

Covid-19 Pandemic – Lessons Learned from: Mestral – The Observer

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Intro, and Some Lessons Learned

It has been just over two years, since the Covid-19 virus escaped the lab at Wuhan.

I began this paper in October of 2021, and had intended to have it finished by Thanksgiving. But, after getting into it, I found there were many more lessons than I originally thought.

And as I wrote it, I found we were still learning some of those lessons, as things that were previously hidden, came to light. Completing the task became a moving target.

It has been 2 years, since some of my more observant friends pointed out some events in China that they thought deserved watching. Without them, I wouldn't have seen it for several more weeks, since I don't usually watch outbreaks that haven't left the country they started in.

This one was different, though. Multiple attempt to contain it had failed and their government was just as interested in silencing the alarm as stopping the virus.

A lesson here is that it is good to have others help you watch for trouble. And since social media immediately shut down any attempts to spread the truth, these others need to be able to communicate with you by other means. I get most of my information through specialists who blog about their work, and through forums, with email as a back up. (See Note 2 about forums and blogs.)

No disaster occurs in a vacuum. Most of the discussion in this paper will involve other factors surrounding the pandemic.

This pandemic, as most others do, occurred in the midst of political battles and economic struggles. The primary actors in these battles and struggles were the Patriots and the Leftist Insurgents.

Two years is a long time, and even a few months into a pandemic, most people will jump on and swallow any news that the disaster is almost over, even when it is just beginning to unfold. They get exhausted and complacent after a few months (some, after a few weeks), and then, will panic all over again if someone dies or even if they hear the right rumors.

The Left (aka Insurgents) was a cesspool of myths, rumors, and even disinformation. (See Note 1)

The Right is just as prone to myth as the left. Just different myths. They tend to view news of danger, especially if that news comes from the government, with great suspicion, even to the point of considering the whole thing to be a hoax, or a contrived and controlled experiment. The result of right wing conspiracies is many people thought the virus was a hoax and that the vaccine was designed to have some immediate, destructive effect.

They have good reason for that suspicion, as such controlled experiments have happened in the past. (Mostly, secret experiments on our military personnel.)

I have also found, there is no limit to how disgustingly immoral, unlawful and unethical behavior, Leftists, in various governments around the world (including ours), will go, to use a disaster (See Note 3) as a tool, to increase their tyranny. Their intent is to kill off liberty, and their competition.

The Leftist Insurgents (see definitions below) immediately seized on the pandemic as a rallying point to spread confusion and disinformation, and to find Patriots who were willing to stand up to them, for the purpose of politically destroying those Patriots.

Encyclopedic Glossary

Some terms I, and others use, and what we mean by them.

Alphabet Agencies

These are agencies, mostly of the US government, that most people refer to by three or four letters: FBI CIA CDC NIH WHO IRS DHS etc,

Crisis Standards of Care

This is a medical and legal term, and describes, in time of disaster, the shift from care for the good of individual patients to the good of the public in general, with the focus on keeping as many as possible alive, through the disaster.

See, also, **Triage**.

See, also, Note 7

Deep State

Basically, the Deep State is made up of anyone who works for the government, has substantial authority, but is not elected, nor can they easily be fired or replaced, by anyone who is elected. Most of the Civil Service management falls into this category. A subcategory of the Deep State is the Shadow Government, which is outside the scope of this paper.

Force Majeure

A legal term referring to a common clause in contracts which essentially frees both parties from liability or obligation when an extraordinary event or circumstance beyond the control of the parties, such as a war, strike, riot, crime, epidemic or sudden legal changes prevents one or both parties from fulfilling their obligations under the contract.

Globalist and Leftist Agenda

The primary focus, and a driving force, behind the efforts to make us all subject to the One World Government, through the removal of National Sovereignty, Individual Liberty, and Constitutional law.

Leftist Insurgents (also The Insurgency)

This is what I call those who have decided to destroy the US through infiltration into our schools, media and government, to teach and promote some form of Marxist ideas. They work in league with the Islamist Insurgency (outside scope of this paper).

Many of them do this because they themselves have been indoctrinated in Marxist culture, while others do it to climb the social ladder, and some are actually being paid by foreign powers to destroy us. (Opposite of Christian Patriots)

In general, it doesn't refer to the common person who has no understanding of what is

going on. (See Sheeples)

MSM Mainstream Media

These are the primary news (and propaganda) sources for most people. All adhere to Globalist and Leftist Agenda, and cannot be trusted.

Examples are ABC, CBS, NBC, MSNBC, CNN, NYTimes, Washington Post, etc. There are dozens of them.

There are a few news sources that are not included in this group, because they don't usually fall in line with the Globalist and Leftist Agenda. They are not Alternative Media, either, but fall into a middle zone, and attempt to be responsible journalism.

Examples are Fox News, Fox Business, NewsMax, New York Post, Washington Times.

Patriots

The (mostly Christian) Patriot Movement is a right wing movement of American political commentators and activists. They promote the true history of the United States, and point out the fact that the federal government has turned against the ideas of liberty and natural rights as expressed throughout the American Revolution, and against America's Christian heritage.

Sheeple (or Sheeples)

A word that combines Sheep and People. From Wiktionary: People who unquestioningly accept as true whatever their political leaders say or who adopt popular opinion as their own without scrutiny.

