



CBS Exposed Using Footage from an Italian Hospital to Describe COVID-19 Condition in New York

CBS News was caught using footage from an Italian hospital, painting a dire picture, while trying to depict the coronavirus conditions in New York City last week. -GEG

It appears as though the onset of a global pandemic and the ensuing carnage that it has wrought around the United States isn't sensational enough for one newsmedia outlet, which was caught this week faking footage of a New York City emergency room dealing with the coronavirus outbreak.

Internet sleuths started to piece together a video clip from CBS on a report about the outbreak in New York, which was then picked up by the Gateway Pundit. The report about New York City used a video clip of an Italian hospital, seemingly overwhelmed with capacity.

The first photo is from Sky News' coverage of the coronavirus crisis in Italy, from March 22. It shows an overwhelmed hospital staff in an emergency room in Northern Italy:

"This is the main hospital in Bergamo, in Lombardy province. It's one of the most advanced hospitals in Europe," Sky News

reported at the time.

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NRA Files Lawsuit Against California Officials For Closing Gun Shops During Coronavirus Outbreak

Democrat Governor Gavin Newsom ordered all “non-essential” businesses to close, and claimed that weapon shops fell into that category. The NRA is suing California officials for closing gun stores during the coronavirus outbreak, accusing them of “promoting a gun-control agenda that suffocates your self-defense rights when you need them most.” The Second Amendment Foundation, California Gun Rights Foundation, and Firearms Policy Coalition are also involved in the lawsuit.

A federal agency, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, listed gun stores as “critical infrastructure” in response to states shutting down firearms retailers as “non-essential” businesses during the coronavirus lockdowns. The agency advised that all workers supporting the operation of firearm or ammunition product manufacturers, retailers, importers, distributors, and shooting ranges” are to be considered essential. -GEG

Gun shops have been listed as “critical infrastructure” by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency on Saturday.

The move comes as states have been shutting down the retailers as “non-essential” businesses during the coronavirus lockdowns.

The agency advised that all “workers supporting the operation of firearm or ammunition product manufacturers, retailers, importers, distributors, and shooting ranges” are to be considered essential. They were not listed on an advisory from the same agency previously.

The Hill reports that “the list is meant to help other federal agencies, states and local governments to decide which industries should continue work during the pandemic. But individual jurisdictions have the authority to ‘add or subtract essential workforce categories based on their own requirements and discretion.’”

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“All decisions should appropriately balance public safety, the health and safety of the workforce, and the continued delivery of essential critical infrastructure services and functions,” the agency said.

The National Rifle Association has filed a lawsuit against California officials for closing down gun retailers during the coronavirus outbreak.

Democrat Governor Gavin Newsom ordered all “non-essential” businesses to close, and claimed that weapon shops fell into that category.

The NRA contends in their complaint that gun shops are

absolutely essential and must be allowed to reopen.

“Municipalities who target lawful gun stores for closure aren’t promoting safety—by weaponizing their politics to disarm you and your loved ones, these shameless partisans are recklessly promoting a gun-control agenda that suffocates your self-defense rights when you need them most,” Jason Ouimet, the executive director of the NRA’s Institute for Legislative Action, said in a statement on Saturday.

“NRA members recognize these unlawful power-grabs for what they are, and the National Rifle Association is proud to stand and fight alongside fellow Second Amendment groups who recognize it, as well,” he added.

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Martial Law? Massive Number of Tanks Transported By Trains Across California

Photos and videos of armored military vehicles being transported by train through Southern California started popping up online with claims that the sight was related to the governor deploying the National Guard in response to the

coronavirus pandemic. Officials took to Twitter and claimed it was only routine movement and that the National Guard has not been officially mobilized. Dr. Anthony Fauci predicted in January 2017 that there would be a “surprise outbreak” challenging the Trump administration. [We are posting these videos of military train movements to document the truth of the reports, but please be aware that some of the comments heard on these videos do not represent our viepoint.] -GEG

After photos and videos of armored military vehicles being moved through Southern California started popping up online with claims that the sight was related to the coronavirus pandemic, officials took to Twitter to quash the rumors and explain it was only routine movement.

The images showed hundreds of tank-like vehicles being hauled on a train over the past week, with some social media users tying the movement to Gov. Gavin Newsom’s deployment of the California National Guard to assist with COVID-19 aid efforts.

But the Ventura County Sheriff’s Department explained on Tuesday that “tanks on train cars” are not related to the state’s efforts to fight the pandemic. The vehicles appear to be Bradley Fighting Vehicles.

