

(The following note was also published in the October 2020 issue of *Catholic Candle*.) We usually focus directly on Faith and morals. However, sometimes issues in society have a severe indirect impact on Faith and morals and should be addressed. Below, we examine one of those issues which has a severe indirect impact on Faith and morals, *viz.*, the overblown corona-scare. We put COVID-19 in perspective, to help readers face this challenge in which Providence placed us, for the glory of God and for our good.

In our current corona-crazy world, people are acting strangely because they are frightened by (supposed) imminent death from COVID-19, or they are intimidated by abusive governmental lockdown orders.

People have been coerced into failing to gather to sanctify the Sunday together (which is important, even in the present Great Apostasy, when we have no Masses and no uncompromising priests, at least in most places in the world). People have been bludgeoned into letting go of their humanity and are fearfully acting as if their fellow man was a threatening virus-culture rather than a fellow child of God and fellow soldier in the Church Militant.

Lastly, another reason to examine the corona lockdowns is because it is a prominent example showing (for anyone who needs further proof) that the mainstream media is unreliable as a source of the truth concerning what is going on in the world. It is *Catholic Candle's* hope that this present article is a helpful reminder to our readers that they should distrust the mainstream media because it lies and “spins” the truth.

This article uses the statistics which were current when the article was written in September and October, 2020. The article mostly uses data from the U.S. because there is so much of this data available. For the most part, we do not include the data from the rest of the world because that information is less available to us and also in order to avoid this article becoming too cumbersome.

However, the data we have from other countries supports the theses of this article. That support makes sense because human nature is the same in all countries, COVID-19 is (apparently) the same everywhere, and the lockdowns are broadly similar, although more severe and abusive in some places than in others.

**Lockdowns are for controlling the people,
not controlling the virus**

In a previous article,¹ we saw that there are many reasons why the corona-scare is overblown. We saw the reality is that:

- ❖ COVID-19 is in the same “ballpark” (and has the same fatality profile) as a bad annual flu, even if the inflated COVID-19 death toll were the true one;
- ❖ The collateral deaths caused by the government lockdowns likely far exceed the deaths directly caused by COVID-19, even if the inflated COVID-19 death toll were the true one; and
- ❖ The COVID-19 death numbers are unreliable and inflated.

But looking at what we have seen so far, a person might suppose that our proofs don't show the whole story because (he might think) the lockdowns *prevented* the COVID-19 death tolls from being much worse. That supposition is false, as we show below. The truth is:

1. COVID-19 lockdowns did *not* reduce COVID-19 deaths because death trends are largely similar everywhere, whether there was a lockdown or not; and
2. Lockdowns are for controlling people, not controlling a virus.

Below, we examine both of these points.

1. **COVID-19 lockdowns did *not* reduce COVID-19 deaths because death trends are largely similar everywhere, whether there was a lockdown or not.**

An August 2020 study conducted by the *National Bureau of Economic Research* (NBER) focused on all countries and U.S. states which had more than 1,000 “COVID deaths” as of late July. In other words, it focused on all of the so-called COVID-19 “hotspots” in the world. In all, the study included 25 U.S. states and 23 countries.²

Here is what the researchers conclude examining the data:

- Lockdowns and masks don't help. Why do the researchers say that? Because the virus's progression was basically the same *everywhere*, whether there was a lockdown or not, whether there was mask-wearing or not, and where there was “social distancing” or not.

¹ <http://www.catholiccandle.org/2020/10/01/the-overblown-corona-scare/>

² <https://www.nber.org/papers/w27719.pdf>

- The researchers analyzed the data in each country and U.S. state, beginning when the COVID-19 contagion became clearly established. Because this occurred beginning in different weeks in different places, the researchers defined the beginning of the contagion in the particular locale (*viz.*, for the purpose of when to start their study) as being when that location reached 25 total “COVID-19 deaths”.³
- The researchers found that COVID-19 progressed in a similar way in every place, regardless of lockdowns, mask-wearing and “social distancing”. In each instance, within a month the growth rate in deaths per day fell to approximately zero. In other words, no matter the country or state and its policies, deaths per day stop increasing within 20-30 days of passing the threshold of 25 deaths.⁴
- The researchers found that, once that happened, the pattern was that the deaths per day either began to fall or the trend remained flat.⁵
- The variability in death trends across regions has fallen sharply since the beginning of the epidemic and remains low. All states and countries studied have become more similar in their trends and have remained so.⁶
- The effective virus reproduction number, R , has hovered around one worldwide after the first 30 days of the epidemic regardless of whether there was a lockdown, mask-wearing and “social distancing” or not.⁷ (The letter “ R ” represents the transmission, *i.e.*, spread, rate for infecting other people. An “ R ” rate of 1 means that, on average, each person spreads the infection to one other person.)

