

Open Fresno County

Declare Fresno County A Constitutional Sanctuary for Freedom

"One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws." – Martin Luther King Jr. (letter from Birmingham jail, April 1963)

"An unjust law is no law at all" - Martin Luther King Jr. (letter from Birmingham jail, April 1963)

Today, we have to ask, what would Martin Luther King Jr. say about unjust edicts (not even laws) decreed by the Governor of California as well as so many other Governors, Mayors and public officials?

We are being governed by dishonest people and yet this board follows without pushback. There are many questions about the Governors dishonesty with ICU data and the role (or likely not) of data in decision making.

22 January 2021

California keeps key virus data out of public sight

<https://apnews.com/article/sacramento-california-coronavirus-pandemic-gavin-newsom-38bb44ea7cb39eab9f6f6c621daeaf10>

12 December 2020

<https://reason.com/2020/12/11/californias-health-secretary-concedes-there-is-no-empirical-basis-for-the-states-ban-on-outdoor-dining/>

Schoolchildren

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/24/us/politics/student-suicides-nevada-coronavirus.html?referringSource=articleShare>

“When we started to see the uptick in children taking their lives, we knew it wasn’t just the Covid numbers we need to look at anymore....”

Please see the big picture! Everything is not COVID! Hopefully Fresno County will not wait until it is too late for some children.

Children are not at risk and are not vectors

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/investigations/2020/09/28/florida-schools-reopened-en-mass-feared-covid-surge-hasnt-followed/3557417001/>

<https://thefederalist.com/2020/07/30/gov-kristi-noem-science-shows-not-going-to-school-hurts-kids-much-worse-than-covid/>

Lockdowns:

September 2019 (prior to the virus) Johns Hopkins Study

Preparedness for a High-Impact Respiratory Pathogen Pandemic

https://www.centerforhealthsecurity.org/our-work/pubs_archive/pubs-pdfs/2019/190918-GMPBreport-respiratorypathogen.pdf

Page 16 statement – “While the economic impact of pandemics, epidemics, and outbreaks depends, in part, on the severity of the health effects of these events, the actions that countries take in an attempt to control the spread of disease can also exacerbate its tolls.”

Page 57 statement – “In the context of a high-impact respiratory pathogen, quarantine may be the least likely NPI to be effective in controlling the spread due to high transmissibility. To implement effective quarantine measures, it would need to be possible to accurately evaluate an individual’s exposure, which would be difficult to do for a respiratory pathogen because of the ease of widespread transmission from infected individuals. Quarantine measures will be least effective for pathogens that are highly transmissible, have short incubation periods, and spread through true airborne mechanisms, as opposed to droplets. As with travel restrictions, quarantine appears to delay the introduction of highly transmissible diseases but not prevent their spread entirely. Quarantine measures also appear more effective with pathogens that had a longer incubation period, such as measles, compared to those with shorter incubation periods, such as influenza.¹²³ Experiences with quarantine during the West Africa Ebola epidemic highlight the added difficulty of implementing such measures on a large scale, which would only be more difficult in the case of a highly transmissible respiratory disease.”

05 January 2021

Assessing Mandatory Stay-at-Home and Business Closure Effects on the Spread of COVID-19

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/eci.13484>

Conclusions

"While small benefits cannot be excluded, we do not find significant benefits on case growth of more restrictive NPIs. Similar reductions in case growth may be achievable with less restrictive interventions."

10 December 2020

Effects of non-pharmaceutical interventions on COVID-19: A Tale of Three Models

<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.07.22.20160341v3>

Conclusions

"Inferences on effects of NPIs are non-robust and highly sensitive to model specification. Claimed benefits of lockdown appear grossly exaggerated."

21 July 2020

A country level analysis measuring the impact of government actions, country preparedness and socioeconomic factors on COVID-19 mortality and related health outcomes

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/eclinm/article/PIIS2589-5370\(20\)30208-X/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/eclinm/article/PIIS2589-5370(20)30208-X/fulltext)

Conclusions

"government actions such as border closures, full lockdowns, and a high rate of COVID-19 testing were not associated with statistically significant reductions in the number of critical cases or overall mortality"

These are just a few studies. There are many more studies concluding that lockdowns are ineffective in slowing viruses. Please see the following:

https://twitter.com/the_brumby/status/1349478824606502912

Masks

Numerous studies are referenced in the following book but I will only comment on one specific case:

Berenson, Alex Unreported Truths About COVID-19 and Lockdowns Part 3: Masks

iPhone version pages 60-64 (approximately 75%-80% of the way through the book)

Canadian hospitals tried in 2013 to get nurses to wear masks after they realized they could not force them to get the flu vaccine. The nurses' union filed a grievance. The case was given to a neutral party to arbitrate. After reading thousands of pages from 6 experts, hundreds of exhibits and over 100 scientific papers, the arbiter ruled that the

“the weight of scientific evidence said to support the VOM [Vaccinate or Mask] policy on patient safety grounds is insufficient to warrant the imposition of a mask-wearing requirement for up to six months every year”.

