

“It’s Poor People and Young People Who Are Paying the Cost of the Lockdown,” Says Stanford Professor

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In [an interview](#) with John Anderson, Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, a Professor of Medicine and Professor (by Courtesy) of Economics at Stanford University, had this to say about who is paying the cost of the new normal:

“We’re asking our youth to pay the costs.... that’s who pays the costs of these lockdowns. You have delayed schooling. Essentially schooling online instead of in person. Young people are meant to be in company with one another; they’re not meant to be alone. It’s extremely costly from a social development point of view to have that. And it’s those young people that are paying those costs...

“I think that the unequal distribution of this is absolutely devastating. It’s poor people and young people that are paying the cost of the lockdown and they’re not the ones that are benefiting. They experienced the damage of COVID at much lower rates...

“The United States, I think we’re at 27 trillion dollars in debt and counting. And now’s there’s a debate over how big the next stimulus pack is going to be.... Where does that money come from?... It’s going to come from my kids. It’s going to come from the younger generation who will have that debt hanging over them for the rest of their lives.

“Is it worth it? I mean that’s the thing. It’s like we have almost haven’t asked that question. We just said, okay, we have this COVID disaster. Let’s pay any cost whatsoever to get out.”

Below [the interview](#) a viewer posted this comment:

“My father is 80-years-old and he is furious with the [lockdowns]. He says, ‘I would rather take my chances with the damn virus, than see a single family lose their livelihoods.’ He goes on to say that it is a crime to have policies that harm and kill healthy young people in order to protect others from disease. It is one thing to die from disease but another to die from the policies of wealthy politicians.”

As Thomas Sowell said: “There are no solutions; there are only trade-offs.” You can watch the full interview with Dr. Jay Bhattacharya on [John Anderson’s YouTube channel](#) or directly below.

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