

## Selected Articles: COVID-19, Economy and Civil Liberty

By [Global Research News](#)

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### [Debt Cancellation for the World to Survive: Ethiopian PM Abiy Ahmed](#)

By [Lawrence Freeman](#), May 06, 2020

Ethiopian Prime Minister, Abiy Ahmed, has made an audacious salient call for debt cancellation for low income countries. It was published in the Opinion section of the April 30, New York Times, Why the Global Debt of Poor Nations Must Be Canceled, (printed in full below). PM Abiy is correct, debt cancellation is absolutely necessary to save lives and for developing nations to survive the COVID-19 pandemic. To compel a nation like Ethiopia to spend almost half of its revenue on debt service, while its people are suffering from a perfect storm of Desert Locust swarms, food insufficiency, and a weak healthcare infrastructure, is immoral if not criminal.



### [Civil Liberty Vanishes. Free Assange. Suppressing Legitimate Dissent](#)

By [Craig Murray](#), May 06, 2020

The sinister potential of coronavirus lockdown to suppress dissent was on display on Monday as police broke up a small group of protestors outside Westminster Crown Court during a case management hearing for Julian Assange. The dozen protestors, who included Julian's father John Shipton, were all social distancing at least 2 metres apart (except where living in the same household). The police did not observe social distancing as they broke up this small and peaceful protest.



### [The Inevitable Coronavirus Censorship Crisis Is Here](#)

By [Matt Taibbi](#), May 06, 2020

The American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM) and American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) scrambled to [issue a joint statement](#) to “emphatically condemn” the two doctors, who “do not speak for medical society” and had released “biased, non-peer reviewed data to advance their personal financial interests.”

As is now almost automatically the case in the media treatment of any controversy, the story was immediately packaged for “left” and “right” audiences by TV networks. Tucker Carlson on *Fox* backed up the doctors' claims, saying “these are serious people who've done this for a living for decades,” and YouTube and Google have [“officially banned dissent.”](#)



### [Sweden Is the Model](#)

By [Mike Whitney](#), May 06, 2020

After 6 weeks of this nonsense, many people are getting fed-up and demanding that the lockdowns be ended. In response to the public outcry, many governors are planning to restart their economies and lift the restrictions. What this means, is that, after wasting a month and half on a failed strategy, many states are ready to follow in Sweden's footsteps with one critical difference, they're not going to have a team of crack epidemiologists carefully monitoring their social interactions to see if a wave of new Covid cases is going to overwhelm the health care system. That means that things could get out of hand fast, and I expect they will. As we said in last week's column, the lockdowns must be lifted gradually, that is crucial.



### [Facebook Deletes Accounts of Palestinian Activists and Journalists](#)

By [The Palestinian Information Center](#), May 06, 2020

Facebook on Monday evening removed dozens of accounts run by Palestinian activists and journalists without prior notice.

Some accounts were deleted for no reason and other users were informed they “violated the site’s policies”.

Sada Social Center on Tuesday said it had received dozens of reports from Palestinian Facebook users that their accounts were arbitrarily deleted.



### [The Federal Reserve: More Lethal Than Coronavirus](#)

By [Rep. Ron Paul](#), May 05, 2020

The Federal Reserve previously announced it would make unlimited purchases of Treasury securities, thus encouraging Congress and the president to increase spending and debt. With some members of Congress talking about another multi-trillion-dollar stimulus bill, and with President Trump proposing a two trillion dollars infrastructure plan as a way to get Americans back to work, it is obvious, and not surprising, that Congress and President Trump gleefully agree with Powell’s advice.



### [COVID-19 Vs the Economy – The Trouble Britain Now Finds Itself in](#)

By [True Publica](#), May 04, 2020

There is no doubting to the observant, that the government of Britain has been negligent in its approach to the coronavirus threat. It is a matter of public record that they have failed in their primary duty to protect us all. Cemeteries and unemployment will be a stark reminder of this abject failure in the near future. Frankly, if the government was a company it would be facing corporate manslaughter charges and class-action lawsuits from the bereaved (which is already being threatened).

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