...>
 Frankly, after reading all that, I am glad that “Spiked” is a publication that I did not know. I rather read more fair and balanced publications.



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