

The Virus of Mass Destruction

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When fear of covid-19 was at its peak, we were told it was killing 3.4% of those who got the disease, similar to the famous "Spanish flu" of 1918, which killed 60 million people worldwide. The New York Times editorial board said this was a world war 2 level problem that deserves an equal level of national commitment, they claimed that in the worst case scenario over 1.7 million Americans would die from the virus.

On cable news stations on the right and the left there was a constant ticker on the bottom of the screen showing how many cases and deaths there were, something we'd never seen until this pandemic. There were videos of people <u>"panic buying"</u> necessities at the start of the lockdowns or stay at home orders, & later videos of filled hospitals or body bags being carried out of hospitals.

First it was China locking down, then Italy, then eventually the rest of the world (no longer a handful of countries). We were told we had no other choice. Many have forgotten now, but even right wingers were down with the program this spring, 42 states including the majority of the ones with Republican governors, had "stay at home" orders. These states made up 95% of the us population. Tucker Carlson was on Fox News telling his viewers to be terrified of the new coronavirus, and apparently he even personally drove to go see President Trump and tell him how serious this was. Soon after, Trump himself was talking about how deadly the virus was and how serious of a problem it was, he also supported stay at home orders. There was non stop talk about a "new normal".

Certain terms have become ubiquitous, like "social distancing", and "flattening the curve". How scared is the public? A recent vox poll showed 52% of Americans support a 1 month national lockdown. Back in April, at peak level of panic, an AP poll showed 87% of Americans supported stay at home orders, including 78% of republicans! America wasn't so polarized then, was it? And obviously it's not just America, the rest of the world is frightened to and has been since last February. Many people across the world think covid has already killed off a decent chunk of humanity.



A <u>survey</u> taken in July asked 1 thousand people in several different countries what percentage of their country they thought was killed off by covid, answers ranged from 3% in

the us to 9% in Germany, this is several times the actual percentage and something you'd see in a scifi movie. Even after the public was told in some reports maybe this virus really didn't kill 3.4%, and that we were missing a lot of asymptomatic cases, we were still told to be terrified (and most media outlets kept using the higher death rates when discussing COVID-19 anyway).

It was still considered <u>"at least 10 times deadlier than the flu"</u> (1 % vs .1%) and anyone who compared it to the flu was ridiculed, despite the similarity in symptoms. We were told that the experts overwhelmingly supported the stay at home orders, that anyone who was against them was akin to a climate change denier who did not respect science, or, just a <u>psychopath</u>.

There was also the question of the origin of the virus, while technically a mystery, it was said that the virus having come from a lab was highly unlikely. The virus was first noticed in Wuhan, China, which happens to also have a high level bio research lab, this obviously had many thinking of the possibility the virus snuck out. The most commonly accepted theory is this virus somehow jumped from a bat or some other closely related animal, but we don't know for sure. This mysterious element of the story almost certainly added to peoples fear and paranoia. The thing is, this was all a farce, we were and are not dealing with anything comparable to the 1918 flu. We were dealing with something more like a normal bad flu season in some parts of the first world, and a very light one in most of the world.

Most experts and peer reviewed papers were not calling for mass quarantines or "stay at home" orders. Most places were not "following the science". The most logical conclusion that can be made is that the virus has been exaggerated so big business can swallow as much of small business as possible and so the ruling class can move forward with its fourth industrial revolution or "great reset" at a rapid pace. This involves things like the increased use of automation, artificial intelligence, 3d printing, increased online shopping & working from home, the move toward ending paper money, & increased big tech censorship. This has all happened when it's happened most likely because the super rich were going to end up needing another giant bailout, and they knew people weren't going to accept that under normal circumstances. Here's what Michael Parenti would call a "conspiracy analysis" of this crazy situation.

Let's start with the lies about the lethality of the virus.

At this point it's settled science that covid mainly kills the old and the frail (this doesn't mean it can't kill young people, just that it's extremely rare). An unusually high percentage of covid deaths are in nursing homes where studies show the average person only lives 6 months after entry anyway. In the us nursing home patients make up less than 1% of the population but are 39% of covid deaths.

