

# Unintended Consequences: Facemasks and Rising Crime in the US

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*The recommended use of facemasks has been a controversial issue in the US and other countries around the world in whether they keep you safe or not. Scientific evidence suggests that facemasks are useless against viruses as Dr. Russell Blaylock who published an important article in early May [‘Face Masks Pose Serious Risks to the Healthy’](#) on what facemasks can do to your health:*

Researchers found that about a third of the workers developed headaches with use of the mask, most had preexisting headaches that were worsened by the mask wearing, and 60% required pain medications for relief. As to the cause of the headaches, while straps and pressure from the mask could be causative, the bulk of the evidence points toward hypoxia and/or hypercapnia as the cause. That is, a reduction in blood oxygenation (hypoxia) or an elevation in blood CO<sub>2</sub> (hypercapnia)

Another point that Dr. Blaylock made is the following:

It is known that the N95 mask, if worn for hours, can reduce blood oxygenation as much as 20%, which can lead to a loss of consciousness, as happened to the hapless fellow driving around alone in his car wearing an N95 mask, causing him to pass out, and to crash his car and sustain injuries. I am sure that we have several cases of elderly individuals or any person with poor lung function passing out, hitting their head. This, of course, can lead to death.

A more recent study involving 159 healthcare workers aged 21 to 35 years of age found that 81% developed headaches from wearing a face mask. Some had pre-existing headaches that were precipitated by the masks. All felt like the headaches affected their work performance. Unfortunately, no one is telling the frail elderly and those with lung diseases, such as COPD, emphysema or pulmonary fibrosis, of these dangers when wearing a facial mask of any kind—which can cause a severe worsening of lung function. This also includes lung cancer patients and people having had lung surgery, especially with partial resection or even the removal of a whole lung

What Dr. Blaylock found is absolutely disturbing. With that said, there is another major problem that does not have anything to do with health, unless of course you get shot or stabbed, is an increase in crime across the U.S. mainland which is becoming more out of control due to the use of facemasks which makes it that much more easier to commit a crime and get away with it. A report that was published in *Newsweek* magazine last May sheds light on what police officials are concerned about when it came to wearing facemasks

in public *'Increase in Criminal Use of Coronavirus Face Masks to Blend in While Committing Crimes, Police Warn'* about the rise of crime since facemasks were recommended by the CDC and other health agencies including the NIH and the WHO, *"an increase in the use of surgical masks amid the novel coronavirus health crisis is proving to be a unique challenge for law enforcement nationwide."* That is now what police departments across the US are now facing.

The CDC and the WHO had recommended the use of facemasks to limit and prevent others from getting the coronavirus has not only made breathing harder for those who comply, it has made *"life difficult for police tasked with identifying and apprehending crooks"* warning that *"criminals are taking advantage of the situation to blend in with the public."* And indeed they have, *"Police say investigations involving the cheap and now-common item have spiked in recent weeks, popping up in armed robberies across the country."* The CDC has advised the public to wear facemasks if social distancing cannot be achieved *"especially in grocery stores and pharmacies."* Newsweek mentioned Richard Bell, A police chief from Frackville, Pennsylvania who *"told the Associated Press that he is aware of seven robberies in his own region in which every suspect was masked"* and described *"the virus outbreak as being a "perfect opportunity" for criminals."* FBI Special Agent Lisa MacNamara also weighed in on the facemask issue said that *"In the past if you did a search warrant and you found surgical masks, that would be highly indicative of something [suspicious]. Now everybody has masks or latex gloves."* In a side note, I happen to find people who wear latex gloves or dish washing gloves (which I saw a couple of people wearing in NYC), goggles and visors along with their surgical facemasks, hilarious, I guess it gives people a false sense of security. MacNamara indicated that *"several such crimes and reported a surge in the wearing of latex gloves has also resulted in fewer fingerprints left at crime scenes."* The New York Times began reporting such crimes as early as March *'Coronavirus Bandits? 2 Armed Men in Surgical Masks Rob Racetrack'* described what happened at the Aqueduct Racetrack in Queens, N.Y.:

Three workers at the Aqueduct Racetrack in Queens were transporting hundreds of thousands in dollars in cash on Saturday night when they were accosted by two gunmen, the police said. The thieves made off with more than \$200,000, aided in part by surgical masks they wore to conceal their identities

The NY Times also reported what happened in Chicago and in Atlanta, Georgia:

In January in Chicago, a local television news truck recorded a group of teenagers wearing surgical masks as they fled a smash-and-grab robbery of a Gucci store on Magnificent Mile. And last month, Georgia authorities said they were looking for a man who wore a surgical mask during robberies of six banks in the suburbs north of Atlanta

The use of facemasks led by the CDC and the World Health Organization has not only created a hazard for your personal health, it has made supermarkets, stores and average people more susceptible to violent crimes. With the US economy in freefall collapse with high-unemployment rates and poverty levels increasing by the day along with many businesses both small and large going bankrupt will contribute to an increase in crime not seen since the 1970's. There is also the problem with billionaire backed movements such as Black Lives Matter who are making demands that the police should be defunded is a call for

disaster especially in Democrat-run states where obtaining legal fire arms can be difficult for most businesses and law-abiding citizens to protect themselves, so at the end of the day, facemasks make it easier for criminals to win.

People who live in towns and cities across the US should thank the “*experts*” who lie about almost everything when it comes to Covid-19 like Dr. Anthony Fauci when they start to see a rise in violent crime including armed robberies and murder which will be far more dangerous than Covid-19 except of course if you are elderly and got serious underlying health issues.

The rise in crime is the product of decisions made by corrupt governmental officials who are bankrolled by major pharmaceutical corporations, bankers and billionaires who have specific interests to control and at the same time, profit from the people throughout the world with a tyrannical medical system in place. However, there is another angle we can look at. With an already militarized police state and a growing medical tyranny on the way with the potential to face a crime wave will force people to beg the government to protect them from the same criminals they opened the door to while the government continues to take away their freedoms. Either way, it seems that the US government and the criminals are winning and the citizens are losing the battle for the basic freedoms they once had.

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