The researchers pointed to this graph of the slope of deaths in one of the world’s most locked-down places, New York:

³ <https://www.nber.org/papers/w27719.pdf>

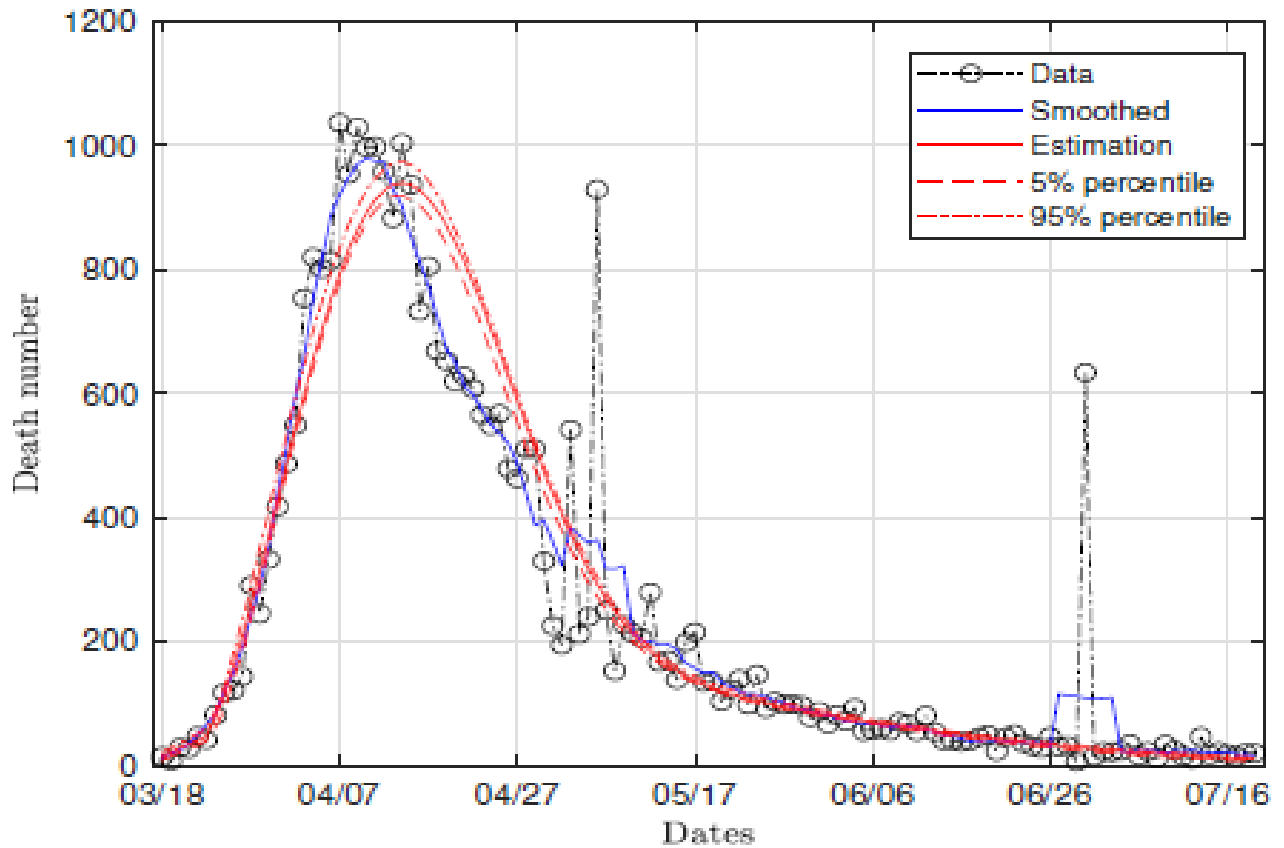
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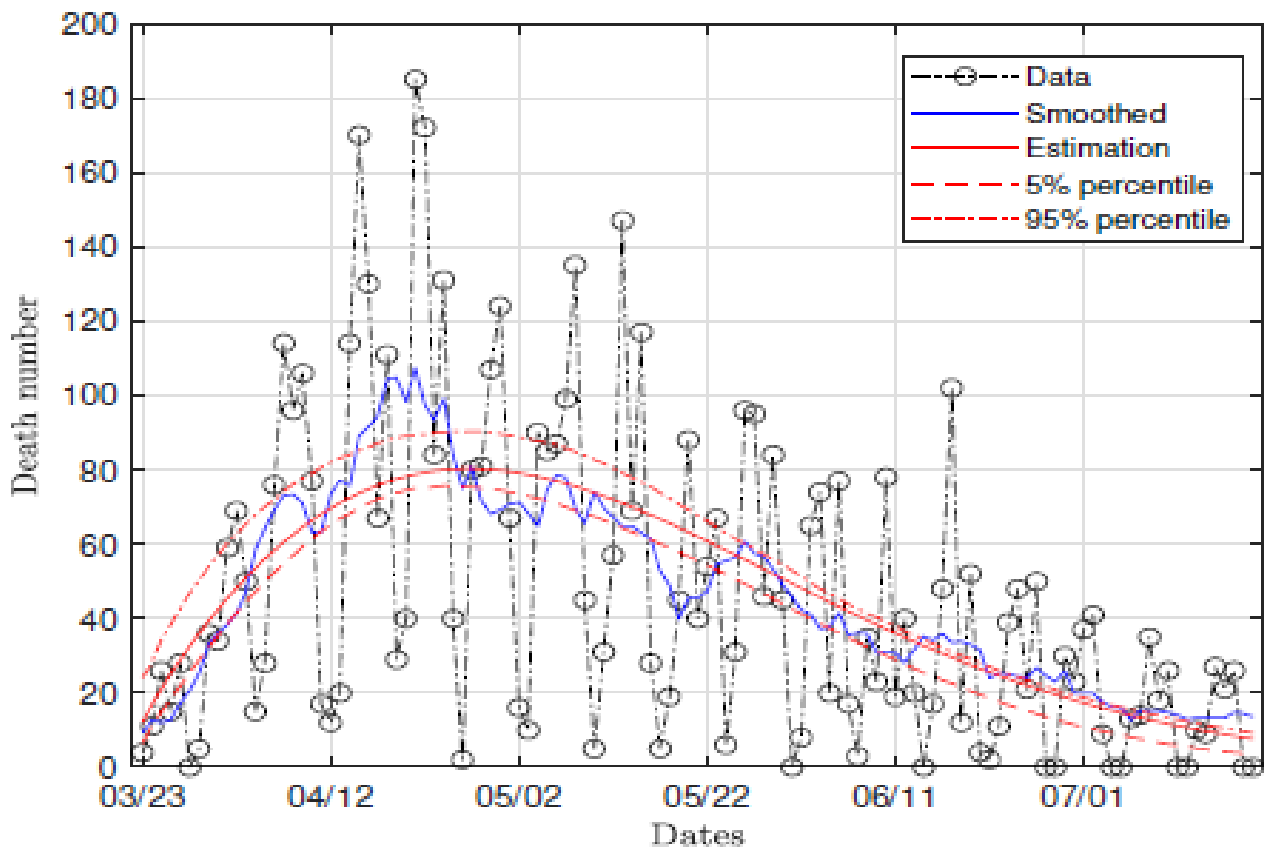
New York Daily Deaths