Social Media, Mainstream (All are part of the Insurgency)

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Google, YouTube, TikTok, Patreon, Wikipedia Scopes, FactCheck, (and a new one: "Good Information Inc" Paypal, GoFundMe,

Social Media, Alternative

(these do not take sides)

Brighteon, Gab, GETTR, Parler, Rumble, Subscribestar

(Some of those may be getting woke, others don't know they are being used by the Left to gather information on Patriots, and will be shut down when no longer useful.)

Triage

In a pandemic, this is the other side of the coin, from Crisis Standards of Care.

In Triage, each patient is evaluated to determine who should be seen next, and who may be denied medical care.

See, also, Note 7

Woke

This is a condition, describing a person's mental state, who has recently (or some time ago) been brainwashed by Leftist indoctrination, and is no longer capable of understanding true history and the issues impacted by it. One aspect of this mental state is they now look upon government as god.

It can also describe the efforts of corporations to undermine the rationality of the Sheeples to prevent them from gaining an understanding of what the aristocracy is doing to keep them subjugated.

In the first case, woke is a mental disorder, in the second, it is criminal behavior.

A Quick Chronology

(When did that happen?)

Nov&Dec 2019 the virus escaped from the lab and began to spread through the nearby city. All attempts to quarantine it failed.

Early Jan 2020, realizing the virus would devastate the Chinese economy, the Chinese government seeded the virus to about 100 other countries around the world, and began to hid the evidence of its escape from the lab, blaming initially, as "wet market" (live animal trading market) for its beginnings.

Late Jan 2020 Becoming aware of the threat, the US government stopped all travelers from Wuhan, and then all of China, except American citizens, from entering the US. Returning US citizens were quarantined for a couple of weeks.

Feb 2020 Politics and panic. As people became aware of the virus and did not know what the future implications would be, Leftist politicians seized on it, in an attempt to make Trump look bad, and many people went to prepper web sites, then bought a lot of anything that was being discussed, whether it made sense or not.

March 2020 the virus was detected in place after place all across the world, and country after country went into self quarantine or lock down mode, in an attempt to slow the spread.

Apr 2020. Hope, conspiracy and fear. Nearly everyone was hopeful that the virus threat would end soon, and everyone was afraid that if they didn't self quarantine they would either die themselves, or spread it to someone who would die from it. And then, there were those who thought this was all a hoax, that it was the flu, and that it was a conspiracy to take our liberty (the last part was half right).

May - Summer 2020. Failure to Launch.

The combination of wishful thinking on the Right, and opportunism on the Left (Note 3) came together in Trump's hope that the virus would abate in warmer months (like seasonal viruses), and the Deep State issuing at least three different sets of guidelines designed to keep the country in a "lock down" mentality for as long as possible.

Thus, despite the already known (among medical personnel) facts, that the virus doesn't spread easily in open air, nor does it spread easily across inanimate objects, it is vulnerable to sunlight and vitamin D is an important part of people's ability to fight it, people were kept at home, where they would become more vulnerable to serious outcome if exposed to it.

Fall 2020 (and all of 2021) Schools Kept Closed

Rather than allow children, who are not at risk, to go back to school, where they would probably be exposed and therefore develop natural immunity, they were kept at home, and masked in public, which was guaranteed to damage them educationally, mentally, and emotionally. (Unlike regular home schooled children these children, on remote learning did not have a good home school environment, partly because none of it was well planned.)

Nov-Feb Vaccines, Lies, and the second wave (Alpha)

Vaccines were actually ready to distribute in Oct of 2020, but the vaccine makers delayed announcements, in an effort to deny Trump credit. Then they deceived the public about how effective the vaccines were, against getting infected with the virus.

Turns out you can get the virus, and pass it on, almost as easily after vaccination as before. What the vaccine is good for is making the illness less serious.

As a side effect of this deception, almost everyone who was "fully vaccinated" skipped out on the masks and social distancing, causing a substantial increase in infection rates, in the Winter months. These infections were more severe than necessary, because the Government and Media deliberately failed to tell people of many measures that could be taken to lessen the impact of the virus on most people.

The Second Year: 2021 and the Delta Variant

In the Springtime, the Delta variant arrived, and soon became prominent, creating a second wave of infections, and giving the MSM a lot to talk about, while, of course, continuing to lie about the vaccine's effectiveness.

This was repeated, when Omicron came on the scene. This variant was another "Lab Leak," but with a silver lining. It very rarely kills anyone, and essentially vaccinates anyone it infects, much more thoroughly than any man made vaccine.

The Future.

This is fairly likely to come to a partial end, with a few cases running around in our population for years to come. But Omicron can be credited with bringing the emergency to an end. In fact, some people think that may have been the plan:
<https://igorhudson.substack.com/p/urgent-omicron-variant-likely-to>

I have two differences with the author. I suspect they created the variant on purpose, to study it, but I believe it got loose by accident. I believe they got lucky.

Fear, and the Sheeples , and Sluggards

I sent out the first warnings about the pandemic around the Jan 25th 2020, some people ignored me, and others ridiculed me.

Within weeks there was panic buying, and people grasping at every rumor or idea that came their way.

