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Clearly, anyone who thinks school closures are doing great harm to children is just playing politics. That's why publications on the right, such as NPR, the Washington Post, the New York Times, the New Yorker, The Atlantic, and CBS News have all chimed in to support it.

NPR article 1 - in which they have the audacity to suggest that schools are not contributing to spread and that "going to school is really vital for children." What a Trumpian statement. https://t.co/jR3JhSIk02

NPR article 2 - in which they relay a vast right-wing conspiratorial talking point that 3 million children have gone missing amidst the pandemic, with school closures as a culprit. Is this responsible journalism, NPR? https://t.co/6BsJu00jVu

GOP squawkbox Washington Post: "Researchers say that in some cases, closing schools, and leaving children in the care of adults who do not force them to wear masks or socially distance, may put them at higher risk of contracting and spreading the virus." https://t.co/Alu4TcJwEw

The alt-right New York Times, quoting an expert from Hillsdale -- err, Boston University: "The more and more data that I see, the more comfortable I am that children are not, in fact, driving transmission, especially in school settings." https://t.co/M8oW34J3i7

The New Yorker, whose conservative readership surely lapped it up, told the heartbreaking story of one inner-city Baltimore student and gave a history of the importance of public education to oppressed classes such as women and minorities: https://t.co/VuY4VbkizN