Arbitration Ruling

<https://www.canlii.org/en/on/onla/doc/2015/2015canlii62106/2015canlii62106.pdf>

But hospitals continued to try and force the issue and the nurses’ union objected again. In 2018 they won again in arbitration with a different arbitrator.

The evidence for a mask mandate was “insufficient, inadequate, and completely unpersuasive.”

https://www.ona.org/wp-content/uploads/ona_kaplanarbitrationdecision_vaccinateormask_stmichaelsoha_20180906.pdf

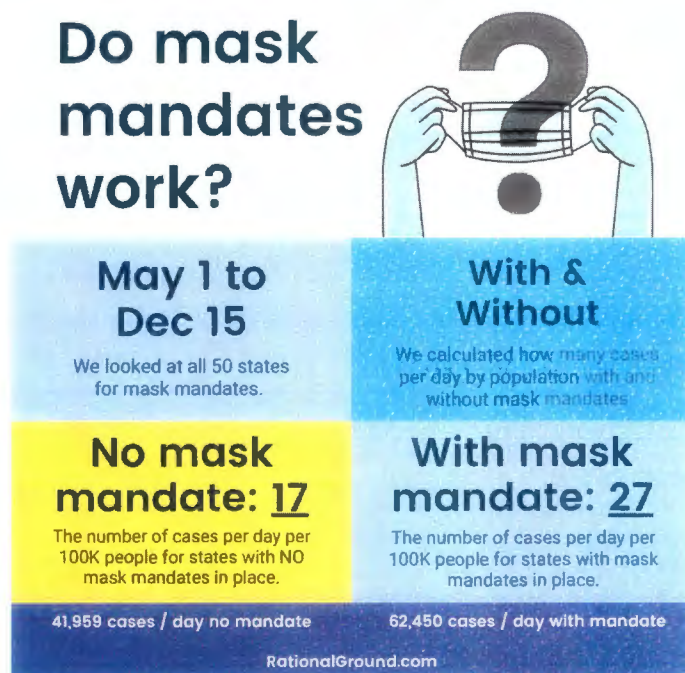
Mask Update – changing “science”. Probably coming to a state near you. Germany is now recommending N95 masks because they concluded cloth and surgical masks don’t work.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/tommybeer/2021/01/20/germany-mandates-medical-grade-masks/?sh=2dc8362d2596>

When will the nonsense stop?

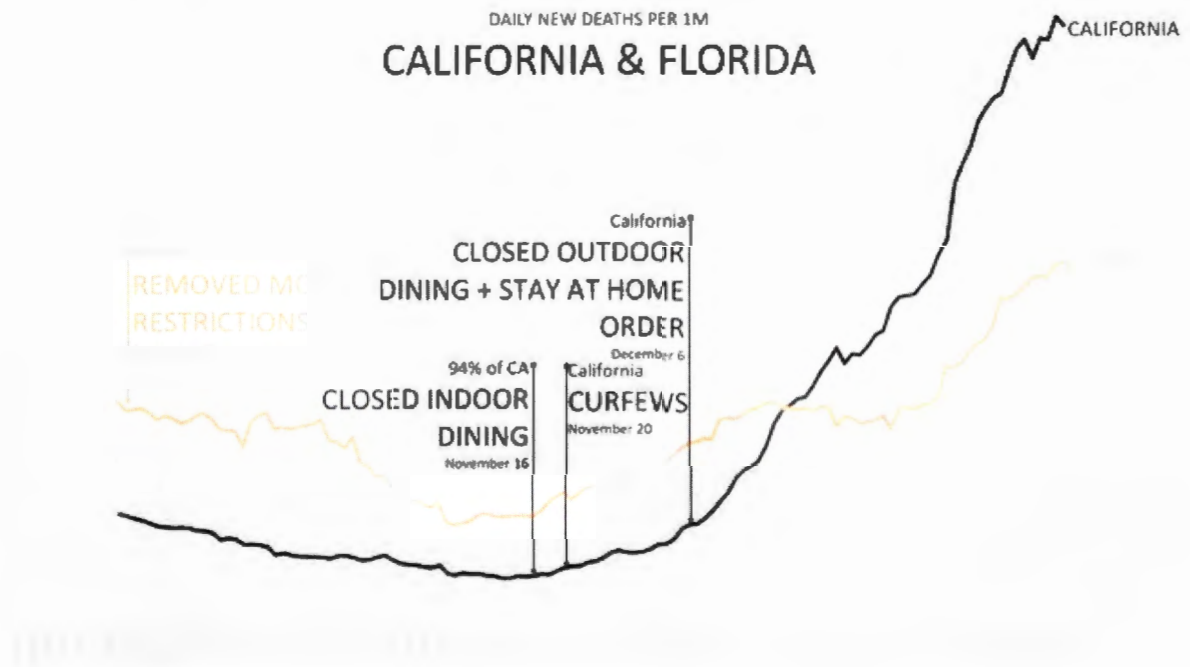
WITH MASK MANDATE: 27 cases per day per 100K people

