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Hi,  
I vehemently object to your bill of extending the Emergency Powers until April 30 2022.  
There has been ZERO alternatives offered to eliminate Covid- including now the proven drug Ivermectin used successfully in India, UK, USA and Portugal.  
Every time you lock down a business you are taking nearly 6 months of hard work away.  
There is zero scientific evidence provided by the government about any of this proven to be an effective method of control.

Below is a compilation of evidence and SCIENCE that proves that governments have got it wrong in masking, lockdowns and continuing on with it is for the future control and nothing to do with a 'pandemic'.

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A working paper<sup>25</sup> by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), written by Andrew Atkeson, Karen Kopecky and Tao Zha, suggests the draconian lockdown measures implemented in many countries, including the U.S., have achieved little in terms of stemming the death toll.

**If we are concerned about the evidence on this global experiment, we must concede that most government authorities have likely acted in error. ~ National Bureau of Economic Research**

In an August 26, 2020, article, the American Institute for Economic Research presented the following four "stylized facts" from the paper:<sup>26</sup>

*1. "Once a region reaches 25 total COVID deaths, within a month the growth rate in deaths per day falls 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 a threshold of 25 deaths.*

*2. Once that happens, deaths per day either begin to fall or the trend remains flat.*

*3. The variability in death trends across regions has fallen sharply since the beginning of the epidemic and remains low. All states studied, all countries studied, have become more similar in their trends and have remained so.*

*4. Observations 1-3 suggest that the effective reproduction number,  $R$ , has hovered around one worldwide after the first 30 days of the epidemic.*

*The paper's conclusion is that the data trends observed above likely indicate that nonpharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) — such as lockdowns, closures, travel restrictions, stay-home orders, event bans, quarantines, curfews, and mask mandates — do not seem to affect virus transmission rates overall.*

*Why? Because those policies have varied in their timing and implementation across countries and states, but the trends in outcomes do not.”*

stylized facts



## **Lockdown Measures Should End Now**

Put plainly, the measures we've endured these past six months were largely unnecessary. One key reason for why lockdown and **social distancing**

**measures** had no impact, according to the researchers, is because “human interaction does not conform to simple epidemiological models.”

In a nutshell, human social networks overlap, allowing a virus to rapidly spread for a time. Then, the virus quickly loses momentum, as people have already been exposed via other social networks and are no longer susceptible. The end result is that a form of herd immunity develops, but at a lower rate of infection than typically assumed would be necessary.

What’s more, the authors argue that even if nonpharmaceutical interventions were at one point having some positive effect, that effect no longer applies. Therefore, it would be a mistake to include estimates of NPI effectiveness when trying to forecast the potential outcomes of relaxed measures. As reported by the American Institute for Economic Research:<sup>27</sup>

*“This study provides strong statistical support for what so many have been observing for six months. The epidemic has a natural tendency to spread quickly at first and slow down, seemingly on its own, a point made not only here but as early as April 14 by Isaac Ben-Israel.”<sup>28</sup>*

*Meanwhile governors imagine that **very specific rules** for opening bars and restaurants are the key to containment. Governments have conducted an unprecedented social, economic, and political experiment in controlling whole populations’ behavior, with high economic and human cost.*

*The authors ask the right question: has this experiment in government-managed virus control and suppression made a difference? The startling answer they found, after examining data from around the country and the world, is that the evidence simply is not there. If we are concerned about the evidence on this global experiment, we must concede that most government authorities have likely acted in error.”*

Studies on the failure of masks, and the dangers and errors of locking down society.

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