A very large portion of our population today has no courage, and they are prone to believing whatever news is set before them by the Main Stream Media (MSM). For this reason, we give them the name sheeple, or "sheeples."

We generally use the plural of the word because there are a variety of them, but they have some things in common:

"A person is smart. People are dumb, panicky, dangerous animals, and you know it."

– Agent K, Men in Black

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Sluggards, and lack of preparedness among the Sheeples

The majority of people are sluggards, to some degree, especially in areas that don't interest them. In modern societies, people have "out sourced" their security, and even survival, to others, so they can engage in pleasantries of life.

Before 1900, almost no one got their daily provisions from a "Grocery Store."

A "store," in those days, is what we call a warehouse, today.

But the security afforded by this "out sourcing" is a thin veneer over the chaos that has always been present, throughout history, and time after time that veneer gets ripped away, and people panic. Having lived all of their lives in comfort and ignorance, they are suddenly faced with not knowing what to do to secure their home and families, and not knowing who to listen to, to deal with their new reality.

Knowing this, the Left flooded the news with a mixed bag of messages promoting their political agenda alongside a lot of shabby science designed to simultaneously reassure

people while keeping them panicked. (They continue to do so.) This wasn't by accident, as we shall later discuss.

Panic Buying

We discovered, at the beginning of this ordeal, the sheeples will look at the surface of the prepper community, and "preppers videos." Whatever they see the "preppers" buying a lot of, they will create shortages of those items, due to panic buying (and those shortages lead to further panic buying). Then those panic buyers (and the MSM) will blame the preppers, calling them hoarders, for the shortages.

Just as a reminder, the difference, hoarding vs prepping.

Hoarders buy up large quantities of items at the beginning of a disaster, causing shortages for others. And they do this without thinking through what they really will need, in an emergency.

As an example, as a hurricane approached, a woman was seen going through the checkout of her grocer with a stack of frozen microwave TV dinners. She didn't have a generator. She just knew what she intended to eat while stuck at home, and had not thought it through. Another had seen a local prepper, or maybe one on TV, had stored large quantities of rice, so they bought a 25 lb bag of rice, and later realized they didn't even know how to prepare it.

A prepper should be able to point to at least three factors that set them apart from hoarders:

1. They bought all or most of their supplies well ahead of the disaster.
2. They know what they have. In most cases, they keep inventories, or have labeled (sometimes in code) shelves or cabinets.
3. They know why they have each item, and generally know why they have a certain quantity of it.

Preppers may continue to buy normal, or near normal amounts of some items as the disaster unfolds (this depends on the type of disaster), since they know shortages, unrelated to the panic buying will come later, because the disaster will disrupt supply chains. Many of them will exercise caution, in an attempt to not make things worse for the non preppers.

More on this in Note 4, about panic buying and feel good laws

Infrastructure, especially Medical

I highlight medical because it is controlled by government and big business, and mostly out of our hands. Much of it is licensed and regulated by various agencies. And, while much of the licensing and regulation was put in place for beneficial reasons, a lot of it has degraded into ways to control who can provide medical services, for reason of politics or profit.

Our medical system is fragile.

I was looking into how many went to the hospital before the medical system began to become unglued. I didn't find precise numbers, but, when approximately 1 person in 6000 of the population was hospitalized, things began to strain. At the height of the pandemic we had less than 1 person per 1000 in the hospitals, and the system couldn't handle that.

Our medical system is unprepared.

The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) is a stockpile of medicines and protective equipment designed to deal with a pandemic or a biological warfare situation.

Depleted from other recent pandemics (and the Anthrax scare of 2001), most notably the Swine Flu pandemic of 2009, the stockpile was never replenished. Not that it was ever properly funded in the first place. Beyond lack of funding, the whole thing was mismanaged, so that the oldest items were neglected until many of them became unusable, rather than rotated out and replaced.

According to government sources, the (SNS) was drawn down to 10% during this pandemic. Early efforts to rebuild this stockpile were thwarted by Leftists, for partisan reasons. Later, it may have been partially rebuilt, as this article says:

<https://news.bloomberglaw.com/health-law-and-business/stockpile-leaders-pass-down-lessons-learned-for-next-pandemic>

However, the true status is considered secret, and as many times as the Deep State has lied to us, I remain skeptical. The Biden Administration seems to have given it some lip service, early on, but I haven't seen anything, concrete, done about it.

I came across more information as I was proofreading this and will discuss it in Note 9.

Infrastructure Preparedness. And Propaganda.

What we learn most, is that we do not learn.
And when we do learn, those with nefarious intent learn the most.

There were four simulations, in preparation for this pandemic.

Dark Winter 2001

<https://academic.oup.com/cid/article/34/7/972/316999#4241324>

Atlantic Storm, 2005

https://www.centerforhealthsecurity.org/our-work/events-archive/2005_atlantic_storm/pdf/as_brief_summary.pdf

Clade X 2018

<https://www.sciencealert.com/pandemic-simulation-showed-a-new-disease-could-kill-over-900-million-people>

Event 201 2019

<https://www.centerforhealthsecurity.org/event201/about>

These exercises are only useful if you study them. Sadly, it is our enemies, who studied

them, and the Deep State is using what it learned, against us.