NO MASK MANDATE 17 cases per day per 100K people

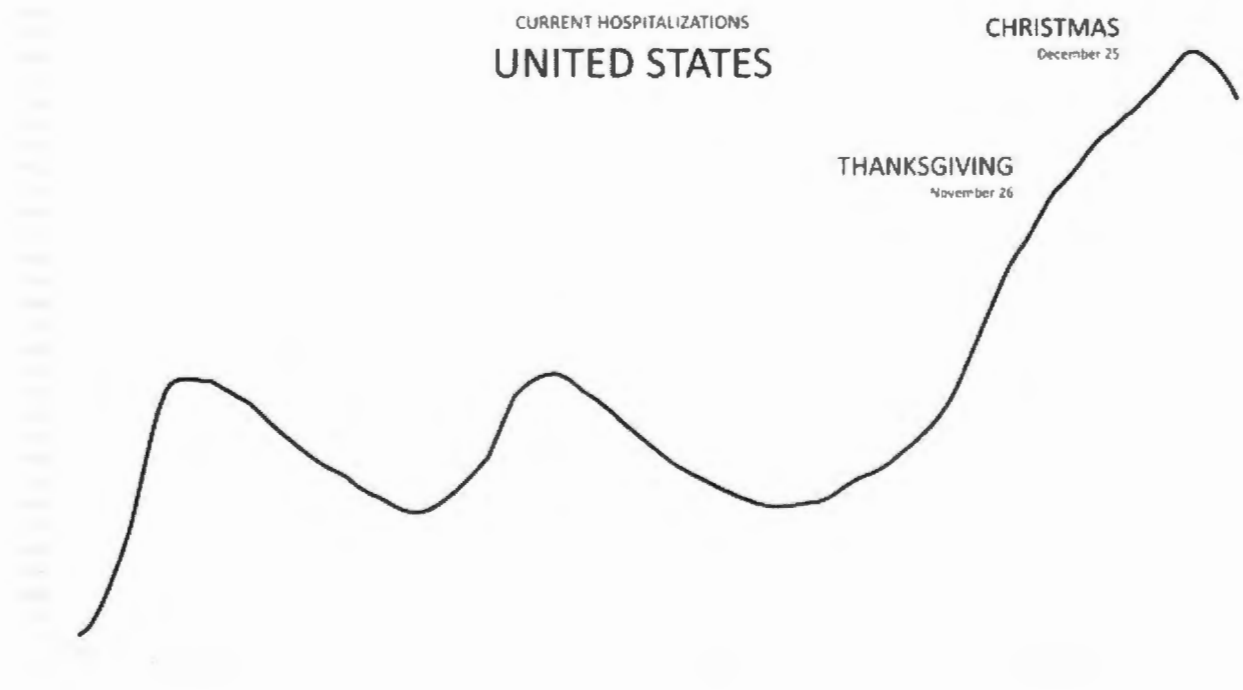


Current Data via Charts (courtesy of @ianmSC on Twitter)