“Just our brave service members moving equipment... There is no reason to be alarmed,” the Sheriff’s Department said.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva have both emphasized that the National Guard troops haven’t officially been mobilized in the county – and that any help they provide would be humanitarian in nature.

That includes helping distribute supplies at food banks and assisting with transporting patients, according to the sheriff.

“Any logistical movements at Port Hueneme and Naval Air Station Point Mugu are just routine in nature to keep America’s deployed forces ready,” Naval Base Ventura County

said Tuesday in a tweet accompanied by photos of the tanks on the train.

Naval Base Ventura County said it “continues to support the Department of Defense in routine air and port operations.”

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Justice Department Reportedly Asks Congress for Indefinite Detention Powers To Fight Coronavirus

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is using the COVID-19 outbreak to press for sweeping new powers that include being able to detain Americans indefinitely without a warrant or a trial. The DOJ also is asking Congress to allow the US attorney general to ask courts to suspend trials in violation of the constitutional right to a speedy trial. [Not to worry. It's necessary to protect against coronavirus. Right?] -GEG

The Justice Department is using the COVID-19 outbreak to press for sweeping new powers that include being able to detain Americans indefinitely without a trial, *Politico* reports.

The department is asking Congress to allow the U.S. attorney

general to ask courts to suspend court proceedings. These include “any statutes or rules of procedure otherwise affecting pre-arrest, post-arrest, pre-trial, trial, and post-trial procedures in criminal and juvenile proceedings and all civil process and proceedings,” reports Betsy Woodruff Swan, citing DOJ documents presented to Congress.

In other words, the Justice Department would be able to postpone trials, hearings, and other procedural steps that follow arrest. That represents a potentially huge violation of the constitutional right to a speedy trial.

Those powers would apply “whenever the district court is fully or partially closed by virtue of any natural disaster, civil disobedience, or other emergency situation,” Woodruff Swan writes, and would remain in place for “one year following the end of the national emergency.”

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Representative Thomas Massie Demanded A Recorded Vote on Coronavirus Stimulus Bill

Republican Representative Thomas Massie was harshly criticized

for trying to force a floor vote that would have put politicians on record on the \$6.2-trillion coronavirus stimulus bill that he opposed. He did not succeed, and the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act* (CARES Act) passed with a voice vote. Massie says the bill will cost **each** American citizen \$17,500. -GEG

Shortly after 4pm on Friday, president Trump signed into law the \$2 trillion fiscal stimulus also known as the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act* (CARES Act), which gives the Fed the ammunition to issue up to \$4.5 trillion in additional debt, a “Multitrillion Dollar Helicopter Credit Drop” as Bloomberg called it, and officially launches not only helicopter money but the biggest wealth transfer in US history, as not only will the Fed balance sheet double on short notice but will unleash an unprecedented spending spree the likes of which not even Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez could have ever imagined would take place.

One person tried to if not stop it, then at least delay and ask the critical questions that everyone else in Congress should have been asking: why are US citizens, who are supposed to be the sole beneficiaries of this emergency bailout act, just a footnote in the gargantuan bill’s deluge of electronic ones and zeroes. That person was Republican Rep. from Kentucky, Thomas Massie, who tried to force a recorded vote on the legislation, i.e., a roll call, prompting a scramble by House members to come back to Washington to form the required quorum of at least 216 members.

Of course, Massie failed, as the vote passed and was eventually signed into law. However, Massie did at least try to bring some much needed attention to what was contained in the bill, and pose some of the key questions that so many others should have asked.

Below are some of his key points:

This bill should have been voted on much sooner in both the Senate and House and it shouldn’t be stuffed full of Nancy

Pelosi's pork- including \$25 million for the Kennedy Center, grants for the National Endowment for the Humanities and Arts, and millions more other measures that have no direct relation to the Coronavirus Pandemic. That \$25 million, for example, should go directly to purchasing test kits. The number one priority of this bill should have been to expand testing availability and creation of tests so that every American, not just the wealthy and privileged, have access to testing. We have shut down the world's economy without adequate data. Everyone, even those with no symptoms, needs immediate access to a test.

Of course, to quote none other than Nancy, "we have to pass the bill to find out what's in it", and we are confident that in just a few months, everyone will find out precisely why the bill was so rushed: because out of the \$2 trillion, only \$290 billion is meant for direct payments to families, which as a reminder was the whole point of the bill.