A recent peer reviewed study published by the WHO showed that when you look at antibody studies done worldwide, which is the best way to see who has and hasn't been infected, the virus actually only kills about .2 to .3% of those who get it. In the third world the number was much lower, and for people under 70 worldwide it was .05%. That's a 1 in 2000 chance of dying after catching covid if you're under the age of 70. To put this in perspective, that's the infection fatality rate for about 90% of the world and about 80 to 85% of the richest countries.

So, how is it that this virus I just described has scared people so much? How have they been

convinced this virus kills at several times the actual rate?

Well, as already mentioned, there was mass media hysteria, the constant case/death numbers on the screen, the constant anecdotal evidence, but propaganda by omission has also been huge. Many people either aren't aware or seem to have forgotten death is a daily thing, it's always sad when it's a loved one but it happens, about 150,000 people die every day on average. This is the type of context that was never given to the covid case and death numbers on local and cable news.

Reports of full hospitals in covid hot spots like <u>NYC</u> and cities in <u>northern Italy</u> weren't given context either, those are places that constantly have full hospitals during the winter. Another big factor is the under estimation and misunderstanding of influenza or "the flu". For starters, there isn't just one flu, there's a bunch strains of influenza, some more deadly than others.

Us regular folks outside the medical community just call all of them the flu. Many influenza strains are also more deadly than .1% according to many experts. The German network for evidence based medicine and the German health ministry says 2017/2018 flu season was .4 to .5% infection fatality ratio.

According to the <u>CDC</u> covid would only be a level 2 out of their 5 level pandemic severity index, showing that influenza strains clearly get higher than 0.1%. The <u>WHO</u> says up to 650k per year die of influenza like viruses and a bad year can obviously be much worse. Another thing the average person probably doesn't understand, because of the mainstream media, is that there are many coronaviruses too.

The "common cold" is usually either a <u>coronavirus</u> or a rhinovirus (usually the latter). Yet at the beginning of the pandemic and to a lesser extent now, people have referred to this virus as THE coronavirus. This is extremely deceptive and makes Covid-19 seem more unique and deadly than it is, which causes panic.

Not only is it not very unique but it's not even the most deadly coronavirus. <u>SARS and MERS</u>, both of which are coronaviruses that have been dealt with in the last 20 years are far more deadly than Covid-19. Why would it be referred to as THE coronavirus if it's not the most deadly? Of course deaths aren't the only measure of lethality, there's been tons of stories of people getting sick for longer periods of time with covid, but this can happen with different kinds of influenza as well, it's called <u>post viral syndrome</u>. There are also things like <u>myocarditis</u>, and the even more rare instance where something crazy can happen like becoming <u>paralyzed</u>. These headlines about covid causing these things in rare instances frighten people but once again, influenza can do these things too. Since they're rare, people don't fear monger about them.

As far as the full hospitals, since covid is more of a nursing home problem than most influenza strains and hits kids a lot less hard, it actually has caused less hospitalizations than a normal bad winter season in several places. According to CDC numbers more people were hospitalized during the 2017 /2018 flu season in the United States than during the worst stretch of covid (an estimated 800k hospitalizations in 6 months that season), there were less hospitalizations the first 6 months of covid (hospitalization rate doesn't equal 800k here).

Stanford professor John Ionniadis, one of the most cited infectious disease experts on earth,

called this a <u>"once in a century evidence fiasco"</u> back in March. As I said earlier, politicians around the world were not "following the science" as we were told in the mainstream media, how do we know? Simple. As former NY Times reporter Alex Berenson has pointed out in his book unreported truths, before COVID-19, the WHO had prepared for the possibility of pandemics of airborne viruses deadlier than this. What did they recommend? Nothing close to a lockdown/stay at home order, in fact they weren't even confident in basic things like mask wearing or hand washing. They changed their tune radically in early 2020 without scientific justification.