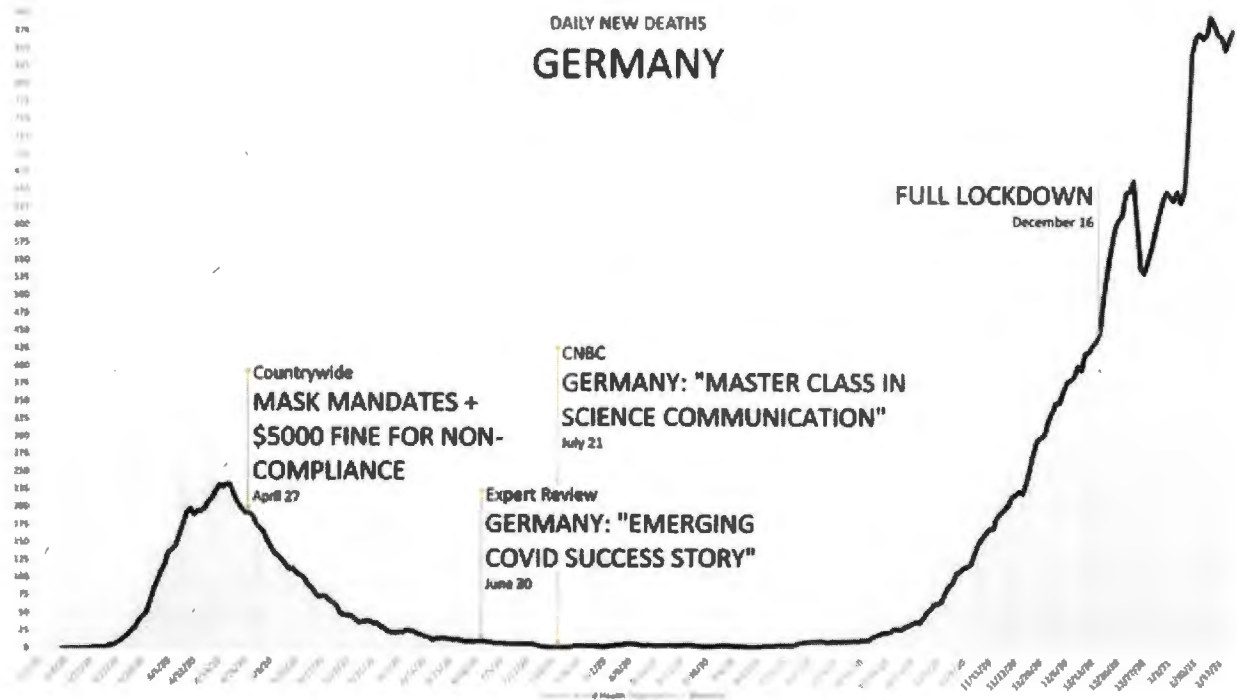
California vs. Florida



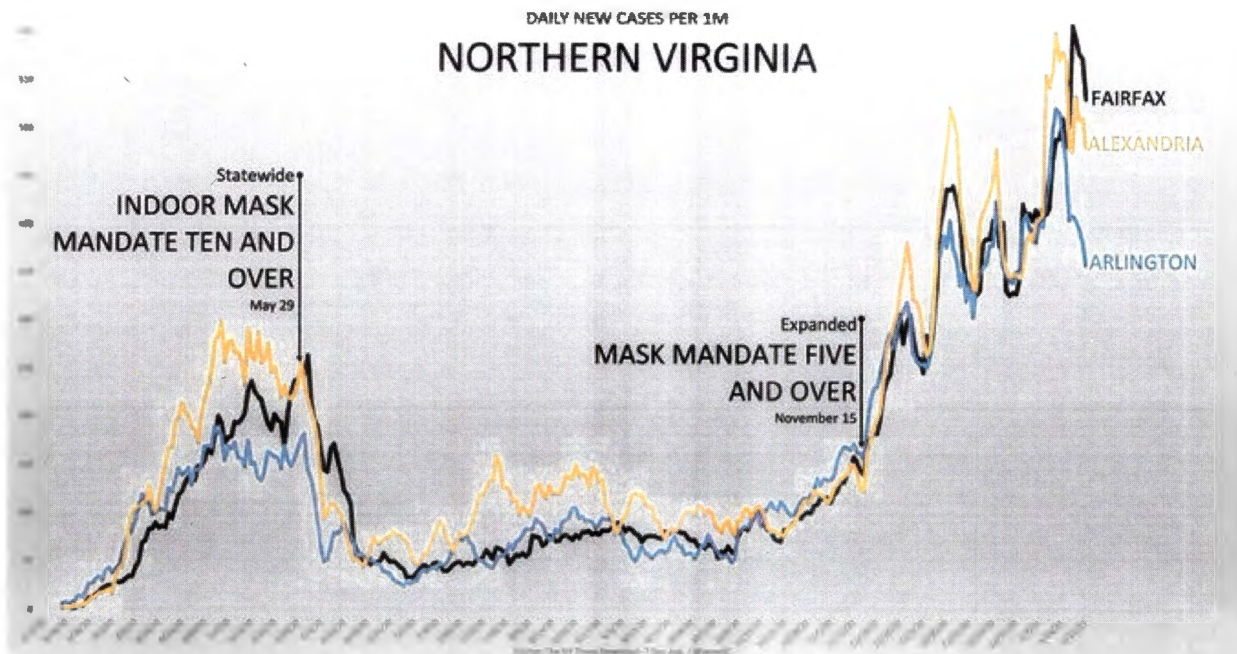
Mask compliance has been at 80-95% in the US for months, well above the level needed to lower infections, according to the experts. The holidays had no effect whatsoever on the trajectory