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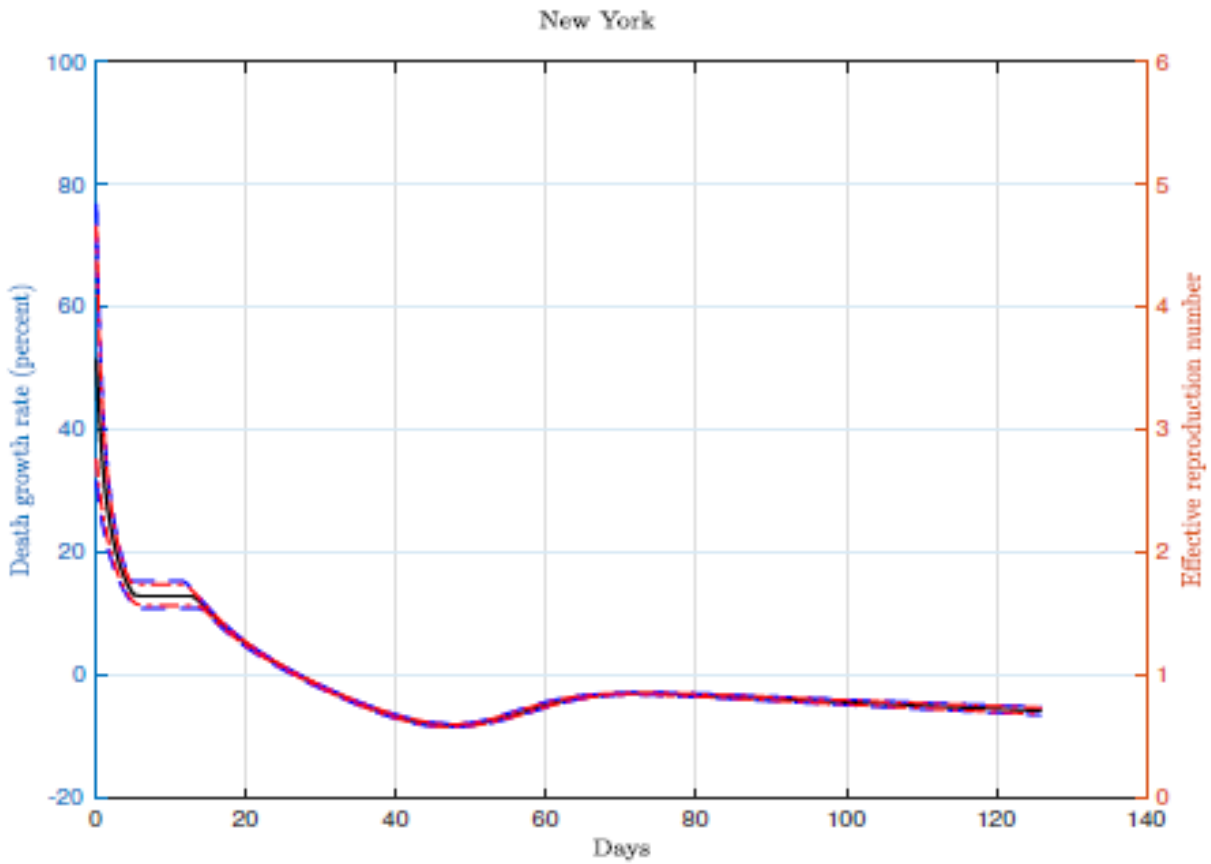
Compare New York's slope (above) to the slope of deaths in the entirely unlocked-down, non-mask-wearing Sweden:

Sweden Daily Deaths



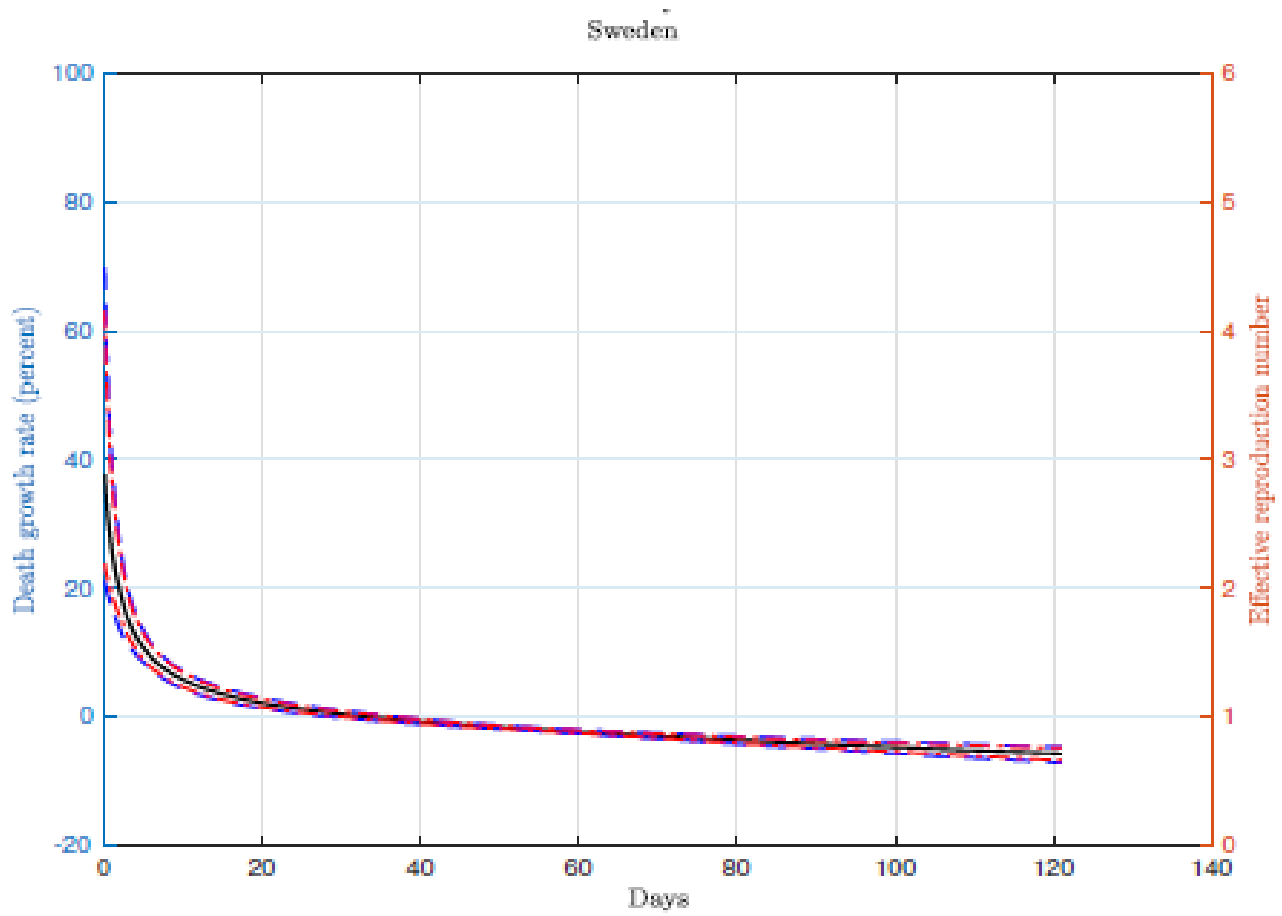
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Here is the slope of daily growth in the death rate in tightly locked-down New York:



Graph found here: <https://www.nber.org/papers/w27719.pdf>

Compare New York's slope of its death growth rate (above) to the slope of daily growth in the death rate in entirely unlocked-down, non-mask-wearing Sweden:



Graph found here: <https://www.nber.org/papers/w27719.pdf>

There is more data as well as other, similar graphs and analysis in the full study, found here: <https://www.nber.org/papers/w27719.pdf> It all shows that the COVID-19 infection began at different times, in different places, and that, although the countries' responses to COVID-19 varied greatly, nonetheless the death trends are similar regardless of whether the government's response was a draconian lockdown (like New York) or was Laissez-faire (like Sweden).

Side note: Sweden made one mistake in common with New York: not protecting its elderly

We have previously seen that COVID-19 mostly affects elderly people who have multiple co-morbidities.⁸ Sweden did the right thing by not locking down the younger, healthier general population – which is good – but there was a heavy

⁸ <http://www.catholiccandle.org/2020/10/01/the-overblown-corona-scare/>

death toll early on in Sweden's sick elderly (though perhaps, less than New York's own nursing homes).

This early death toll was in Sweden's poorly-run nursing homes, which are part of the country's socialized healthcare system.⁹ *Those Swedish nursing homes are bad places to live in any year during the annual flu*, and they were bad places to be during the early COVID-19 outbreak.¹⁰

So, again, Sweden did the right thing by not locking down the younger, healthier general population and the country benefitted greatly from that. But its government-run, socialized nursing home system *never* does a good job of protecting its frail and sick elderly population and did not do a good job with COVID-19 either. As Sweden's Health and Social Affairs Minister, Lena Hallengren, recently admitted, concerning the COVID-19 death toll in nursing homes:

We failed to protect our elderly.¹¹

Thus, COVID-19 should be treated like the annual flu and the frail, sick, and elderly population should be carefully protected, while the rest of the population continues its normal life. Sweden did not do a good job of protecting those elderly from COVID-19, just as it does not do a good job protecting them from the annual flu.