Sadly, the outcome of what we failed to learn was quite apparent when this pandemic struck. Most of the problems highlighted by the exercises were the same problems that befuddled us in this pandemic, and we were almost as unprepared as if those exercises had never happened.

The first exercise showed that leaders who should have been making decisions had no understanding of the issues or what options they had. This ignorance among the decision makers allowed Deep State actors to feed them what they wanted them to hear, without being questioned about its accuracy.

The second exercise showed our stockpile of medical supplies was insufficient for any major disaster, and that we would have to rely on help from other countries. This lack of preparedness was later capitalized on, by China, who bought up all of the supplies on the open market before we were fully aware of the impact of this pandemic.

The third exercise showed the dependency of each of our infrastructures on other infrastructures. And it showed, despite 13 years time to get our act together, we were still seriously unprepared, although this exercise was more globalist in nature.

All of this reminds me of a "power outage" checklist I drafted, when I lived somewhere that the electric grid was becoming unreliable, and our city had no backup plan for water supply in case of a regional failure.

When the next outage hit, instead of following the checklist, which was right under the thermostat, people just sat around doing nothing. They knew the checklist was there, but did not believe there was a threat.

Of course, there was no threat (that time), but they had no way of knowing that. It is just human nature to wait for someone to come along and fix a problem that originated outside of their control.

The fourth exercise was "Event 201" (kinda well known for its connection to Bill Gates, and his prediction that a pandemic would occur in the next few years) and was focused largely on communications and control of the people, along with the economic troubles the pandemic would lead to. One of the "lessons learned" was: whatever message the "officials" wanted people to believe, they had to flood all of the media channels with that message, in order to overcome anyone promoting a different message.

Unfortunately, those with nefarious intent have learned from disasters, and from the exercises. Profiteering (not the same as price gouging - see note 5), "official" propaganda, censorship, and stripping people of their constitutional rights (see note 3) was alive and well in this pandemic. Not so much in the Midwestern US, but many places all around the world, including England and Australia, as well as our own coastal areas (other than Florida) and in some larger, inland, cities.

Studies of previous Pandemics showed that they tend to last about two years, and come in waves. There is a lot of variation though. I began to study pandemics after the swine flu pandemic back around 2009. From studying these, I learned that people would panic before the virus got bad, but then grow weary. They would then become complacent, just about the time they should be at their most vigilant. (I have seen this same pattern in dealing with other threats.)

In this pandemic, people were panicking in March of 2020, and became complacent by the next Christmas, just in time for the biggest wave. Then panic set in, and with a fresh, new, wave of propaganda, often contradicting itself and older propaganda.

The resultant mass psychosis has often resulted in people becoming each other's enemies, based on which version of the propaganda they heard and believed. Some of the people, who believed the unvaccinated or unmasked were going to infect everyone, actually attacked (always verbally and sometimes physically) anyone who "didn't follow the rules."

Other Infrastructure

Our supply chains have broken down in two phases, and there have been threats of a third phase that has not, yet, come to pass. The first phase was panic buying, and the second phase, which rolled around twice, was actual, but sporadic shortages caused by supplies not being delivered. The first time was due to changes in packaging requirements, as people shifted from restaurants to eating at home.

The second time is happening now, with shortages in various materials and transportation. This is due to the transportation infrastructure breaking down.

A third phase threatened, because several countries halted all shipments of certain food products out of their countries. This seemed to get resolved, except that the War in Ukraine may have created a whole new version of it.

A new third phase is still threatening. If food cannot be harvested due to breakdown of agricultural machinery, or cannot be transported due to political or economic problems, it may result in a substantial portion being left to rot, while people on the other end of the supply chain starve. Yes, this sounds a lot like what happened in the summer of 2020, but it could happen on a global scale that would make the previous problems seem like a mere hiccup.

Trucking and Ports have suffered some backlogs, and a large portion of this has been an after effect of shutting down driving schools during the pandemic. Also, despite being a very essential part of our civilization, they haven't been treated very well. There has been a shortage of places to rest, eat, and sleep while they are on the road, so many of them quit or retired after a year of working extra hours during the crisis.

The shortage of drivers, along with the stimulus checks everyone got, is causing a rise in the cost of transportation, which causes a rise in prices of almost everything. The most important rise in price is energy, especially petroleum.

The shortage of drivers will continue for months, maybe even years, before they can make up for the loss of drivers. Even worse, utilities and fuel supplies rely on a subset of drivers: those certified to carry hazmat. When these get into short supply, gas stations can run out, and some utilities may cease to be reliable.

While it the pandemic wasn't bad enough this time, If enough employees get sick or quarantined (or go on strike), or if other things cascade into breakdown of Civil Services we could the ability to maintain safe water supplies, sewage processing, and garbage pickup, not to mention fire departments and police.

In addition to the above inconveniences, the current rising petroleum prices are causing farmers to under fertilize their fields. If this does not change immediately, the reduction of crops will almost certainly cause a deep and sustained shortage of food, within a small number of years.

Government's Role in the World (Deep State Style)

The role of government, Deep State Style, is two fold.

1. Appease and Placate (and sometimes confuse) the Masses, in order to control them. This is done through propaganda, bread, and circuses.