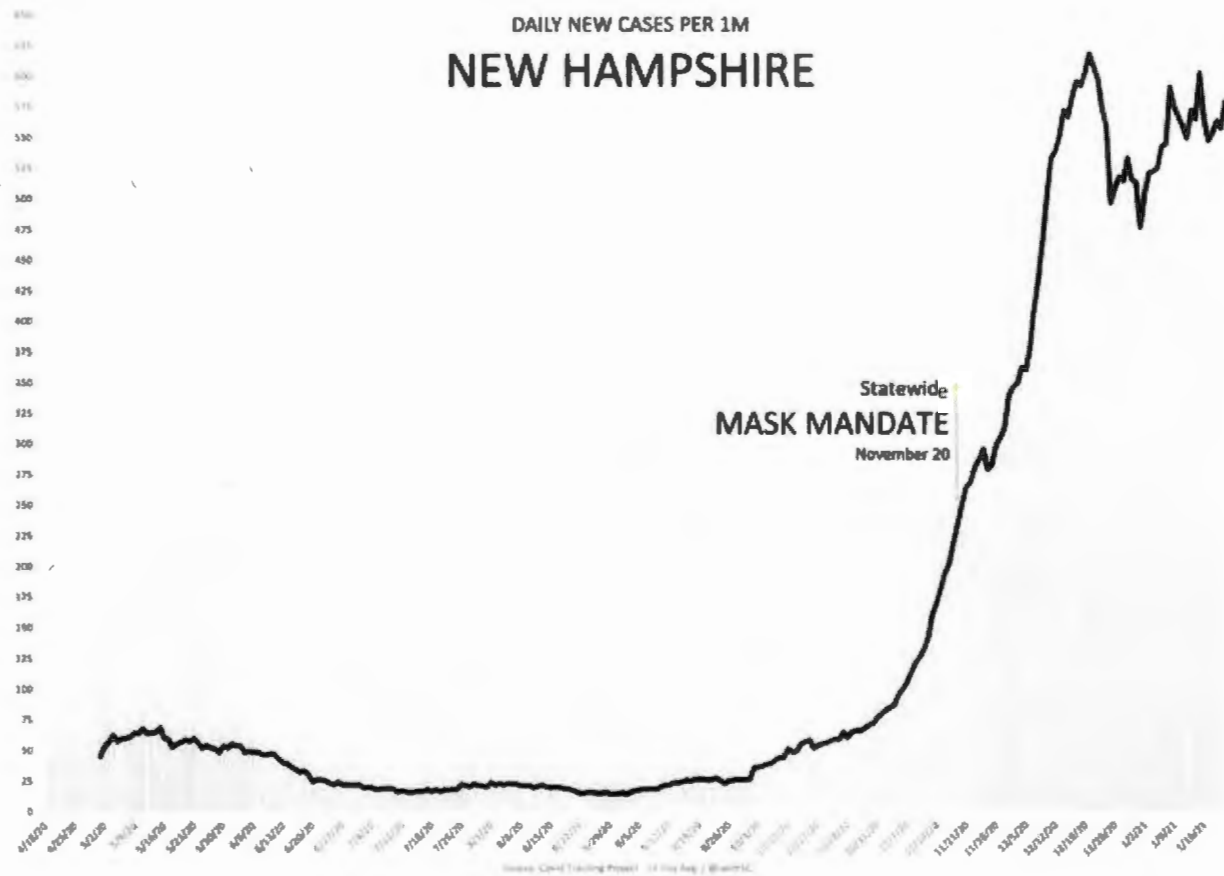
Germany was praised repeatedly for its strong federal leadership and science communication. Didn't matter. Because masks don't work.



Northern Virginia



New Hampshire had local mask mandates for months, but made it officially statewide on November 20th. A month and a half later, the case rate was up 100% and it still hasn't come down.

