

Can Lockdowns Ever Work?

Dr Mike Yeadon speaking to Dan Astin-Gregory (Pandemic Podcast)

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DR MIKE YEADON: "I'm probably infamous for saying something like, 'Pretty much everything your government and their advisers have said about the pandemic is untrue. Er, and, as a result, where we're about to end is not a good place.'"

"So, during, during the summer and the autumn, right up to now, I think there're now over thirty [scientific] papers that show that when you compare locked down and non-locked down areas there really isn't any difference in total mortality."

"...it combines two of the, two of the lies the government's told you ... asymptomatic transmission – that you can spread this virus without having any symptoms to another person. That's not true... And so, the number of person-to-person contacts isn't relevant; it's the number of infectious contacts; what you need is a person who's able to spread the virus. ... And the thing is, if you are, if you've got a lung full of virus, and you're symptomatic, you're going to be feeling ill. ...well, you won't be wandering around the community; you'll probably be at home, maybe in bed, and if you're very sick you'll be in hospital. ...putting everyone out of general community interaction made bugger all difference to transmission."

"...Question is, 'Where are the people who are infectious?', that is symptomatic, full of virus and susceptible people; the answer is: hospitals, care homes and, mostly, the domestic setting. Everywhere else, you wouldn't find someone who's, who's full of virus and symptomatic. And here's the other thing: not only would you not bump into a person, humans have had a multi-millennial, er, radar. We've realised since we lived in caves, if you bumped into someone and they gave you an illness you could die; life was hard, and you didn't want to be out of action for a week or two. So we're good, we scan people as we come up to them, we just notice unconsciously: 'Do they look like they're a respiratory virus threat, a respiratory illness threat to us?', if they are, y'you can't help it, you just kinda walk around them. So I think very, very few transmission cases occurred in the community and, as a result, lockdown – which only affects the community and not nosocomial ... infections – I think that's why lockdown didn't do anything. It may not be right, but it perfectly fits two things: one, lockdowns did not help; two, the lie about asymptomatic transmission."

"...so, someone just cooked this [i.e. the need for lockdowns] up and told quite a lot of lies about a small number of events, and that seemed to be enough – coupled with ruthless censorship and personal attacks on anyone who said anything different. That's what we've seen for the last year."

"...I'm doing this because, I've got to; I've got to tell people, that, almost every important thing your government has told you [i.e. about Covid-19] is a lie, that there has been a campaign of censorship and attack on anyone who brings an alternative point of view."