Massie also pointed out that among the bill's key provisions was the even greater entrenchment of Fed secrecy, a Fed which in theory is there to serve the people yet which has successfully defended against an open audit for over a decade:

This bill creates even more secrecy around a Federal Reserve that still refuses to be audited. It allows the Federal Reserve to make decisions about who gets what, how much money we'll print. With no transparency.

Massie was referring to the fact that the bill repeals the sunshine law for the Fed's meetings until the end of the year, or until the President says the coronavirus threat is over, which may very well be never. That, as Wall Street on Parade notes, "could make any FOIA lawsuits to unleash details of what's going on next to impossible since it has been codified in a federal law." The bill states the following:

SEC. 4009. TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT IN THE SUNSHINE ACT RELIEF.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection 8 (b), notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System determines, in writing, that unusual and exigent circumstances exist, the Board may conduct meetings without regard to the requirements of section 552b of title 5, United States Code, during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the earlier of— (1) the date on which the national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID–19) outbreak declared by the President on March 13, 2020 under the National Emergencies Act (50 20 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) terminates; or (2) December 31, 2020.

This would also mean that US taxpayer will never learn why they went into debt to the tune of \$454 billion, which would then be levered 10x by the Fed to issue up to \$4.5 trillion in loans to companies the Fed deems appropriate, if no records are being maintained.

However, Massie's final point that was the punchline:

If getting us into \$6 trillion more debt doesn't matter, then why are we not getting \$350 trillion more in debt so that we can give a check of \$1 million to every person in the country?

Here the Kentucky Representative hit the bullseye, as this is precisely the endgame. However, since one can't unleash the full \$350 trillion overnight without classical economists admitting the truth about what the real nature of this bailout is, it will be done piecemeal with other crises, and other "unprecedented" emergencies emerging in the near future and unlocking the path to what is the real goal of this unprecedented reflationary bailout of the world's most indebted nation. It also indirectly addresses Massie's final

point:

This stimulus should go straight to the people rather than being funneled through banks and corporations like this bill is doing. 2 trillion divided by 150 million workers is about \$13,333.00 per person. That's much more than the \$1,200 per person check authorized by this bill.

Indeed, the math is simple, and the stimulus isn't going directly to the people for one simple reason: that's not its purpose. Instead, its purpose is to not only provide trillions in corporate welfare, but to greenlight self-reinforcing helicopter money whereby the Treasury will now have to issue trillions and trillions in debt and the Fed will have to monetize it or else interest rates will explode.

Of course, this arrangement may prompt other questions, like for example "why pay taxes if the Treasury can just print whatever debt it needs, and the Fed can just buy it", something we have said for over a decade, but we will leave that particular train of thought to another enterprising politician to address... and be ridiculed.

And speaking of ridicule, how do we know that Massie struck a raw nerve? Because shortly after his protest he was mocked not only by the republican president but also by some of the most prominent democrats.

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Congressman Thomas Massie Explains Why the Stimulus Bill Will Fail and Why There is A Danger of Food Shortages

Thomas Massie explains that the Coronavirus stimulus bill will fail to restart the economy because it is based on the assumption that it will increase the production of goods and services, but you can't increase something that is shut down by government decree no matter how much money you throw at it. Massie says regulations should be rolled back, especially for food, so local food markets can come back to life. Millions of dollars of produce now is rotting due to the closure of restaurants, and that is affecting many other businesses as well. Food shortages could result from this unprecedented strain on supply chains. He concludes that shutdown of the economy will cost more lives than the virus. -GEG

In the video below, Thomas Massie shares some political solutions that people can do by holding elected officials and representatives accountable for shutting down businesses and economies. He suggests

1. Ask which epidemiological model they are using to justify it
2. Ask which economic model they are following they are using
3. Ask what are the tripwires for turning the economy back on
4. Ask when would they turn it back off again

5. Ask them to waive regulations that hamper businesses and keep faith in the free market



Democrats Introduce Sweeping National Gun Control Bill that Could End Gun Rights

Democrat Representative Hank Johnson has introduced the Gun Violence Prevention and Community Safety Act of 2020, which has been nicknamed the encyclopedia of gun control. It proposes all imaginable gun-control regulations, including national gun registration, federal firearms license, ban on semiautomatic rifles, magazine ban, “Red Flag” gun confiscation, a 30% gun tax, an a 50% ammo tax, gun-storage requirements, more no-gun zones, and much more. Senator Elizabeth Warren introduced a similar bill in the Senate. -GEG

StopHR5717.com: Oppose HR 5717/S. 3254 – Gun Violence Prevention and Community Safety Act of 2020

If you're a gun owner, you literally need to drop everything you're doing right now and oppose this bill.