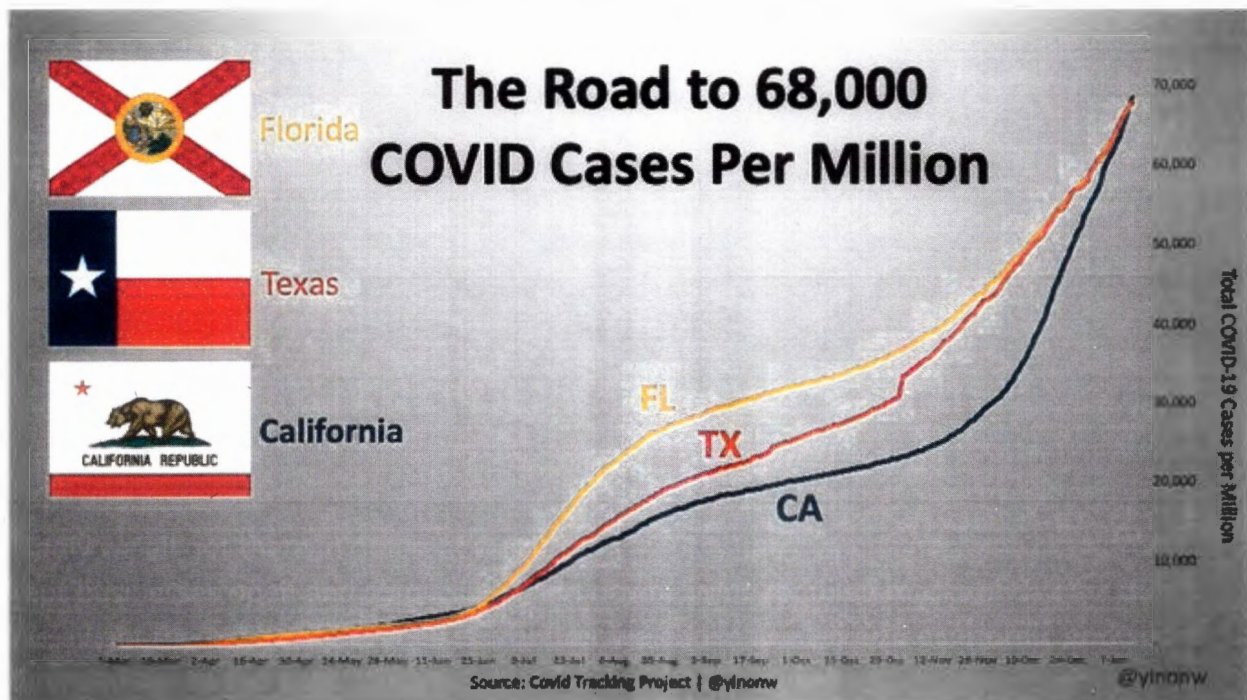


Fauci – Politics mixed with Science = Politics

Thanks to Dr. Fauci the credibility of and trust in public health officials has been severely damaged. And rightly so.



"Sadly we all got there in different ways. Some kept schools open and some closed. Some kept businesses open and some shut them down. Some required masks and some didn't. We all get there. **The difference is whether we chose to also add economic and social devastation to the cost**". (@yionow on Twitter) **bold is mine**



Suggestions:

Adopt the common sense principles set forth in The Great Barrington Declaration (see end of this booklet) for the people of Fresno County. Adopt and pass a resolution (examples at end of this booklet) rejecting the lockdowns and mask mandates put forth by our dishonest Governor. Open Fresno County!

Let the people know who is really at risk and who is not at great risk. Inform them of the benefits of pro-active measures that they can take such as vitamin C, vitamin D and zinc. That they should get tested only if they have symptoms or are going to visit a vulnerable person for an extended period of time.

Lift the mask mandate and allow all businesses to be open and operate freely.

Open all the schools to operate as they have done in the past. No masks. Restore all activities such as sports, after-school meetings, etc.

Publish actual (not state adjusted) Fresno county hospital capacity and ICU bed information in the context of the last 5 to 10 years and not current info all by itself that allows fear to propagate.

TRUST THE PEOPLE!!

Thank you,

Rick Sandberg

The Great Barrington Declaration

The Great Barrington Declaration – As infectious disease epidemiologists and public health scientists we have grave concerns about the damaging physical and mental health impacts of the prevailing COVID-19 policies, and recommend an approach we call Focused Protection.

Coming from both the left and right, and around the world, we have devoted our careers to protecting people. Current lockdown policies are producing devastating effects on short and long-term public health. The results (to name a few) include lower childhood vaccination rates, worsening cardiovascular disease outcomes, fewer cancer screenings and deteriorating mental health – leading to greater excess mortality in years to come, with the working class and younger members of society carrying the heaviest burden. Keeping students out of school is a grave injustice.

Keeping these measures in place until a vaccine is available will cause irreparable damage, with the underprivileged disproportionately harmed.