Readers, take the test below

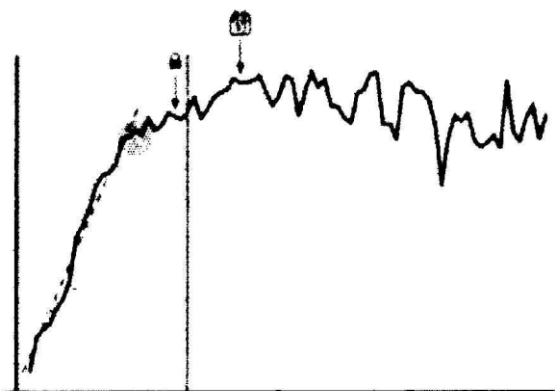
Below are five graphs of daily COVID-19 cases from five U.S. states. These graphs include states with extreme lockdowns and entirely unlocked-down states. Can you guess which states were locked down? (The answers are below.)

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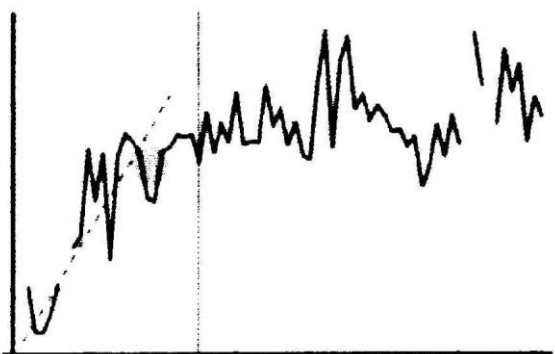
⁹ <https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/the-crisis-in-sweden-s-care-homes>

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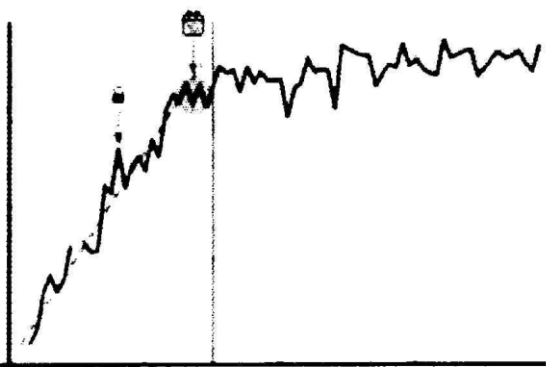
¹¹ <https://www.barrons.com/articles/sweden-has-developed-herd-immunity-after-refusing-to-lock-down-experts-claim-51598291136>



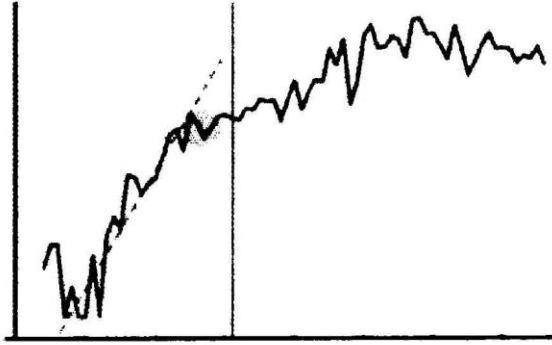
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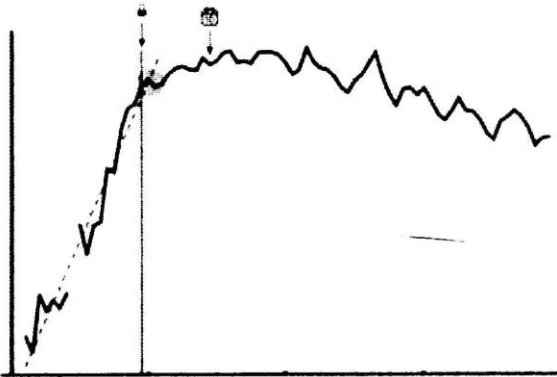
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The answers are that graphs 1, 3 & 5 are Michigan, California and New York, among the most heavily locked down places in the world. Graphs 2 & 4 are Arkansas and Iowa, which were not locked down at all.

These graphs and more, similar graphs as well as other information are contained here: <https://www.nationalreview.com/2020/10/stats-hold-a-surprise-lockdowns-may-have-had-little-effect-on-covid-19-spread/> Any breaks in the graph lines are because the states did not make data available for those dates. *Id.*

It is plain that lockdowns did not help, although they destroyed the nation's life and economy. Those lockdowns caused great harm to health and life – part of which is shown in section two of the article found here:

<http://www.catholiccandle.org/2020/10/01/the-overblown-corona-scare/>

New York's governor (Andrew Cuomo) revealed the ineffectiveness of his own lockdowns, when he disclosed that two-thirds (66%) of all new COVID-19 cases are

among those New Yorkers who are locked-down and staying home.¹² Despite this, Cuomo continued to order his abusive lock-downs.

It should not surprise anyone that these irrational, unprecedented, abusive lockdowns did not work, when we learn that the idea was a theoretical experiment (a computer simulation) concocted by a 15-year-old high school girl for her science fair. Her dad was a government worker who was “well positioned” to polish up his daughter’s idea and “sell” it to the CDC.¹³ The girl’s science fair experiment (locking down society) was never tried until this year.

