

Knock, Knock. We're From the Government, and We Want Your Family's Blood

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Talk about creepy. The Georgia Department of Public Health has announced that it, the United Sates Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and county health boards are together <u>sending teams of government agents</u> to randomly selected homes in two Georgia counties. These teams of government agents are charged with asking questions, including about household members' health, and extracting blood from all the people living in the homes. The reason given for the home visits is — you may have guessed it — coronavirus.

J. Scott Trubey <u>writes</u> at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that the government agencies are seeking the blood to test for "antibodies to the novel coronavirus to pinpoint who might have had COVID-19 and estimate how widely the virus has traveled."

People who live at the 420 randomly selected homes are free, Trubey writes, to refuse the questioning and blood drawing by the government inquisition and phlebotomy teams that show up at their front doors. But, in reality, people often find it hard to muster the courage to say "no" to government agents who accost them in person "asking" them to comply. People are intimidated. They think that even if they say "no" the requested action will still be taken anyway plus they will suffer additional consequences for resisting. That aids police efforts both to get people to say incriminating things and to obtain "permission" to search people and property, even from people who know evidence of a crime is likely to be found.

A CNN <u>report</u> by Dakin Andone shows that the government teams knocking on doors are employing some of the look of cops in their effort to obtain maximum voluntary compliance. Uniforms, government badges, official letters are all part of the process, just like when cops show up for a home search holding a warrant. Andone writes: "Health workers conducting the survey have CDC vests and badges, the news release said, and are carrying a letter from the CDC and the Georgia Department of Public Health." Plus, the goal of the people running the program is that the maximum number of people comply. Andone quotes Georgia Department of Public Health Commissioner Kathleen Toomey putting it this way: "We encourage everyone who is visited by the teams to participate in this very important survey that can help public health officials assess how widespread Covid-19 is in certain areas."

In a Tuesday Washington Times <u>editorial</u>, Cheryl Chumley discusses in detail the disturbing nature of the knock-and-draw-blood program. And she points out that a government that really was seeking volunteers, instead of seeking to pressure people to comply, would act

differently. Chumley writes:

Government officials could just as easily put out a notification in the mailbox, or online, or via social media, or over the television and radio airwaves, asking for citizen volunteers to come down to the local health department clinics and donate blood for the purposes of tracking COVID-19 — for the purposes of helping the "investigation" into the spread of the virus.

Seeking volunteers through those methods puts the control in the hands of the citizens; those ways make clear the blood offerings are completely voluntary.

This looks like a program that could expand countrywide. In fact, it fits in well with moving into a forced vaccinations and "digital certificates" <u>next phase</u> of the coronavirus crackdown. Doing a test run in Georgia makes sense because the CDC headquarters is there.

So <u>what's your plan</u> for when government agents come for your and your family's blood? The government inquisition and phlebotomy teams are acting much like cops, seeking to pressure people into providing private information and even their blood. A generally sound course of action with cops is <u>not to talk to them and not to give them permission to do</u> anything. The same course of action can be employed when confronted by these new door-to-door blood suckers.

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