Fortunately, our understanding of the virus is growing. We know that vulnerability to death from COVID-19 is more than a thousand-fold higher in the old and infirm than the young. Indeed, for children, COVID-19 is less dangerous than many other harms, including influenza.

As immunity builds in the population, the risk of infection to all – including the vulnerable – falls. We know that all populations will eventually reach herd immunity – i.e. the point at which the rate of new infections is stable – and that this can be assisted by (but is not dependent upon) a vaccine. Our goal should therefore be to minimize mortality and social harm until we reach herd immunity.

The most compassionate approach that balances the risks and benefits of reaching herd immunity, is to allow those who are at minimal risk of death to live their lives normally to build up immunity to the virus through natural infection, while better protecting those who are at highest risk. We call this Focused Protection.

Adopting measures to protect the vulnerable should be the central aim of public health responses to COVID-19. By way of example, nursing homes should use staff with acquired immunity and perform frequent testing of other staff and all visitors. Staff rotation should be minimized. Retired people living at home should have groceries and other essentials delivered to their home. When possible, they should meet family members outside rather than inside. A comprehensive and detailed list of measures, including approaches to multi-generational households, can be implemented, and is well within the scope and capability of public health professionals.

Those who are not vulnerable should immediately be allowed to resume life as normal. Simple hygiene measures, such as hand washing and staying home when sick should be practiced by everyone to reduce the herd immunity threshold. Schools and universities should be open for in-person teaching. Extracurricular activities, such as sports, should be resumed. Young low-risk adults should work normally, rather than from home. Restaurants and other businesses should open. Arts, music, sport and other cultural activities should resume. People who are more at risk may participate if they wish, while society as a whole enjoys the protection conferred upon the vulnerable by those who have built up herd immunity.

On October 4, 2020, this declaration was authored and signed in Great Barrington, United States, by:

Dr. Martin Kulldorff, professor of medicine at Harvard University, a biostatistician, and epidemiologist with expertise in detecting and monitoring infectious disease outbreaks and vaccine safety evaluations.

Dr. Sunetra Gupta, professor at Oxford University, an epidemiologist with expertise in immunology, vaccine development, and mathematical modeling of infectious diseases.

Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, professor at Stanford University Medical School, a physician, epidemiologist, health economist, and public health policy expert focusing on infectious diseases and vulnerable populations.

<https://gbdeclaration.org/>

**TOWN OF MONUMENT
RESOLUTION NO. 08-2021**

**A RESOLUTION REASSERTING THE RIGHTS OF THE TOWN OF MONUMENT AND
ITS RESIDENTS AND CONDEMNING THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS
IMPOSED UPON THEIR FREEDOMS BY THE GOVERNOR OF COLORADO**

WHEREAS, ALL businesses, places of worship, and governmental meetings are essential to the exercise of individuals fundamental rights and it is discriminatory for the state to treat some, but not all, establishments with preference by labeling them as “essential;” and

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution states “No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws;” and

WHEREAS, individual citizens and groups have constitutionally protected rights of free speech, free assembly, and freedom to petition for redress of their grievances. *Edwards v. South Carolina*, 372 U.S. 229, 235 (1963); and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Constitution in the Colorado Bill of Rights Article II, Section 24, *Right to assemble and petition* declares “The people have the right peaceably to assemble for the common good, and to apply to those invested with the powers of government for redress of grievances, by petition or remonstrance;” and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Colorado Article II, Section 3 states, “All persons have natural, essential and inalienable rights, among which may be reckoned the right of enjoying and defending their lives and liberties; of acquiring, possessing and protecting property; and of seeking and obtaining their safety and happiness;” and

WHEREAS, the government is only lawfully permitted to regulate the time and manner of public gatherings in the interest of public safety, peace, comfort or convenience *Cantwell v. State of Connecticut*, 310 U.S. 296, 306 (1940) and “peaceable assembly for lawful discussion cannot be made a crime. The holding of meetings for peaceable political action cannot be proscribed.” *De Jonge v. State of Oregon*, 299 U.S. 353, 365 (1937); and

WHEREAS, governments restrictions on liberty “may be sustained if the State demonstrates a sufficiently important interest and employs means closely drawn to avoid unnecessary abridgment of associational freedom.” *Buckley v. Valeo*, 424 U.S. 1, 25 (1976); and

WHEREAS on 4 January 2021, the Governor altered restrictions without regard to their purpose of health and safety and for his own political interests thus demonstrating that the limitations on speech did not meet the limited requirement of protecting the health and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's emergency orders, as enforced by State agencies, deny the rights of people to peaceably assemble at Government meetings and in private places of business to engage in constitutionally protected activities; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Monument are aware of their own underlying health risk factors better than the Governor and the health department; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Monument have a RIGHT to work and provide for their families; and

WHEREAS, a state of emergency that operates in perpetuity becomes a state of tyranny;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MONUMENT, COLORADO STATE THAT:

The town of Monument will not abide by any executive orders limiting attendance of and free speech at public meetings within the town.