In the US the <u>CDC</u> had pandemic guidelines too, and again, they prepared for airborne viruses more deadly than this, and did not recommend lockdowns even in the worst imaginable scenario. Similar things happened in other countries, many of them first world countries with even better health care systems than the United States. It's leaked out in the media that <u>Norway</u>, <u>Denmark</u>, <u>Italy</u>, <u>Russia</u>, all ignored their health ministers and went with lockdowns that were not recommended, in the case of Denmark, because not locking down would be "politically undesirable". The <u>UK downgraded</u> the status of covid, taking it off the "high consequence infectious disease" list the day before it locked down on March 19. Who downgrades a viruses lethality while upgrading the measures taken against it? Another country with an elite health care system, Singapore, went far beyond what was recommended too. Their health ministry didn't recommend anything close to what Europeans were doing at the very beginning of the pandemic, and even commissioned a study that ended up in the <u>lancet medical journal</u> that didn't call for anything close to the harsh lockdown they ended up doing.

In late March right before most of the world shut down the WHO expert group on mass gatherings said in the <u>lancet medical journal</u> that there wasn't enough evidence to shut down mass gatherings like concerts or sporting events and warned of the possible negative effects of stopping these events. <u>All over the world</u> there are <u>plenty</u> of examples of political leaders not following their own rules, which is extremely shady to say the least. It's as if they know the truth, that we aren't really in as much danger as they tell us we are. To make matters worse, we have dealt with much more damaging airborne viruses in recent history. The <u>'57</u> and <u>'68</u> pandemics are not really known outside the medical community but both of those pandemics killed much more than what Covid-19 has on a global scale adjusted for population growth.

In the United States, which has the most total covid deaths, the number of deaths is slightly higher than in '57. But this was a year life went on as normal, and seniors old enough to remember the year don't discuss it as a pandemic year. Furthermore those older pandemics were much more deadly for kids and working age people which technically makes it worse for society. All these restrictions are outrageous, even if you accept their death count, which

many experts don't since you can die of other causes while having the virus.

As I mentioned earlier, the experts who are calling for lockdown are in a minority, and many prominent ones who publicly call for them have gone back and forth or are clearly politically or financially motivated. Take for example the "John snow memo" which calls for harsher restrictions and was made in response to "the great barrington declaration" which was signed by thousands of experts and calls for allowing life to continue as normal outside nursing homes. This was obviously political. Not because they responded, but because while listing examples of countries that "did it right" they listed japan, which has the least restrictions of any first world country including Sweden.

They listed it next to New Zealand which had an extremely harsh lockdown, Japan didn't do any of the mass testing they wanted and kept almost its entire economy open. It looks like they just chose a random country with a low death count and said "hey, do it this way!". So far the great barrington declaration has gotten more signatures than the John snow memo. The <u>same exact mistake regarding Japan</u> was recently made by Dr. Michael T Osterholm, an infectious disease expert from the university of Minnesota and member of Joe Biden's new covid task force. He's one of the top experts in the country and one of those peculiar cases I was talking about. On March 10 he went on the Joe Rogan podcast and it was viewed by millions of people. In this interview he basically said there was nothing we can do about the virus, that cloth masks were useless, and that it was going to kill 450k Americans before we know it. About 2 weeks later, he wrote an <u>op Ed</u> in the Washington post saying lockdowns would cause way too much damage and weren't worth it. <u>Months later</u> he was calling for a lockdown himself.



The man who many say is the top infectious disease expert in the country, Dr. Anthony Fauci, is also in the same boat. In late March the New England journal of medicine published a paper by Dr. Fauci where he only recommends possible school closures, working from home *when possible*, and *voluntary isolation*. Compare this with his comments months later, where he's praised New York's harsh stay at home order and told people not to have a normal thanksgiving. What's causing all these doctors to do this?

Aside from political or personal reasons, like the fact that panic sells and some people just like being on tv. There could be big conflicts of interest, for example with pharmaceutical companies. This was recently brought up by the editor in chief of the <u>British medical journal</u>. He said "Science is being suppressed for political and financial gain.

Covid-19 has unleashed state corruption on a grand scale, and it is harmful to public health". What kind of damage have covid restrictions done? Globally, there will be more extra deaths from other diseases being neglected than from covid itself. Many more malaria, hiv, and tuberculosis deaths. The increase in starvation deaths worldwide will also

single handedly outnumber covid deaths. In the first world there will be many preventable deaths coming from things like missed <u>cancer screenings</u> and a huge drop in blood donations. There have already been plenty of deaths from people being too <u>scared to seek care</u> because of Covid-19 and dying of a stroke or a heart attack. Aside from all the death these restrictions have caused, there is also the long term effects of unprecedented economic collapse worldwide.

