

Of Pestilence and Media Piranhas

“CLOSE TO CATASTROPHIC”

by [Joseph DeMaio](#), ©2020



[Tumisu](#), [Pixabay](#), [License](#)

(Apr. 4, 2020) — We are now approximately one week into the CDC/Fauci/Birx-recommended 30-day America “stand down/stay home” period. In prior times, this was also known as “April.” For the moment, President Trump has paid attention to the scientists, likely a prudent first step. And what have we seen so far as Wuhan COVID-19 continues its toxic slither over the nation’s most populous areas?

For openers, in the two-week period leading up to the recommendation – adhered to by the vast majority of state governors and the residents of those states – some 10 million Americans have already lost their jobs; the nation’s unemployment rate has skyrocketed; millions of small businesses have closed, some permanently; and the “on-the-ground, rubber-meets-the-road” impact of the \$2.2 trillion CARES Act is yet to be determined. And that doesn’t even factor in how much fraud and waste will occur as a result of haste prevailing over prudence. Leftists, Progressives, many congressional Democrats and their media piranhas are giddy over the damage being done, with no end in sight.

Stated otherwise, the present *initial* impact of the pestilence – not to be confused with the long-term consequences in three, four and five years down the road – is close to catastrophic. While the opinions of the scientists cannot be ignored or trivialized, the bottom line remains that if the “spread” of the virus is not brought under control quickly – in terms of weeks, not months – the situation will surely worsen.

Specifically, if the palliative or curative weapons involving [drugs](#), vaccines, recovered patient plasma and promising antibody [medications](#) do not quickly bear fruit, the situation could become far worse... even grave.

President Trump has many times quoted the ancient truism that “the cure should not be worse than the disease.” The reason this is true is obvious: one cannot “cure” something that is no longer “alive.” The cure being advocated by the Leftists, Progressives, many Democrats in the Congress, many scientists and the anti-Trump media cabal is a complete lockdown of the nation for an indeterminate period of time. Oh, yeah..., and Pelosi and Schiff want another investigation of the president for... for... oh, they’ll think of something.

Many scientists – unelected people having only a passing, tertiary perception of economic realities – advocate “stepping on the accelerator” toward lockdown until the “spread curve” flattens or dives back to zero. If the United States completely shuts down for (a) an undetermined period into the future or (b) accelerates toward a full lockdown to make sure the pestilence is eliminated as a threat once the spread curve starts to flatten, the likely result would be little different than would be a defeat in a World War III.

Remember, if there are no longer any viable large or small businesses; no longer any employers, employees or customers; no longer any fuel to power motor vehicles; no longer any power plants generating electricity to serve homes and no longer any farms or farmers to provide food..., it will also no longer matter that people cannot find bathroom tissue.



Video of White House Coronavirus Task Force briefing, April 4, 2020, by [The Indy Channel](#)

Memo to President Trump: tell the people, as you intimated in your Saturday 4/4/20 virus update presser, that you are forming an America Recovery Task Force to begin a crash

project to put the nation on a path to opening up again for business. The timetable for implementation could be ASAP, with the key word being “possible.” It would be like The [Manhattan Project](#) that led to the end of WWII in the Pacific, but this time on steroids and with an even more compressed timetable.

Consider a phased-in opening plan where areas less impacted by the virus (*e.g.*, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona, North and South Dakota) can re-open sooner than those more heavily impacted (*e.g.*, New York, New Jersey, Louisiana, Michigan). It makes little to no sense to apply a “one-size-fits-all” edict to all areas of the nation where the actual conditions in those areas are vastly different. Stated otherwise, New York City is not Boise. Moreover, such a one-size-fits-all policy comes disturbingly close to Alinsky-Marxist dogma holding that all must suffer equally until no one suffers at all.

While the Democrats and their carnivorous fish cousins in the media might relish that result, normal Americans do not. Yet another reason to vote all Democrats out of power and office – from the Congress on down through the village dog-catcher – in November.

And I won't bother you with the Founders' views, which I channeled this morning... but you can probably guess.