HR 5717 is the worst anti-gun legislation that FPC has ever seen. It could end gun rights in totality within a generation.

In 2016, we fought hard against a huge surge of anti-gun legislation in California. We dubbed it "Gunpocalypse."

And now Rep. Hank Johnson has introduced a bill that rolls up all of Gunpocalypse – and more – into one federal bill.

HR 5717 would:

- Create a nationwide gun registry
- Ban almost all semiautomatic rifles
- Institute a federal Magazine Ban
- Implement national "Red Flag" gun confiscation
- Tax guns at 30% and ammo at 50%
- Ban patriots under 21 from exercising their Second Amendment rights
- Ration guns by making it illegal to purchase more than one firearm in a 30-day period
- Force "Safe Storage" requirements on gun owners
- Ban home builds
- Ban suppressors
- Force FFLs to spend massive amounts of money to comply with new "security" requirements
- Expand "Gun Free Zones"
- And more than we can possibly list here in this space

HR 5717 is so sweeping and all-encompassing that it is literally an ENCYCLOPEDIA of gun control!

Think of every anti-gun measure you've ever seen proposed at the State or Federal level, and chances are it's here.

But that's not even the most chilling part. Because HR 5717 would require gun owners to obtain a permit from the Government to purchase guns and ammo.

And in order to obtain this "permit," gun owners would be required to submit to a live-fire exercise.

Are you seeing the problem with this requirement?

How can a first-time gun owner submit to a live-fire exercise if they don't have a firearm to use?

The answer is: they can't. The Government isn't going to provide guns and live ammo to first-time gun buyers.

So the only way new gun owners can comply with this legislation is to conduct a live-fire demonstration with a gun they don't have because the Government won't let them buy it.

As written, HR 5717 would END the Second Amendment within a generation.

We are totally flabbergasted by how scary this bill is. But that's not even the most insulting part.

Indeed, in the midst of a national emergency, congress has introduced the most overreaching gun control bill this session... possibly ever.

This bill would CRUSH individual freedom and immediately subjugate all gun owning patriots to the Federal Government.

So Take Action NOW to stop it!

[Click Here to Read the Entire Bill](#)

Using our form below:

1. Send a message to Congress and let them know you oppose HR 5717 and S. 3254.
2. Let Congress know that these bills are a violation of YOUR Constitutionally protected rights!

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Former UK PM Gordon Brown Says It's Time for 'Global Government' to Tackle Coronavirus

Gordon Brown, left-wing former Prime Minister and Labour leader, called for a one-world government to tackle the problems of coronavirus and economic crisis. He said there is a need for a task force of world leaders, health experts, and heads of international organizations that would have supreme and unfettered executive powers. -GEG

Now is the time for global leaders to create one world government to tackle the twin medical and economic crises caused by the Chinese coronavirus pandemic, former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown urged on Thursday.

The left-wing former Labour leader said there was a need for a taskforce involving world leaders, health experts and the heads of international organisations that would have supreme and unfettered executive powers to coordinate the response.

He gave no indication of who would appoint the "leaders," how long they would serve for or just what their powers would involve, the *Guardian* reports.

Brown simply wants a new layer of global supra-government to force a solution to a crisis that began in Wuhan, China.

“This is not something that can be dealt with in one country,” he said. “There has to be a coordinated global response.”

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The US Government Is Nationalizing Many Financial Markets with Money from the Federal Reserve, Merging the Treasury with the Fed

The Federal Reserve has become deeply invested in corporate bonds, asset-backed securities, commercial paper, and exchange-traded funds, despite regulations prohibiting those measures. Theoretically, the Fed is only allowed to purchase or lend against securities that have government guarantees. However, the Treasury, financed by the Fed, now is buying securities and backstopping loans. In short, the federal government is nationalizing large swaths of the financial markets, and the Fed is creating the money to do it. The Fed announced \$1-trillion a day in repurchase agreements (repo loans) and unlimited quantitative easing. -GEG

The economic debate of the day centers on whether the cure of an economic shutdown is worse than the disease of the virus.

Similarly, we need to ask if the cure of the Federal Reserve getting so deeply into corporate bonds, asset-backed securities, commercial paper, and exchange-traded funds is worse than the disease seizing financial markets. It may be.