Quality of life is very important and there are multiple studies that have shown the huge gap in life expectancy between the top and bottom one percent in places like the United States, so many people who weren't poor before the pandemic who lost their job because of it are almost certainly going to have years taken off their life as they stay unemployed for an extended period of time. There's about 3 million people in the United States in that category, along with another 17 million who have become "food insecure" during the pandemic. An additional 135 million have become food insecure globally, too.

Depression is also on the rise all over the world, and also lowers quality of life as well as life expectancy, a recent <u>CDC survey</u> showed that 1/4th of young Americans aged 18 to 24 contemplated suicide recently. The closing of many schools and universities for a long period of time will have incalculable effects on children, young adults, and society as a whole. Elective surgeries are way down since the pandemic started as well. These aren't surgeries which you may not need to survive but skipping them can have a terrible effect on your quality of life and maybe even keep you from working.

On rare occasions the the truth can be found about this pandemic in mainstream media but it's outnumbered by the craziness, on top of flooding the zone, there has also been some crazy censorship (Both mentioned in event 201 here from about 9:20 to 9:55). YouTube at one point censored one of the ten most cited scientists on earth, Stanford epidemiology professor John loannidis, before having to put the video back up after a large amount of complaints. He was presumably censored because he said covid was similar to seasonal influenza, but who has YouTube hired that's more qualified than him? YouTube also recently censored the former chief scientific advisor for Pfizer, again, presumably because he said covid wasn't that deadly.

Facebook censored Dr. Carl Hennegan, a professor of evidence based medicine at Oxford university. What did he do? Say the earth is flat? No, he attempted to post his article from the website the spectator where he cites and discusses peer reviewed studies. With all this censorship of expert opinion, and cherry picking by mainstream media, most people think covid restrictions have saved lives. The truth is, if you look at deaths per capita by country on the widely used "worldometer" website, you have to go down pretty far to reach a non lockdown country. If these harsh restrictions worked, there would be some correlation between them and deaths per capita but there isn't.

A study in the Lancet medical journal by researchers from the university of Toronto found "Rapid border closures, full lockdowns, and wide-spread testing were not associated with COVID-19 mortality per million people" on a global scale, which again we could see just from looking at the worldometer site, it's been obvious for awhile. Even in the United States, there is no correlation between restrictions and deaths. South Dakota basically did nothing and they rank 9th in deaths per capita while New York and New Jersey are 1 and 2, with a per capita death rate that is much much higher. All of this clever deception, lying, suppression of scientific debate, and over the top fear mongering has been going on for economic reasons. The biggest corporations and financial institutions were headed for

another huge crash similar to '08 <u>before this virus arrived</u>. People all over the world would would not have accepted another giant bailout of the biggest financial institutions and corporations again under normal circumstances, political crisis would emerge. There was likely to be a left populist backlash from this (pink tide, or Corbyn style movements).

Now, after the scam has got rolling, a total restructuring of the global economy that has been in the works for years can get fast tracked. All those stats about the economy doing terrible, people starving, they don't tell us how the ruling class is doing. Wall Street profits are up over 80% this past year, big tech companies are doing better than ever, the biggest corporations either didn't stop running during the pandemic or got paid as a part of a federal reserve program that gave the biggest companies in the country 500 billion dollars. They weren't even required to preserve jobs to get this money. Similar bailouts are taking place all over the world. Furthermore, small business has been destroyed, which opens up more opportunities for the biggest companies in the world as their competition shrinks and their market share grows.