This rash and stupid idea of locking down healthy people was rejected by *Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security* because “forced isolation and quarantine are ineffective and impractical” and that “no historical observations or scientific studies support the confinement by quarantine of groups of possibly infected people for extended periods in order to slow the spread of influenza”.¹⁴

There is now a problem for the Democrats and mainstream media who want to keep people locked down. The death toll has plummeted – not only deaths *caused by* COVID-19 but even the death toll of persons who die *with* COVID-19 but who die of some other cause.¹⁵ (Keep in mind, the U.S. is a nation of 330 million people, where millions of people die in an average year.) So, the Democrats and mainstream media had a problem: *how can they keep people scared enough to obey their abusive orders?*

Their solution? Turn the focus onto COVID-19 “case” totals, instead of COVID-19 death totals. The mainstream media has quietly segued from breathlessly reporting the crisis of daily COVID-19 *deaths* (which often had been the lead story of the newscast), to instead reporting the crisis of the daily COVID-19 “*case*” totals (reported just as breathlessly).

These case totals are effective in continuing the corona-panic, because they are large-sounding numbers. But those “case” numbers are as meaningless as would be the reporting the daily “pandemic” totals of persons who have the common cold.

¹² <https://www.cnbc.com/2020/05/06/ny-gov-cuomo-says-its-shocking-most-new-coronavirus-hospitalizations-are-people-staying-home.html>

¹³ Read the story here: <https://www.abqjournal.com/1450579/social-distancing-born-in-abq-teens-science-project.html>

¹⁴ <http://www.upmc-biosecurity.org/website/resources/publications/2006/2006-09-15-diseasemitigationcontrolpandemicflu.html>

¹⁵ In Canada, recently, the daily death toll was *zero*, even for people who died *with* COVID-19 but died of something else. <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/covid-19-deaths-plummet-to-zero-for-the-first-time-since-spring-in-canada>

Here is how the liberal *New York Times* admitted the relative irrelevance of these “case” totals:

The standard [COVID-19] tests are diagnosing huge numbers of people who may be carrying relatively insignificant amounts of the virus. Most of these people are not likely to be contagious [U]p to 90 percent of people testing positive carried barely any virus, a review by The Times found. ... [These COVID tests] may detect not just live virus but also genetic fragments, leftovers from infection that pose no particular risk – akin to finding a hair in a room long after a person has left¹⁶

Thus, the liberals and mainstream media seek to continue the corona-scare with COVID “case” totals.

2. Lockdowns are for controlling people, not controlling a virus.

In the first part of this article, we saw that the abusive lockdowns did no good (and caused great harm). The evidence shows that lockdowns are not “about the virus”. Rather, the government’s abusive locking down of its people is *political and aimed at stealing our liberties*.

Billionaire, far-left promoter of socialism and revolution, George Soros, views the corona-scare as an opportunity to bring about the globalist change which he tirelessly works for and finances. Here are his words:

I would describe it as a revolutionary moment when the range of possibilities is much greater than in normal times What is inconceivable in normal times becomes not only possible but actually happens. People are disoriented and scared.¹⁷

The globalists’ upcoming annual meeting in Davos will discuss the “Great Reset” of the world’s “economic and social system” in the wake of the “global health crisis”, requiring a “new social contract” focusing on “social justice”.¹⁸

¹⁶ <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/29/health/coronavirus-testing.html> (This report was updated 9-15-20.)

¹⁷ <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/aug/12/george-soros-sees-revolutionary-moment-coronavirus/>

¹⁸ <https://www.weforum.org/press/2020/06/the-great-reset-a-unique-twin-summit-to-begin-2021/>

A professor funded by the Rockefeller and Soros foundations¹⁹ is publicly promoting the position that COVID-19 is caused by climate change and that, unless the world's life and economies are radically changed away from free markets and personal choice, there must be future "climate lockdowns" – similar to the corona lockdowns except that these new lockdowns will occur to "save" the environment, the damage to which (supposedly) causes pandemics.²⁰ This connection (between the supposed "climate change crisis" and the corona-scare, is worth noting, since they both are used to support the same agenda, *viz.*, to usher in the New World Order.²¹

Liberal Democrat, Anthony Fauci, head of infectious disease for the CDC, stated that COVID-19 shows that the world needs to make "radical changes" and requires "rebuilding the infrastructures of human existence". On September 3, 2020, Fauci called for "strengthening the United Nations" as supposedly necessary to fight disease. <https://www.cell.com/action/showPdf?pii=S0092-8674%2820%2931012-6>

Here are some of the "radical changes" which Fauci says we need to transform the world because of supposed pandemic health dangers:

In such a transformation we will need to prioritize changes in those human behaviors that constitute risks for the emergence of infectious diseases. Chief among them are reducing crowding at home, work, and in public places as well as minimizing environmental perturbations such as deforestation, intense urbanization, and intensive animal farming. Equally important are ending global poverty, improving sanitation and hygiene, and reducing unsafe exposure to animals ...²²

Think about the totalitarian regulation of our lives that Fauci calls for – this "rebuilding the infrastructures of human existence". It is obvious why Fauci calls for a strong U.N. role, because his vision requires *global* regulation and *worldwide* socialist wealth re-distribution.