2. Crush dissent.

This is done, primarily, through subterfuge, censorship and covert force. Sometimes by overt force.

Remember: The Nail That Sticks Up, Shall Be Hammered Down.

The ultimate goal of government, Deep State Style, is more government, more control, and to keep themselves in power. And as a corollary to that goal, they have an imperative to fund the corporate leviathans that keep in power, those who are friendly to their agenda. Especially those in MSM and Mainstream Social Media, willing to censor opposing views, and the Big Pharma that bankrolled Democrats into office, in exchange for vaccine mandates. (See Note 5)

Their primary tool is propaganda, but, as we have seen in other countries (like Australia), and in other disasters (like hurricanes) they can, and often will, use force.

Propaganda comes in three flavors.

The most obvious is outright lies, aka Disinformation. (The mirror image of this is censorship of information contrary to "official" information.)

Next most problematic is stuff they don't know, but pretend they do, and give you the story as if it is absolutely true, aka Misinformation.

The third, and most subtle, variety is truth, told in a deceptive way.

An example of that third one: the number of people who died "with Covid" is always bandied about, with no mention that many of them did not die "from Covid."

The Litany of Lies told by "experts" employed by our government (aka, Big Brother), the MSM, Big Tech (aka, Big Sister) and Big Pharma, over the course of this pandemic, would be hilarious, had it not been responsible for about a quarter of a million deaths and the destruction of millions of people's livelihoods, in the US, over the past couple of years. And the damage is still growing.

Communication, Propaganda, Community, and Resilience

Worthwhile communication, with people who you trust, in many disaster scenarios, becomes more difficult. This is the primary reason I wrote this essay.

One of the things that came out of the Pandemic Planning Exercises (especially Event 201) is the need to **flood the media** with propaganda they want us to believe. In addition to this, they have learned, over the past couple of years, that ridiculing and censoring views they don't want disseminated, whether true or not, is effective.

A community is not necessarily geographic in nature. Everyone who posts to a particular forum, or Gab Group, is a community. People you trust may be scattered across miles, or even across states.

(I covered **Propaganda** under the heading of Government)

Resilience is the most important and necessary aspect of communications security, and the only way to gain that resilience is diversity. This means a community of like minded people must have multiple ways to communicate with each other.

Many people were "canceled" by MSM and the Mainstream Social Media giants, for discussing ideas that were later proven to be correct. More alarming was the take down of Parler, a whole platform, through a concerted effort by Google, Apple, Amazon, and possibly others.

Many other blogs and forums were taken down, over the past several years, but with less press coverage, by some of those same leviathans.

How many blogs and forums, run by Conservatives, Christians, and Preppers, are sitting on servers owned by some of those same leviathans?

This article has some similarity to mine, and was written only days after we discovered there would be a pandemic. It is worth reading.

https://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent_news_id=3856

Lessons Learned in the process of writing this paper.

No matter how well you think you know a subject, you really learn more about it, when you have to write about it, and make your writing readable, by people who haven't studied the subject.

Another lesson learned, is that there is a never ending stream of new lessons learned.

I continued to learn, as I continued to write.

While proof reading this paper, I ran across new information about the Strategic National Stockpile, which I documented in Note 9.

If I were a real writer, this paper would have been done long ago, no matter how incomplete. As one author put it, "The book is done, when it is due to the publisher."

As it is, I "finished" with one section of random items that I have not yet fully expounded on, although I narrowed that list to a small fraction of the entirety. That, and some things just don't fit with any description.

As it got time to publish this, I found there are almost no places to publish papers, unless you are an "approved" author.

Some random lessons and ideas

There was no way I could fit everything into neat subtitles, first because I have limited

time, and secondly because there is more every week.

This article is about 15 lessons others want to say we have learned.

<https://www.aarp.org/health/conditions-treatments/info-2021/lessons-from-covid.html>

Some of them, such as 1,3,5,10,11,14 are good, others, well:

Lessons 2, 6 and 7 are feel good junk

Lessons 4, 9 and 12 are crucial

Lesson 8 is just plain wrong. And dangerous

Lessons 9 and 15 are bad forecasts of the future

Lesson 13 is irrelevant to the pandemic

This link is simply an early discussion about waiting for the pandemic to end, herd immunity etc - starts with this posting:

<https://www.city-data.com/forum/arkansas/3135756-first-case-coronavirus-here-76.html>

postings near bottom of page, from 13 Oct at 2:22pm through 22 Oct at 9:37am.

(time may be an hour off due to time zones)

China - some good info about the beginnings and investigations

<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/17709/china-crime-of-the-century>

This article is a discussion of the beginnings of the virus, but that is beyond the scope of what I am writing here.

<https://brownstone.org/articles/the-lab-leak-the-plots-and-schemes-of-jeremy-farrar-anthony-fauci-and-francis-collins/>

Dr. Scott Atlas: Science Killed Itself Over COVID-19

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/09/01/dr-scott-atlas-science-killed-itself-over-covid-19/>

Is science itself one of the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic? I asked Dr. Scott Atlas at the 13th annual Freedom Conference hosted by the Steamboat Institute, a Colorado-based nonprofit organization. Formerly a professor and chief of neuroradiology at Stanford University Medical Center, Atlas is now a senior fellow in health policy at the Hoover Institution.