The Board of Trustees does not support COVID restrictions that would shut down businesses in the town of Monument.

The Board of Trustees calls upon the Governor, to take all necessary steps to prevent harm to local businesses and minimize the harm of the unconstitutional orders by reclassifying every business as an essential business.

The Board of Trustees understands that, notwithstanding their unconstitutional nature, State authorities will attempt to pressure businesses to comply and may threaten their livelihoods. The Town of Monument does not have the ability to preclude State enforcement actions. The Board therefore calls on each business and individual to determine for themselves the level to which they desire to comply, in their best interests, with the Governor's unconstitutional orders.

The Board of Trustees calls upon each business to be responsible in evaluating their own establishment and their capacity to safely accept patrons.

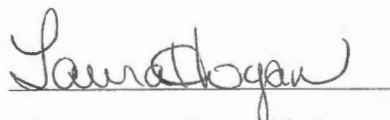
The Board of Trustees calls upon each business and patron to respect the determination of others as they determine the levels of protection instituted on their property.

The Board of Trustees calls upon patrons to use their best judgment when entering any store and feel free to walk away if they do not feel safe based on their underlying health conditions.

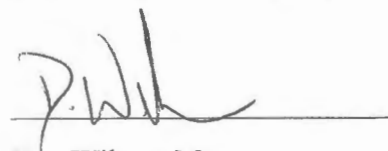
PASSED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Monument, El Paso County, Colorado, this 11th day of January 2021, by a vote of 7 for and 0 against.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF MONUMENT



Laura Hogan, Town Clerk



Don Wilson, Mayor

Monument Colorado Story

<https://thecoloradoherald.com/2021/monument-becomes-covid-19-sanctuary-city/>

Monument Colorado Resolution

<https://monumenttownco.documents-on-demand.com/?l=aa4042f012afe911a2d1000c29a59557&r=1C721BF51808A2EF6FE73B4BF8039672&d=366a1e4d8354eb11a324000c29a59557>


Baraga County Michigan


BARAGA COUNTY MANIFESTO

We, the undersigned county officials, having been duly and Constitutionally elected by the Citizens of Baraga County, Michigan, do hereby declare on this 11th Day of January, 2021:


Since March 10, 2020 the People of the State of Michigan have endured restrictions on their freedom which have not been seen in North America since the days of King George III and the American Revolution. In the face of a worldwide pandemic our political leadership in Lansing has ignored the protections guaranteed to all America citizens by the Bill of Rights in favor of medical models designed to predict the course of a still, for the most part, unknown virus. The result has been the unilateral adoption of clearly unconstitutional measures which treat human beings like herd animals and which arbitrarily pick economic winners and losers. Our citizens' rights to assemble, to freely practice their religion, to travel, to keep their property, businesses and jobs, even to dress as they please have all been swept aside, and to what end? The pandemic rages on and Lansing's failed efforts to control the spread of the virus is blamed on the people themselves rather than the scientific community's admitted lack of data and understanding of COVID 19.


Enough is enough. We have taken an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, an oath we take very seriously. Accordingly, we hereby put the State of Michigan on NOTICE that we have no intention of participating in the unconstitutional destruction of our citizens' economic security and liberty. We further declare our intention to take no action whatsoever in furtherance of this terribly misguided agenda. Finally, we call upon the Michigan Legislature to exercise their co-equal authority by adopting constitutionally sound measures which limit the unchecked exercise of executive power, which restore individual responsibility and accountability, and which return Michigan to the ranks of freedom-loving governments everywhere.


Joe Brogan
Sheriff
Baraga County, Michigan

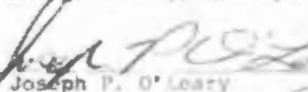

Wendy Goetz
Clerk & Register of Deeds
Baraga County, Michigan


Lyle Olsen
District 4 Commissioner
Baraga County, Michigan


William C. Roloff
District 5 Commissioner
Baraga County, Michigan


Bill Wiggins
District 2 Commissioner
Baraga County, Michigan


Gale Kilele
District 1 Commissioner
Baraga County, Michigan


Joseph P. O'Leary
Prosecuting Attorney
Baraga County, Michigan


Dan Robillard
District 3 Commissioner
Baraga County, Michigan


Jiri Salomon
Treasurer
Baraga County, Michigan