Think about Fauci's proposal. It requires worldwide control of all economies, control of all building and farming, where we live, what we eat, if and where we can

¹⁹ Mariana Mazzucato is professor in the economics of innovation and public value at University College London; <https://marianamazucato.com/about/> & <https://www.irishexaminer.com/opinion/commentanalysis/arid-40052987.html>

²⁰ <https://www.irishexaminer.com/opinion/commentanalysis/arid-40052987.html>

²¹ Read this article showing the climate change hoax being used to promote the new world order. <http://www.catholiccandle.org/2019/12/01/climate-change-serves-to-usher-in-the-new-world-order/>

²² <https://www.cell.com/action/showPdf?pii=S0092-8674%2820%2931012-6>

travel, *etc.* Think of the cost of this! Think of the global police state which would be required to break the inevitable popular resistance!

Fauci also said there is “merit” to the idea of Americans being required to “carry certificates of immunity” in order to leave their homes.²³ This is like the internal passports required in communist countries in order to travel even in one’s own country.

This is all in the name of supposed “public health”!

Although the globalists and liberal Democrats seek to tyrannically control the people with abusive lockdowns, close churches, and forbid the normal parts of life, those tyrants only want to snuff out *normal* life, not the societal changes *they* want. For example, Dr. Fauci called for the closing of churches and cancelation of weddings and funerals. However, he approved of permitting unnaturally impure physical encounters with anonymous strangers during the supposed COVID “pandemic”. Here are his words about such anonymous [unnaturally impure] hookups:

If you’re willing to take a risk — and you know, everybody has their [sic] own tolerance for risks – you could figure out if you want to meet somebody ...²⁴

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer strongly condemned the “irresponsible action” of her state’s citizens who protested her draconian lockdown orders.²⁵ Among other things, Whitmer prohibited even a mere *two* people meeting *in private*.²⁶ Whitmer has extended her abusive lockdowns five times.²⁷

²³ <https://dailycaller.com/2020/04/10/anthony-fauci-americans-covid-19-coronavirus-immunity-papers-cnn/>

²⁴ <https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2020/04/anthony-fauci-on-new-rules-of-living-with-coronavirus>

²⁵ <https://thepoliticalinsider.com/michigan-gov-whitmer-wants-to-extend-lockdown-to-punish-protestors/>

²⁶ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/michigan-stay-at-home-order-now-bans-visits-to-friends-relatives-governor-says>

²⁷ <https://www.bizpacreview.com/2020/06/05/mich-gov-whitmer-defies-her-own-extended-lockdown-order-to-march-with-george-floyd-protesters-930388>

However, during Michigan's lockdown in June, 2020, the leftist rioters and Black Lives Matter protesters flooded into Michigan streets, ignoring her lockdown. Whitmer broke her own lockdown to march with them.²⁸

Similarly, in the UK, police violently attacked a peaceful lockdown protest in the interest of "public safety" (according the police commander in charge) because the protesters were not "social distancing".²⁹ By contrast, the UK police stood by while a *Black Lives Matter* group protested, also without "social distancing". *Id.*

Plainly, the leftists, socialists and revolutionaries want to stifle *normal* life as we know it. However, they ignore all of the lockdown and "social distancing" claptrap in the name of Marxist protests and revolution.

Over 1200 so-called "health experts" (CDC employees, physicians, medical organizations, and academics, as well as others described as "community stakeholders") signed a public letter defending the breaching of those abusive "pandemic" lockdown orders in order to protest for "social justice". Those so-called "health experts" promoted these violations of the lockdowns by claiming that "white supremacy is a lethal public health issue that predates and contributes to COVID-19".³⁰

These supposed "experts" urged the government: "do not disband protests under the guise of maintaining public health for COVID-19 restrictions."³¹

The letter of the "health experts" urged people to donate money for bail for protesters who have been arrested. The "experts" also asked the public to "demand that law enforcement officials also respect infection prevention recommendations by maintaining distance from protesters and wearing masks."³²

In other words, these "health experts" were fine with the protesters marching shoulder-to-shoulder (many without masks), but demanded that the police wear masks and "maintain distance" from the protesters.

²⁸ <https://www.bizpacreview.com/2020/06/05/mich-gov-whitmer-defies-her-own-extended-lockdown-order-to-march-with-george-floyd-protesters-930388>

²⁹ <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/uk-police-violently-break-up-huge-london-anti-lockdown-protest>

³⁰ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Jyfn4Wd2i6bRi12ePghMHtX3ys1b7K1A/view>

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³² <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Jyfn4Wd2i6bRi12ePghMHtX3ys1b7K1A/view>

From this we see that leftists consider their own causes to be more important than lockdowns and supposed COVID “emergencies”. So, when radical “civil rights activist” John Lewis died, the Georgia church was packed with Democratic leaders who cared nothing about “social distancing” and “responsible” precautions.³³ *Those* rules were for the “everyday man” to obey, *not* for themselves.

Again, the lockdowns are not because of a pandemic emergency, but to control the people. If the coronavirus were *truly* so threatening that the leaders *really* thought that lockdowns were necessary for health, those tyrannical leaders *themselves* would act differently and not get caught doing the following:

- ❖ Liberal Democrat Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi broke the lockdown (and the masking order) so that a salon could style her hair;³⁴
- ❖ Liberal Democrat Chicago mayor Lori Lightfoot prohibited hair salons from being open, but opened one salon for only her own use;³⁵
- ❖ Liberal Democrat New Mexico governor Lujan Grisham broke her own order closing “non-essential” businesses by having one of them (a jewelry store) open for a short time, so she could buy what she wanted;³⁶
- ❖ Liberal Democrat New Jersey governor Phil Murphy violated his own masking and “social distancing” order;³⁷
- ❖ Liberal Democrat Illinois governor J. B. Pritzker had his wife and daughter visit Florida and Wisconsin in violation of his own travel ban;³⁸

