35,000+ deaths in U.S., New York Orders Everyone To Wear Face Masks

At the time of the publishing of this article, World Meter reports that 152,318 people have died from COVID-19 around the world, with 34,641 deaths within the United States.

Unlike flu deaths, which are radically over-reported, I suspect that Coronavirus deaths are under-reported. Although, there is evidence to the contrary: The hospitals are eerily quiet, except for Covid-19. Fewer people are being treated for or dying from heart attacks and strokes and many other common diseases that normally fill up the hospitals. An argument many on the political right are making is that hospitals are basically just assuming that everyone has Coronavirus when they may just have cardiovascular disease or even the flu.

Some, including I, suspect the triggers for many of the illnesses that normally fill up the hospitals and inflate the death statistics are not happening as much. For instance, restaurant food is horrible for you! Not to mention the bars. Cooking at home and not working are likely two of the healthiest things people can do for themselves – until the money runs out, of course.

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Another argument from the right, and one I think has a lot more validity, is that people who are dying from other diseases who are having CoVID-19 listed as their cause of death would have died regardless. At the very least, most (if not all) of these people who died were very unhealthy.

Like other infectious diseases that are capable of causing a

pandemic, CoVID-19 is not likely to cause death in someone who is healthy (we would argue it's impossible, but that's speculation for another article). I'm aware of the deaths of people who reportedly seemed healthy, but conventional health standards leave much to be desired.

New York Requires Covering Face In Public

New York is dealing with the nation's worst coronavirus outbreak. Governor Andrew Cuomo said on Wednesday, April 15th that all people must wear a mask or something to cover the face while in public. The executive order is scheduled to take effect after a three-day grace period.

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> *If you are going to be in a situation, in public, where you come into contact with other people in a situation that is not socially distanced, you must have a mask or a cloth covering nose and mouth.*
>
> *Andrew Cuomo*

More than a third of the nation's 600,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 are in New York, according to Johns Hopkins University. Experts say the outbreak appears to be leveling off. Cuomo said the economy won't be able to make a full comeback until there's a vaccine, which scientists have said will take up to a year and a half.

With local economy all but shutdown, Cuomo started outlining a gradual reopening of businesses, saying the state is moving toward a "new normal."

> *Where we're going, it's not a reopening in that we're going to reopen what was. We're going to a different place.*

Andrew Cuomo

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