A source of propaganda, using the LBGTQxyz community, by the CDC. (25 Aug 2021)

<https://www.christianpost.com/voices/the-cdc-and-pandemic-propaganda.html>
<https://townhall.com/columnists/ryanbomberger/2021/08/25/the-cdc-and-pandemic-propaganda-n2594683>

Not that being a member of the LBGTQxyz community has anything to do with the virus, itself, but the use of such an event in such a community is not a standard random sample of the population, as a whole. This demonstrates the CDC's desire to use tainted data and studies, to support policy decisions it has made for completely different reasons. It is disingenuous.

In Apr 2020 I wrote that the supply system would be falling apart

1. The first storm, happening right now. The system is being crushed by people trying to do, what they should have done, years ago. The situation we had in people's homes, at the beginning of February, breaks down to: 1. About 3% of the people have more than 90 days supplies on hand. 2. Most of the rest have about a week's worth on hand. 3. A substantial number had less than 3 days of supplies on hand.
2. The second storm is forming in the supply chains. Food processing and packing plants, dock and distribution workers, and truck drivers are not immune to this virus, and in fact, tend to be in situations that expose them more often than the rest of us. It may not be long, before a significant number of them are sick, or quarantined because they were exposed to someone who is sick. That will slow the pipeline, which will aggravate the situation I explained above.

Read more: <https://www.city-data.com/blogs/blog46530-covid-19-its-aftermath-part-1.html>

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Note 1 - Vaccine and other Myths

Left: You will get Covid and die, if you don't get the vaccine.

Right: The vaccine is designed to eradicate conservatives. People in Liberal states are being given a placebo.

Right: The vaccine is designed to sterilize people to reduce the population.

Right: There is a tracking chip (or behavior modification chip) in the vaccine.

Right: The virus was a "plandemic" designed to reduce the population, especially to kill off the elderly and reduce their drain on medicare.

Right: this isn't some new virus, just another round of the flu

Left: If you don't wear a mask and stay at home, you will be spreading the virus that will kill everyone's grandma.

Right: Masks and social distancing don't work and never did.

Right: Quarantines and social distancing weaken the immune system, so that is what is making people sick

Left: The virus is an excuse for white violence against Asians

Left: If everyone in the country stays at home we can shut this virus down.

Left: If everyone gets the vaccine, the virus will go away.

Left: If you get the vaccine you can't spread Covid.

Left: This is a pandemic of the unvaccinated.

Left: The virus was made in NATO labs and shipped to China

<https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/axis-disinformation-propaganda-iran-russia-and-china-covid-19>

The Left also lied about what Trump said, when he said he **hoped** the virus would go away as summer approached, the Left claimed Trump said it **would** go away.

The Left also labeled every conservative gathering, or any public areas opening, in conservative states were labeled a "super spreader event." And they did this while giving a complete pass to BLM and Antifa riots.

Note 2 - The Forums.

Also known as discussion forums, these are similar to other social media, but are smaller groups of people, work almost exclusively in text, and are generally populated by people who have some interest or expertise in the topic being discussed. Everyone on a forum generally know each other by pseudonym.

When dealing with forums and blogs, it is important to observe each person who posts, over a period of time, to determine what they understand, and more importantly, what they don't understand. I keep a notebook with entries detailing dozens of people, and everything about them, so that I know if what they say can be trusted.

It is also important to note there are limitations in any forum. The biggest forum I deal with, City-Data, is allergic to real Christianity. I have had many posts deleted for pointing out the error of heretical ideas. Also, for many months, they tended to delete some content that contradicted the government orthodoxy on vaccines and masks. They tried to allow fair discussion, but only within limits, and those limits seemed to change from month to month. (But, they were always better than Facebook or Twitter.)

Also, the user of a forum must realize the forum is a resource that assists in finding information, it isn't the source of information. A good experience on a forum results in lots of links to reliable sources.

And you find out if a source is reliable by looking up dozens of things that you know the truth about, and see if the source agrees with what you already know on those subjects. If so, it should be reliable on future subjects. The Left will tell you that this is just an echo chamber, but it is how reality works. Reliable sources will give correct information about things you already know, and sources that are merely Leftist Propaganda will give you incorrect information about things you already know.

I have found it helpful to have a list of resources and sources I have already vetted, so that I don't have to go back and look at one that I have already looked at before. (I have over 200 in my list.)

Note 3 - Never let a crisis go to waste

<https://ontheroadtodamascus.com/2020/04/26/the-origin-of-never-let-a-serious-crisis-go-to-waste/>

Condensed from above source:

After WW1, world leaders noticed something connected to the idea of war: the public acceptance of sacrifice!

They realized, if they could find something that was as dangerous a threat to the nation as a war, but which was not as destructive, they could convince the people to 'sacrifice' for the greater good without the devastation that usually accompanies a war.

This 'sacrifice' is almost always connected to giving up the way of life to which the people were accustomed. They would put up with less food, fewer consumer goods, lesser quality of necessities, fewer services.

And most important, they would give up their Natural Rights. In short, they would surrender to dictatorship in the name of 'saving the nation.'