As of June, 3 million American small businesses were closed, 40% of jobs lost during the pandemic are gone for good, similar patterns can be seen in other countries. Billionaire wealth has increased this year even after a gigantic stock market crash in the end of winter/early spring. As well as the ruling class is doing now, there was a huge crisis in 2019. In order to understand how this crisis was going to go global and how there could be global coordination in the exaggeration of COVID-19 one must understand how the world is run on a macro level. For starters, there's 3 main global powers (us and its "ally democracies", China, Russia), each with a sphere of influence, the United States & it's minions having by far the largest one. This is who runs the world sans a handful of places. This isn't controversial, it's mainstream political science. And who runs these countries? Big money, simple, the biggest companies, financial institutions and asset managers are who runs the show, and they get help from their puppet governments/national security states when ever necessary. Their number one goal? Make more money. In China, they may call themselves communist, but the reality is there are plenty billionaire in the Chinese "communist party", and there are giant companies like alibaba with huge influence. The inequality there is now approaching us levels according to economist Thomas piketty, it's been on the rise for the last 40 years, working conditions are terrible as well. How about Russia? Inequality there is also terrible and in the west we even ironically make fun of them for "oligarchs". The US, the biggest global power, is also ran by big giant corporations and billionaires.

A <u>Princeton study in 2014</u> came to the conclusion that the US isn't a democracy but an oligarchy ran by a small group of rich powerful people. <u>Senator Bernie Sanders</u>, and even at times <u>Donald Trump</u> would constantly complain about the power of "political donors". The US allies have some big multinational corporations but they're tied at the hip with the US security state and the US elite are invested heavily in these companies too. Like <u>Samsung</u>, or <u>BP</u>. Even though these powerful countries like us and China are technically enemies, there is still plenty trade between them (especially the us and China), us/China financial systems are also <u>intertwined in many ways</u>. In this financialized/globalized economy if one of them crashes it could domino effect to the entire world as happened in 08. Most of the big central banks are intertwined in someway, and the federal reserve is the most powerful of them all. Now, to the crisis. Instead of public debt or "the trade war" causing a crisis, it's once again corporate debt, private banking, and lack of regulation that caused the crisis.

There was a repo loan crisis, caused mainly by the big 6 us banks who were no longer confident in lending to each other or to other financial institutions. Once the system reaches

this point in the United States, a global meltdown isn't far off. Pam and Russ martens at Wall Street on parade have been covering this more than anyone in their ongoing series on the financial crisis. They describe in detail the conspiracy, how the mainstream media is complicit with their silence from September 2019 to February 2020 when the fed opened up emergency programs it hadn't opened since the last crisis and spent trillions before the cares act or any covid related shut downs.

According to CNBC 2019 also set a record for most ceo departures, even more than 08 which was second, they referred to it as a ceo exodus. The repeal of glass steagall made this possible, as the biggest commercial banks are allowed to make risky investments with deposit money. The federal reserve is a private institution collectively owned by the biggest banks, and has bailed out private financial institutions with trillions of dollars the public will have to pay back in the long run. All this without a vote, before the cares act, and to make matters worse they put the biggest asset manager on earth (blackrock) in charge of choosing who gets bailed out. The federal reserve is buying corporate debt and junk bonds at their direction.

Congresswoman Katie porter has called out some of this corruption but not all of it. She referred to the fed as corrupt for their relationship with Blackrock. I don't think she mentioned Blackrock had been overseeing 25 million of fed chairman Powell's money & 7 trillion in assets under management overall before getting control of the feds huge corporate bailout program. They also wrote the bailout program that ended up getting rolled out before anyone knew there was even a crisis in August of last year, the people at blackrock who authored the bailout were former central bankers from some of the most powerful countries.

Much like the last crisis it looks like the big banks and the super rich kept a coming collapse secret. Blackrock is incredibly powerful owning a portion of big media companies, and now having several former employees in important positions in the new Biden administration. An analysis by political scientists from the university of Amsterdam 3 years ago showed how the big 3 asset managers, of which black rock is the biggest, own a big portion of corporate America and coordinate their investments. They've only grown bigger in influence since. They also look after assets from rich people not just in the us but all over the world and even have influence with some us enemies like China. The asset managers and billionaires are also the biggest shareholders of big pharma stocks and have made a killing on the vaccines.



