

Body bags is US Covid-19 strategy—we have been condemned to live in fear of “the other”

The only proven method demonstrated to stamp out, contain and suppress the Covid-19 pandemic is a national strategy of massive testing, contact tracing and isolating cases. The last few months have *shown this strategy to work* with and without lock downs in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and South Korea. If this rapidly mutating virus of unknown potentials and behaviors is not eliminated it may remain in the US for years or longer, and with it the fear of illness and death felt most acutely by those most vulnerable.

The US on the other hand, has a criminally negligent and deadly strategy of **managing the spread** of Covid -19 through **the entire US population**. The Federal Government has allowed the wave of sickness, and death to move like wildfire across America. There is no evidence that there is protective immunity or that the virus cannot re-infect or remain in the body for reemergence at a later time. For months the US rulers have refused to ramp up testing and the public health infrastructure needed to trace contacts and isolate the infected, instead FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) has spent over \$5 million to buy over 100,000 body bags

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/white-house/while-trump-minimizes-toll-government-orders-100-000-new-body-n1197316> FEMA’s emergency response is to **prepare for**

death, not to save lives. Dr. Fauci said, “how many deaths and how much suffering are you willing to accept...”

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The message from the government is clear, get back to work there are plenty of body bags for those who fall in the rush to “open up the economy”.

Workers are being driven back to work in unsafe plants, to be exploited by Corporate America while being threatened with losing their unemployment checks and stripped of their rights to sue for illness or death. Meanwhile \$\$ trillions are poured into Wall Street while pennies go into the pockets of workers. Profits before life is what the rulers of this economy are making very clear.

As the death toll mounts toward 100,000, many are being considered “useless eaters” who can be sacrificed for business as usual. The elderly can look forward to spending their “Golden Years” living in deadly fear of “the other” —their children, their families, friends and co-workers. **Until the virus is suppressed we are all condemned to live in fear of death.**

Is it time yet to be thinking of a healthier social system that will meet the needs of the 99%?

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