Well, the people who realized they could use such threats to gain greater power did not just let this idea go away. They have been using it ever since they realized they could use 'crisis' to manipulate and control the people.

Note 4 - Panic buying and feel good laws.

Panic buying often occurs in three phases. First, people, faced with a threat will begin to stock up on things they had neglected to stock up on, in the past. They will often do so in an obvious panic

As knowledge of the threat becomes widespread, some people will look up prepper websites and forums, where preppers discuss such threats. Preppers have always been willing to teach others, but often what the person sees is some post about somebody having a lot of certain commodities, and so they run out to buy those things, in mass.

Part three happens when people see several others raiding the local grocery for supplies and, believing those people know something they don't, they do likewise.

Feel Good Laws.

Further aggravating the situation will be "price gouging laws." Note that I said the laws will be the aggravating factor, not the price gougers. The way the laws are written in many states make them draconian in nature, and does not allow for increases in price due to market forces or increases in operating costs. And, those laws assume that the disaster will be very short lived.

Price gouging laws make socialists and other shallow thinkers feel good, that they helped the "little guy."

They haven't.

What they have done, is take away the "little guy's" choice. Without the price gouging law, the price would be high, but the item would still be on the shelf, and the "little guy" would have the choice of paying the high price or doing without. With the law, someone buys all of the product, and the "little guy" has no choice, but to do without.

These laws also lead to further shortages, as the producers and distributors will simply move their products to more realistic markets, rather than take a loss selling to places with irrational laws. In addition, if it goes on long enough, it will likely give rise to black markets, with products disappearing from legit shelves, and moving to higher profit dealers who do not care about the laws.

(For more information on the price gouging problem look up "Blessed be the price gougers" on Real Clear Politics)

My advice for the near future is, for as many of us as is practical, to do as Joseph suggested in Genesis 41, and put about 20% (or more) of our groceries into our pantries to build up a stockpile. As I mentioned in my opening, this is something we should have been doing all along. If we can do this for the next year, we should have some stability when the next disaster hits.

Read more:

<https://www.city-data.com/blogs/blog46530-covid-19-its-aftermath-part-1.html>

Current link to "Blessed be the price gougers"

https://www.realclearmarkets.com/articles/2020/03/31/in_a_time_of_pandemic_panic_buying_blessed_be_the_price_gougers_487883.html#!

Note 5 - Medical Establishment, Vaccines and Profiteering

Big Pharma saw this, from the start, as a grand money making opportunity, and Trump handed them the tools to do so. As thanks, they saw to it, any treatment in competition with their profiteering was crushed and discussions of it censored.

Trump pushed the "Warp Speed" program, which successfully created a vaccine in seven months, at no cost to the corporations, but, since he had promoted treatments they wanted to keep sidelined, they paid him back by hiding the vaccine until after the election, just to hurt his chances.

There was more than \$20Billion at stake, per year. Still is, more than \$20Billion for next year, too. And that is just for Pfizer, there are at least three other companies trying to harvest profits from this pandemic, mostly by taking the money you paid in taxes or health insurance, and routing it to themselves.

But to harvest that money, they have to entice, and if necessary, force, people to get the vaccine. And they have to keep anyone from using alternative treatments: the ones that don't provide a profit for Big Pharma. They even went so far as to suspend medical licenses of some doctors who didn't follow their lead.

To get the government to help with these endeavors, Big Pharma pays bit money in political donations. Their donations amount to about 10% of all campaign donations, about 90% of which goes to the Democrat Party. And that is just the money we track. It doesn't count insider stock trading deals, which put unlawful, but well documented, millions directly into the pockets of politicians and the Deep State.

<https://www.theburningplatform.com/2021/07/13/big-pharma-wrote-10000-checks-worth-9-million-to-help-elect-state-politicians-in-2020/>

Note 6 - Testing becomes a religion

Testing, in the beginning, was sought after, to determine what we were dealing with, and how many people were asymptotically affected. This was a good reason to test people, but it quickly went wrong.

It was also, from the beginning, used as a political football. In the early weeks of the pandemic, tests were offered by foreign sources. These tests were known to be faulty, and so, they were rejected. Instead, the CDC was told to come up with one, and they initially botched that, delaying the arrival of testing supplies. Trump was blamed, of course, for rejecting the faulty foreign test.

Almost immediately, people began to misunderstand the significance of testing, and early news reports showed that the US had seen far more cases of the virus than countries that didn't test.

Then reports came out, that there were some false positives. Even a couple of unused tests came back positive. Those were dismissed, out of hand, as anomalies, but we later found out why. (5 paragraphs later)

In the mean time, testing became a religion, and the number of tests expanded until delays in getting the results became ridiculous. Employers began quarantining people until they got a negative result, despite many people getting over the illness before the test results came back.

Tests came out that were known to have lower accuracy rates, and were intended, only, to give a reading on what percentage of people in a community had the virus. Many employers and others began to rely on these tests that were known to be inaccurate.

Quarantines were often "until negative test" rather than quarantine while contagious. It was known among virologists and epidemiologists, that most people were only contagious for a few days after onset of symptoms, but, in an unreasoned effort to "stop the spread" (something we knew, from the start, was impossible) people were

quarantined for several times that long.

