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just gonna come out and say that it should be considered criminal to force 400 million people into a nine month long period of isolation with no end in sight, no form of easily accessible mental health care, no adequate financial or tenant protections, and cap it off w/$600 each

Quarantine has had astronomically dire consequences on a wide variety of levels. The USD has fallen by 14% and is continuing to plummet, causing a hyper inflation in an already unstable economy. In May, the unemployment rate was nearly 15%—the worst since the Great Depression.

Conservative estimates confirm our homeless population to be at over 500,000, but experts estimate that the number is vastly greater due to lax enforcement of eviction and foreclosure moratoriums across the country and place the number closer to a million.

A survey proved 31% of Americans have experienced anxiety or depression, 26% have experienced trauma/stress, 13% have begun or increased their substance abuse, and 11% have attempted or considered suicide since March. The actual numbers are expected to be much, much higher.

According to Yelp, by May there had been a 60% increase of permanent business closures & over 100,000 businesses have shut down. These are mainly independently owned restaurants, daycares, salons, tattoo parlors and small gyms. 1 in 5 businesses WILL close before quarantine ends.

On paper, domestic violence has decreased by 50%. Social workers have stated this is solely due to a substantial loss of mandated reporting, and that if anything domestic violence is skyrocketing—and murder-suicide rates are at an all-time high.

Economists estimate we're headed toward the largest depression in history. Untold amounts of Americans are experiencing homelessness and/or financial jeopardy. And they gave us $600, after an initial stimulus of $1200–eight months ago.

To top it all off, our government actively defied quarantine. Trump held maskless rallies. Nancy Pelosi went to salons when they were supposed to be closed, maskless. Gavin Newsom was going to dinner parties and putting his kids in school while statewide, they remained closed.

COVID-19 hit the carotid artery of the US and our elected officials threw us a total of $1800 with meager unemployment benefits over nine months to stop the bleeding, something as effective as sticking a Mickey Mouse bandaid on a bullet wound. This should be criminal.