Vaccines, that's a topic I've not touched on yet, many big corporations are planning on requiring vaccinations for people to come in their place of business, odds are you'll need to be vaccinated to do a lot of things. There's been some talk of attempting to vaccinate everyone on earth. I don't believe there's some evil plot to kill billions of people or anything, but i do believe vaccine profits play a role in this. I think it's just simply about the money, in

2010 the WHO was called out by the <u>British medical journal</u> and an <u>official eu medical organization</u> for their advisors having big pharma ties which led to overproduction of vaccines for the swine flu. Bill Gates, his foundation and other billionaires and their foundations are big investors in big pharma and are set to <u>profit off</u> this as well.

One of the worlds richest men Warren Buffet is also a big investor in big pharma, as is <u>Jeff Bezos</u>. Bezos Washington post has posted some good stuff about covid but for the most part they've fear mongered heavily, and he's profiting big in multiple ways from covid panic likely including the vaccine. Even the <u>nation magazine</u> and the <u>Colombia journalism review</u> have talked about Bill Gates big influence over media/public health and his cashing in on the pandemic (not just "conspiracy theorists"). Odds are, there won't be many deaths from the vaccine, but the thing is with something that kills only .05% of people under 70 and hospitalizes less than one percent of those who get it worldwide.

Is mass vaccination even necessary? Is it worth the risk for kids even with an extremely small chance of injury? For kids, it's probably more likely they develop a fever from the vaccine than from covid based on trial results. The old and the weak taking it is fine but everyone taking it seems like a money grab. This constant advertising, the demonization of people worried about the safety of this rushed new vaccine as "anti vax" is meant to protect a 40 billion dollar profit for big pharma. Worrying about their safety is perfectly normal, VP Kamala Harris has worried about it, so have many medical experts like Pfizer's former head of respiratory research Dr. Yeadon, or Dr. Sucharit Bhkadi, or Professor Caumes. All of this global coordination is possible through organizations like the world economic forum, most of the worlds elite meets and discusses the future right in front of our faces in lavish places in davos. Also through big asset management firms who are connected to the rich all over the world.

The old saying goes "never let a good crisis go to waste" and it appears that's what the world's richest have done. They flipped a crisis to their advantage, and now they have a good amount of public approval for their new fourth industrial revolution or "great reset" of capitalism where the 0.1% will have an even greater strangle hold on the world. This is something they've had in the works and have talked about publicly, but with the financial crisis the process was sped up. They make talk a good game about climate change, but some of the biggest oil companies are a part of the club. They may talk a good game about inequality, pretend to care about it, make up feel good phrases like "stakeholder capitalism instead of shareholder capitalism", but at the end of the day the mega multi national corporations (and the puppet governments that work for them) only care about maximizing profit.

Marx's predictions about competition and capitalism inevitably leading to <u>monopoly</u> have turned out to be right, even before covid in 2017 Nobel Prize winning economist Joseph Stiglitz was talking about the big monopoly problem in the us.

He said "There has been an increase in the market power and concentration of a few firms in industry after industry". A Washington post article from may headlined "the end of small business" put it nicely, "Since the late 1970s, the income share of the top 1 percent of earners has risen from 11 percent to more than 20 percent of national income. Those gains have been almost exactly balanced by losses among the bottom 50 percent. There are many reasons for this trend, including corporate concentration, the private-equity boom and technology, which both displaces lower-skilled workers and enriches a highly skilled elite. But the coronavirus amplifies the importance of all of them. The pandemic could compress

decades of economic change into a matter of years."

International institutions like the IMF and World Bank will be giving out loans to both poorer and richer countries to help with the "recovery" from the economic crash and of course there will be loans given out to help distribute the vaccine as well. This will seem friendly and benign but it will almost certainly require what's called a structural adjustment. These international programs impose austerity on countries according to many economic experts. The EU and some other first world countries have already been known to be deficit hawks before the pandemic and this will most likely be a perfect excuse to switch to an even harsher version.

Former Labor leader Jeremy Corbyn recently said he expects all these first world countries to turn to "harsh austerity" after running these deficits up, and that the third world was headed for "brutal restructuring" and should expect another attack on their public sector. (10:45 here) The President of Belarus, a country that did not lockdown, said that the IMF told them they'd only give them assistance if they locked down. The head of the IMF didn't really deny this, he said he told them that they had to follow WHO orders, but the WHO changed to a lockdown policy in the spring. So, this is basically blackmail, in today's globalized economy even just China alone locking down would've caused a recession that would require a stimulus for most countries.