Public policy was often based on testing guidelines that were self defeating. One state required a minimum number of tests, and a low percent of positive tests. As the number of infections dropped, the percent of positive tests dropped, but so did the number of people tested (healthy people don't want a swab stuck up their nose). It took months for this, self defeating, policy to be abandoned.

Months after we should have known there was something wrong with the "highly accurate" version of the test, we found out the reason for the false positives was faulty guidance on how the test was processed.

Even after the processing was corrected, the medical establishment waited weeks to tell the public that it would still detect dead virus in your system for up to three months. This brought more havoc to people's lives, as some "authorities" and employers insisted people could not get on with their lives until they had a negative test.

Testing today, remains a religion. In late January, people were eagerly awaiting the rollout of the latest version of the government sponsored test. WalMart couldn't keep them in stock a \$20 bucks a pop.

Normally, I wouldn't use a substandard source, such as ABC, but right now, it will have to do:

<https://www.abc4.com/news/how-accurate-are-the-government-provided-rapid-covid-tests/>

According to Dr. Emily Spivak, an infectious disease physician at University of Utah Health, rapid antigen tests are 60-80% accurate for symptomatic cases and about 50% accurate for asymptomatic cases. Though they are not as reliable as the PCR tests — which experts regard as the gold standard for COVID diagnoses — she says that they are used because experts regard them as better for widespread use from a public health standpoint.

“While PCR may be the most accurate in telling if a person has COVID, if it takes two or three days to give them their results, that actually may backfire from a public health standpoint, because maybe [people are] not isolating during that,” she explains.

The rapid antigen tests, on the other hand, provide the ability to catch most cases early on, so people can know for sure whether to isolate.

Dr. Leisha Nolen, Utah's state epidemiologist, adds that the chances of a false positive are extremely low, even with a rapid test.

So the test misses between a quarter and half of the positive cases. And despite what the article says, false positives, though less common than false negatives, are not rare, at all.

Note 7 - Crisis Standards and Triage

When a medical system becomes over burdened by too many patients, there are two ways it is dealt with.

Similar to battlefield triage, when it is declared that Crisis Standards of Care in force, the care of some patients may be less than optimal, with the focus on keeping as many as possible alive, through the disaster.

Crisis standards of care give legal and ethical guidelines to health care providers when they have too many patients and not enough resources to care for them all. Essentially, they spell out exactly how health care should be rationed in order to save the most lives possible during a disaster.

Crisis Standards of Care

<https://afludiary.blogspot.com/2021/09/the-realities-of-crisis-standards-of.html>

In Triage, each patient is evaluated to determine who should be seen next, and, because of shortages of nurses and medical supplies, who will be allowed to live or die without medical care.

In the Covid-19 pandemic we barely scratched the surface of Triage. I did see some temporary shelters outside of medical establishments, including a Veterinary clinic. These were used to keep possible carriers out of the main building.

This was a relatively mild pandemic. The overall fatality rate was somewhere between half a percent and two percent.

In a bad pandemic, triage will be done at the entrance, or outside of the entrance, to keep those who will be denied medical care from entering the building. In a really bad pandemic, expect to see fencing go up around some medical establishments to prevent circumventing the triage unit. We could also see the return of sanitariums, in places like stadiums, to handle the large numbers of sick people. These things were discussed in this pandemic, but only implemented in a very few places.

Triage in a pandemic (UK)

<https://www.thebottomline.org.uk/summaries/icm/pandemic-triage/>

Note 8 – Masks, a Watershed of Belief

Effectiveness or are they worthless? Sometimes it seems that it depends on who you ask. The mask became a religious symbol of protection for the Left and a symbol of the loss of liberty for the Right.

This led to the rise of a class of people, known as Karen's, who would go around trying to make everyone wear a mask. They have a spirit of fear, and a mind of collectivism, to the point where they no longer have the capacity for rational thought.

But, did the masks work?

The bottom line is: masks work in limited situations. For cloth, paper, or even good surgical masks, if you were infected, and didn't know it, but you wore a mask and remained at least three feet from someone, while talking to them for a couple minutes, they offered good, but not perfect protection for the person you are talking to. Beyond a couple minutes, the protection dropped off quickly, to nearly nothing.

For N95 masks, they offered pretty good, but not perfect, protection for both the person wearing the mask and others around them. And they offered protection for a substantial period of time. As the minutest turn into hours, though, the virus would often manage to overcome those too.

Note 9 – Late Information on Strategic National Stockpile

I suspected, from my observations, that the Federal Government had failed, once again, to replenish the Strategic National Stockpile. I ran across the smoking gun, as I proof read this paper.

This paper shows where the funds went, that should have gone into restocking.

<https://usinc.org/funds-being-diverted-from-strategic-national-stockpile-for-migrants/>

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has now diverted more than \$2 billion to care for the nearly 50,000 unaccompanied minors who have flooded the now-open border in recent months.

How do the diverted funds break down?

- \$850 million taken from the Strategic National Stockpile
- \$850 million taken from funds to expand COVID testing
- \$436 million taken from various other HHS programs.

The following paper outlines what still needs to be done, to replenish the stockpile and bring it up to date. For preppers, it has some convenient lists near the end that may prove useful, or at least interesting.

<https://www.aamc.org/media/58756/download?attachment>

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