In just these past few weeks, the Fed has cut rates by 150 basis points to near zero and run through its entire 2008 crisis handbook. That wasn't enough to calm markets, though – so the central bank also announced \$1 trillion a day in repurchase agreements and unlimited quantitative easing, which includes a hard-to-understand \$625 billion of bond buying a week going forward. At this rate, the Fed will own two-thirds of the Treasury market in a year.

But it's the alphabet soup of new programs that deserve special consideration, as they could have profound long-term consequences for the functioning of the Fed and the allocation of capital in financial markets. Specifically, these are:

CPFF (Commercial Paper Funding Facility) – buying commercial paper from the issuer. PMCCF (Primary Market Corporate Credit Facility) – buying corporate bonds from the issuer. TALF (Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility) – funding backstop for asset-backed securities. SMCCF (Secondary Market Corporate Credit Facility) – buying corporate bonds and bond ETFs in the secondary market. MSBLP (Main Street Business Lending Program) – Details are to come, but it will lend to eligible small and medium-size businesses, complementing efforts by the Small Business Association.

To put it bluntly, the Fed isn't allowed to do any of this. The central bank is only allowed to purchase or lend against securities that have government guarantee. This includes Treasury securities, agency mortgage-backed securities and the debt issued by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. An argument can be made that can also include municipal securities, but nothing in the laundry list above.

So how can they do this? The Fed will finance a special purpose vehicle (SPV) for each acronym to conduct these operations. The Treasury, using the Exchange Stabilization Fund, will make an equity investment in each SPV and be in a "first loss" position. What does this mean? In essence, the Treasury, not the Fed, is buying all these securities and backstopping of loans; the Fed is acting as banker and providing financing. The Fed hired BlackRock Inc. to purchase these securities and handle the administration of the SPVs on behalf of the owner, the Treasury.

In other words, the federal government is nationalizing large swaths of the financial markets. The Fed is providing the money to do it. BlackRock will be doing the trades.

This scheme essentially merges the Fed and Treasury into one organization. So, meet your new Fed chairman, Donald J. Trump.

In 2008 when something similar was done, it was on a smaller scale. Since few understood it, the Bush and Obama administrations ceded total control of those acronym programs to then-Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke. He unwound them at the first available opportunity. But now, 12 years later, we have a much better understanding of how they work. And we have a president who has made it very clear how displeased he is that central bankers haven't used their considerable power to force the Dow Jones Industrial Average at least 10,000 points higher, something he has complained about many times before the pandemic hit.

When the Fed was rightly alarmed by the current dysfunction in the fixed-income markets, they felt they needed to act. This was the correct thought. But, to get the authority to stabilize these "private" markets, central bankers needed the Treasury to agree to nationalize (own) them so they could provide the funds to do it.

In effect, the Fed is giving the Treasury access to

its printing press. This means that, in the extreme, the administration would be free to use its control, not the Fed's control, of these SPVs to instruct the Fed to print more money so it could buy securities and hand out loans in an effort to ramp financial markets higher going into the election. Why stop there? Should Trump win re-election, he could try to use these SPVs to get those 10,000 Dow Jones points he feels the Fed has denied everyone.

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Bill Gates Tells What to Expect After Covid-19

Broadcast on March 26, 2020, Bill Gates speaks from his home, interviewed by Chris Anderson, the founder of TED Talks. This is a 4-minute excerpt from the original 52-minutes. It focuses on what Mr. Gates thinks the future will hold following the Covid-19 pandemic, which was underway at the time. He says:

- (1) Covid-19 will fade away within a few months
- (2) There will be fewer casualties than predicted
- (3) That will be credited to strong action taken by governments
- (4) Pandemics serve the purpose of testing and improving response
- (5) The correct response centers on the development of

vaccines, an industry in which he is heavily invested
(6) Pandemics and global warming have the common advantage of being sufficiently frightful to motivate the public and governments to accept drastic changes to society
(7) Leadership for this must come from technocrats, not politicians.

