

The Media-produced Fear Is What's Killing Our Country, Not the Coronavirus

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The media's incredibly irresponsible, "shock and awe" reporting on the coronavirus has created a monumental stampede of fear and panic which is a million times more damaging than the virus itself.

Here are two facts that says it all:

<u>Fact #1</u>. Deaths in the U.S. from influenza from 1950 to 2017 ranged from 13.5 to 53.7 per 100,000 (source <u>statista.com</u>).

<u>Fact #2</u>. Deaths in the U.S. (as of this writing) from the coronavirus is 14.9 per 100,000 (source <u>worldmeters.info</u>). Bear in mind that this number includes "probable" deaths as well as confirmed deaths from the coronavirus.

So to sum this up, the per capita deaths in the U.S. from the coronavirus is lower than the per capita deaths from the flu in almost every year from 1950 to 2017. The highest number of deaths from the flu per capita was in 1960. Deaths that year was 53.7 per 100,000, well over three times as high as the coronavirus. These are the facts, not crazy media hype. Please check them out for yourself. Incidentally, the per capita death rate from what the hysterical media loves to call a, "global pandemic" is only 2.4 per 100,000. (See this)

The White House Coronavirus Task Force's newest model predicts that coronavirus deaths could reach 60,000. It currently stands at 49,000. Even if that [estimate] number [which is manipulated] was to double to 98,000 it would still be much lower than all the per capita flu deaths from 1950 to 1998.

So in light of these facts, why is the media on what appears to be a crusade to spread fear and panic throughout the land? Their non-stop, 24/7 hysterical reporting has produced a tsunami of fear and panic creating a domino effect, – an avalanche of panic that has shut down hundreds of thousands of businesses, severely damaged our economy, closed our schools, closed our places of worship, and put 22 million Americans out of work. I'm not saying that the media is trying to destroy the country, but they certainly are behaving like that is their intention.

The fear mongers say that, "social distancing" (translation, – shutting down the country) is the way to fight the virus. We've never shut down our country in the past to fight a virus, even though the deaths rates were far higher that the coronavirus rate is now. We've always taken care of the sick, but continued to work. We've kept our country alive and vibrant. Viruses, illness, and death are a part of life, but life must go on.

There are other countries that are not shutting down their economies as a way to fight the coronavirus, for example Sweden. They have not closed their economy and they are fairing just as well or better than many of their European counterparts that have put severe restrictions on their people and their economies.

If we used, "social distancing" (shutting down the country) whenever a virus came around in the past, our country as we know it would not exist. We would have been reduced to the level of a very poor third world country long ago, and that will certainly happen if we shut down our country to fight every new virus that shows up in the future (as the fear pundits are already predicting).

Yes, the fear mongers are already saying that the coronavirus will make a return this winter. If it does are we going to respond the same way, – "shelter in place", hide under the bed, and close down the country? If we continue to do this our country will surely be doomed.

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