³³ <https://www.westernjournal.com/double-standard-no-quarantines-politicians-attended-john-lewis-funeral/>

³⁴ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/pelosi-san-francisco-hair-salon-owner-calls-it-slap-in-the-face>

³⁵ <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/chicago-mayor-defends-hairstylist-visit-amid-coronavirus-outbreak-n1181546>

³⁶ <https://www.krqe.com/health/coronavirus-new-mexico/did-the-governor-break-her-own-rules/>

³⁷ <https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/murphys-law-applies-to-everyone-but-not-phil-murphys-law-apparently/>

³⁸ <https://www.chicagotribune.com/coronavirus/ct-coronavirus-pritzker-family-whereabouts-20200515-rx5qkabrabg67j3dfkllbowntu-story.html>

- ❖ Liberal Democrat Virginia governor Ralph Northam enjoyed a day at a crowded beach, maskless, not “social distancing”, two days before his own emergency order took effect, which commanded masking and “social distancing” for everyone because of the state of pandemic emergency?³⁹ (Common sense tells us that a supposed “pandemic” emergency doesn’t “turn on” like a light switch. If Northam *really* thought there was an emergency, he would have avoided the crowds during his day at the beach because he had *already decided* that the pandemic was an emergency.)
- ❖ Liberal Democrat Michigan governor Gretchen Whitmer’s husband sought special boating privileges, contrary to what his wife directed the public to do;⁴⁰
- ❖ Liberal Democrat New York City mayor Bill de Blasio violated his own order shuttering gyms in the city, by having a gym open only for his own use;⁴¹
- ❖ Beaumont, Texas, mayor Becky Ames broke her own lockdown order to get her nails done;⁴²
- ❖ Alton, Ill., mayor Brant Walker’s wife violated his **criminal** emergency lockdown order, which prohibited people from going to taverns;⁴³
- ❖ *Et cetera.*

Again, lockdowns don’t work for virus control but they are a powerful tool for controlling the people. The liberal Democrats and mainstream media are using them to get people used to having their liberties stolen.

³⁹ https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/gov-northam-slammed-for-mingling-in-virginia-beach-crowds-without-a-mask/2020/05/24/8e42b9b2-9dca-11ea-81bb-c2f70f01034b_story.html

⁴⁰ <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2020/05/25/purported-northern-michigan-boat-request-fuels-controversy-gretchen-whitmer/5254889002/>

⁴¹ <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/public-global-health/487915-de-blasio-defends-going-to-the-gym-i-need-exercise-to>

⁴² <https://nypost.com/2020/04/26/texas-mayor-broke-her-own-stay-at-home-order-to-go-to-nail-salon/>

⁴³ <https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/07/us/illinois-mayor-wife-gathering-police-trnd/index.html>

The actions of those liberal politicians show they don't *really* think the corona-scare is a serious and dangerous health emergency. Rather, lockdowns are about social control – conditioning the population to be “good” slaves.

Afterword – Regarding the subversion of society through destruction of normalcy

During the present corona-craziness, leftist government leaders demand tyrannical powers, deceiving us by claiming that science proves that we must completely abandon normal life – because “our lives depend on it”. They tell us that if we don't obey them, we will be killed by a Chinese virus. This destruction of normalcy reminds us of a book by C.S. Lewis, *That Hideous Strength*.

In that book, the world is being taken over by a well-funded, technocratic/scientific non-governmental organization (N.G.O.) known as the N.I.C.E. The aim of the N.I.C.E. is to take control by “reeducating” people, in order to eradicate all which is most human and good from society. The following quote is the thoughts of the main character, an Englishman, who finally sees things clearly while he is in N.I.C.E. confinement. Here are his thoughts at his epiphany:

As the desert first teaches men to love water, or as absence first reveals affection, there rose up against this background of the sour and the crooked [which was all around him in confinement] some kind of vision of the sweet and the straight. Something else — something he vaguely called the “Normal” — apparently existed. He had never thought about it before. But there it was — solid, massive, with a shape of its own, almost like something you could touch, or eat, or fall in love with.

It was all mixed up with Jane [his wife] and fried eggs and soap and sunlight and the rooks cawing at Cure Hardy and the thought that, somewhere outside, daylight was going on at that moment. He was not thinking in moral terms at all; or else (what is much the same thing) he was having his first deeply moral experience. He was choosing a side: the Normal. “All that,” as he called it, was what he chose. If the scientific point of view led away from “all that,” then be damned to the scientific point of view! The vehemence of his choice almost took his breath away; he had not had such a sensation before.⁴⁴

The subversion of normalcy in society — which is depicted in *That Hideous Strength* — has its parallel now during the destruction of normalcy by lockdowns and mask-wearing orders. So-called “health experts” and leftist leaders assert that we will

⁴⁴ *That Hideous Strength*, by C.S. Lewis, Ch. 14 (bracketed words and the dash after the word “solid”, added for clarity).

never again return to normal. For example, here is a news report of Dr. Fauci's declaration that the normal is gone forever:

The world will never return to what was considered "normal" before the novel coronavirus emerged four months ago, Dr Anthony Fauci says.⁴⁵

Let us choose the Normal and tenaciously cling to it! Let us not accept tyranny disguised as science!

⁴⁵ <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8194223/Dr-Fauci-says-world-never-normal-coronavirus-threat-remain.html>