Mr. Gates is an oligarch with the money and power to make things happen globally. What he sees for the future has a good chance of coming to pass. -GEG



3.3-Million Americans Just Filed for Unemployment Benefits

US: Prior to 2020, the largest number of new claims for unemployment benefits ever recorded in a single week was 695,000 during the week ending October 2nd, 1982. The US Department of Labor reports that the number of new claims for unemployment last week increased by 3.3 million amid the virus lockdowns. Approximately one-third of the entire population of the globe now is under some sort of a lockdown order. A few are able to work at home, but the vast majority are forcibly unemployed. Many small businesses will not survive the folly of their leaders, and the number of homeless will drastically

rise. -GEG

The pace at which Americans are losing their jobs is absolutely breathtaking. According to the Wall Street Journal, the largest number of new claims for unemployment benefits ever recorded in a single week prior to this year was 695,000 during the week that ended October 2nd, 1982.

So that means that what we are now witnessing is completely unprecedented, as The US Department of Labor reports a stunning increase of 3.283 million people sought initial jobless claims last week amid the virus lockdowns (almost double the expectation of a 1.7million increase).

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says that nearly every single state cited Covid-19 in its reporting.

Service industries were hit hard, but the BLS says other industries were cited: *health care and social assistance, arts, entertainment and recreation, transportation and warehousing, and manufacturing.*

Only three states had estimated claims.

We know that several states' unemployment websites crashed, were running slow, or malfunctioned in recent weeks as an unprecedented number of applicants tried to file at the same time.

The states with the biggest jump in advance claims from the prior week were Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Jersey.

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The Data is In: Normal Flu is Thousand Times More Harmful than COVID-19

The population of Europe is 741-million. According to the World Health Organization, influenza may infect up to 20% of the population in the winter months, That is about 148-million cases of flu every year. As of March 23, 2020, there have been 170,424 confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) across the whole of Europe since the first case was identified on January 25 – which is almost exactly two months ago. If the number of COVID-19 victims is multiplied by six to estimate the number for twelve months, the number would be 1,022,544 confirmed cases.

Pharmacy and Therapeutics Journal states that common influenza affects 9% of the world's population annually. That includes 1-billion infections, 4-million severe cases, and 400,000 deaths each year. As stated previously, however, the projection for COVID-19 infections is about one one-thousandth as severe as for the common flu. [1-billion infections of flu compared to approximately one-million infections of COVID-16.] In other words, common flu is a thousand times more dangerous than COVID-19.

In this episode of public health bureaucrats go crazy, let's look at their numbers. Let's accept their reality for the moment—the reality they claim to be working from—and trace the implications. Buckle up.

Start with Europe and just plain flu. Not COV. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) Europe [1], "During the winter months, influenza may infect up to 20% of the population..." That's ordinary seasonal flu.

The population of Europe is 741 million people. This works out to 148 million cases of ordinary flu. Not once. Every year. EVERY YEAR.

According to statista.com [2], "As of March 23, 2020, there have been 170,424 confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) across the whole of Europe since the first confirmed cases in France on January 25."

I urge readers to roll those comparative figures around in their minds, and realize that ordinary flu has never been called a pandemic, and has certainly never resulted in locking down countries.

If we take the COV Europe numbers I just quoted, which cover a period of two months, and multiply by six, to estimate the number for a year, we arrive at 1,022,544 cases. Even if you want to build up this figure by claiming it's accelerating, do you really believe it'll reach 148 million for the year, the number of ordinary flu cases? And again, 148 million is the estimate for EVERY YEAR. Every year—and no mention of a pandemic. No lockdowns.

Let's go to Italy. According to statista.com [3], "Italy has the highest amount of confirmed [COV] cases in Europe with 59,138..." That's as of March 23. If you multiply by six, to get the annual figure, you arrive at 360,000 cases. You want to blow that up, because of acceleration? Go ahead. How about a million cases for the year? Two million. Three million.

Now let's look at ordinary flu cases for Italy in a given year. According to sciencedirect.com [4], "In the winter seasons from 2013/14 to 2016/17, an estimated average of 5,290,000 ILI [influenza-like illness] cases occurred in

Italy, corresponding to an incidence of 9%.” That’s 5 million plus each year. Not just once. Was a seasonal flu pandemic declared in Italy? Ever? Was the whole country ever locked down as a result? No.

Finally, let’s look at figures for ordinary flu, for the whole planet. A study published in the journal, Pharmacy and Therapeutics [5], states, “Influenza is a highly contagious respiratory illness that is responsible for significant morbidity and mortality. Approximately 9% of the world’s population is affected annually, with up to 1 billion infections, 3 to 5 million severe cases, and 300,000 to 500,000 deaths each year.”

A BILLION cases EVERY YEAR. Is this called a pandemic? Is the whole world locked down every year? No.

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