Surveillance is another thing many have become paranoid over, and rightfully so, but even then this is just an ongoing process being turbo charged. This is the next step in the evolution of surveillance which the empire has been using since the beginning, historian Alfred McCoy has written a lot about this process that has been going on over one hundred years. Of course, there's also the Snowden leaks which exposed the gigantic modern surveillance state. Liberals and leftists who usually cry all day about the "far right" don't at all find it strange that orban in Hungary, bibi in Israel, modi in India, the Saudi and gulf dictators, and duterte in the Philippines all went along and supported harsh lockdowns in the name of public health at one point or another? Gop governors in the us who didn't support simple Medicaid expansion in Obamacare all of a sudden care about public health and lock their residents inside because of it? This is absurd, of course they don't, they're just helping chase more profit for their big corporate donors and billionaire friends.

In fact Bolsonaro in Brazil was probably the only far right leader to not be pro lockdown and even in Brazil local areas were still shutting down anyways. In many places people were forced to wear masks, even though it used to be considered a debatable issue. In some East Asian countries masks were recommended during flu season, in most other places they weren't, the WHO wasn't recommending them for everyone during flu season either. Oxford evidenced based medicine professors said there wasn't enough evidence to say either way and the issue had been politicized. Well, why was debating the effectiveness of masks made a kin to saying the earth is flat? Some seem to think it's some type of psychological tactic by people in power, and maybe that's possible. I can't help but I think of the money though, the disposable mask market went from under 1 billion dollars to start 2020 to over 166 billion by the end of 2020, there are definitely groups of wealthy people who have cashed in on the mask mania.

Dr. Fauci and Dr. Osterholm, whom I mentioned earlier, both separately said masks were useless in March, and switched up months later.

Fauci even admitted he lied in March allegedly to stop a mask shortage.

Many other doctors around the world did similar things. Even if this virus wasn't engineered and let out of a lab on purpose or on accident, both of which are very possible as Sam Husseini has written about in <u>Salon</u>, this is the mother of all of conspiracies. Even in the most benign scenario where the virus jumped into humans through nature naturally, this global scam is still a crime against humanity that makes the weapons of mass destruction scam look light in comparison. We should start calling it "the virus of mass destruction". I can't remember exactly where I first heard the phrase, but it's a fitting name for this. Now the difference is instead of pretending to fight terrorism we have leaders all over the world pretending to care about public health. This is class warfare kicked up a notch, it's gone from conventional to nuclear.

Many people have figured out they're being lied to, the problem is they can't put their finger on exactly why so we end up with crazy conspiracism. Everything that has happened isn't so the most powerful people can have more power just for the sake of it, and of course most people aren't going to accept that theory, it's ridiculous.

The lack of economic analysis in covid conspiracy circles probably comes from the fact that in the west most people against covid restrictions are libertarians, and obviously they aren't going to blame capitalism or even understand that's what caused all this. That's why you have idiots calling the covid lockdowns "communism", because for many libertarians anything they don't like is communist, even if it's being done by multi billion dollar corporations.

With that being said, I think the person who believes in 5g conspiracies or is obsessed with Bill Gates (he's obviously extremely powerful, but he did not start this craziness on his own) is more reasonable than the perfectly healthy person who's locked themselves inside their home and is scared to death of covid. At least they can see something isn't right, and are willing to fight for their basic rights.

To me, the saddest thing I see is Leftists taking it as axiomatic that lockdowns work even though they don't, and that they hurt the rich when in fact they do the opposite. Or how about race obsessed people saying things like covid kills black people more often than white people, as if a respiratory virus can be racist, and as if there are only blacks and whites in the US (black Africans have been dying less per capita than white Europeans). There is more of a correlation between obesity and covid deaths than race, and globally richer countries like the US have more obesity, but at the country level its the poor American who is more likely to be obese and black Americans are disproportionately poor.

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