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I'm ready to name 2020 the Year of Hypocrisy.

The year where organizations, governments, and companies destroyed their institutional trust across the board.

A thread of some of the biggest dumpster fires from the last twelve months. ■

Municipal leaders in NYC, who we trust to keep us safe, were far too concerned about their woke credentials than they were about public health. The result was the second-worst hit state in the country (after NJ)



Bill de Blasio ✓
@BilldeBlasio



Since I'm encouraging New Yorkers to go on with your lives + get out on the town despite Coronavirus, I thought I would offer some suggestions. Here's the first: thru Thurs 3/5 go see "The Traitor" @FilmLinc. If "The Wire" was a true story + set in Italy, it would be this film.

6:16 PM · 3/2/20 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

Remember when the Surgeon General told Americans not to wear masks?

Then, a few weeks later reversed himself and taught us how to make them at home?

Wonder why so many people don't trust government guidance on masks now? Maybe a reason there.

<https://t.co/cGkb0L328K>



U.S. Surgeon General  · 2/29/20

Seriously people- STOP BUYING MASKS!

They are NOT effective in preventing general public from catching [#Coronavirus](#), but if healthcare providers can't get them to care for sick patients, it puts them and our communities at risk!
bit.ly/37Ay6Cm

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Unbelievable.

The Surgeon General, who weeks ago was telling us not to wear masks (instead of resigning) has begun filming "how to make masks out of household materials" videos <https://t.co/9CrkUwAyUS>

— Joe Colangelo (@Itsjoeco) [April 4, 2020](#)

Remember when Dr. Fauci said not to wear masks in March on 60 minutes.

Then later said he knew masks were good but wanted to protect mask supplies for first responders?

Then he didn't wear a mask at the ballgame?

FAUCI: Right. Now people should not be walk— there's no reason to be walking around with a mask. When you're in the middle of an outbreak, wearing a mask might make people feel a little bit better and it might even block a droplet, but it's not providing the perfect protection that people think that it is.

And often there are unintended consequences. People keep fiddling with the mask and they keep touching their face.

HOST: And you can get some schmutz sort of staying inside there.

FAUCI: Of course, but when you think “masks,” you should think of health care providers needing them and people who are ill. The people — when you look at the films of countries, and you see 85% of the people wearing masks, that's fine. That's fine. I'm not against it. If you want to do it, that's fine.

Media - where do we even begin? Infinite examples to choose from on both sides of the partisan aisle.

For the vast majority of *national* media, their only consistency in 2020 was that they would take whatever position made Trump look good or bad.

Media companies like [@voxdotcom](#) covered themselves in glory with stories like “don't worry about the Chinese flu but definitely mock people who think it's serious!”

They mocked [@balajis](#) and others trying to raise alarm bells about covid early on. <https://t.co/NNzmnfBcod>

It's 2000+ words. I could go on. But there's a point.

- I assumed bad faith, as I had context
- Not just on this piece, but on tech journalism in 2020
- Some lacked context & didn't understand why I called it out

But as you can see, it was indeed a piece about handshakes! pic.twitter.com/XM5RrxvEes

— balajis.com (@balajis) [February 14, 2020](#)

If you casually pay attention to the news, you knew that coronavirus was NO BIG DEAL because your favorite media sources told you so throughout February and March 2020.

WIRED BUSINESS CULTURE GEAR IDEAS SCIENCE SECURITY TRANSPORTATION
We Should Deescalate the War on the Coronavirus
Fear, finger-pointing, and militaristic action against the virus are unproductive. We may be better off adjusting to a new normal of periodic outbreaks.

As the coronavirus spreads, fear is fueling racism and xenophobia
Analysis by Jessie Young, CNN

The Observer Coronavirus fears fuel racism and hostility, say British-Chinese

The Washington Post Get a grippe, America. The flu is a much bigger threat than coronavirus, for now.

The Atlantic You're Likely to Get the Coronavirus
Most cases are not life-threatening, which is also what makes the virus a historic challenge to contain.

KVAL Health official: You are more likely to catch flu in Oregon than deadly Wuhan coronavirus
by Stephanie Rothman and KVAL.com Staff
Thursday, January 23rd 2020

USA TODAY Coronavirus is scary, but the flu is deadlier, more widespread
Megan Henry and Grace Hauck | USA TODAY NETWORK
Published 8:03 PM EST Feb 1, 2020

NEWS CHANNEL 4 Experts warn flu is greater risk than coronavirus
by WICW/WRSP Staff
Thursday, February 13th 2020

KQED The Flu Is Still a Bigger Health Threat in the U.S. than Novel Coronavirus
By Lesley McClurg | Jan 29

Changing America Why are we panicked about coronavirus — and calm about the flu?
Although the flu has killed 10,000 Americans already this season and no Americans have died of the coronavirus, there's a psychological
We're not talking about the coronavirus, but the flu. The influenza virus poses a far greater risk to Americans than we're ready to admit.

Health Is the Coronavirus Worse Than the Flu? Here's How the 2 Illnesses Compare
By Leah Groth
February 26, 2020
It depends on what you mean by "worse"...

AP NEWS Is the new virus more 'deadly' than flu? Not exactly
By The Associated Press
February 18, 2020

TIME Want to Protect Yourself From Coronavirus? Do the Same Things You Do Every Winter

abc 15 ARIZONA Flu hitting Arizona more than usual this season, despite attention on coronavirus
Posted: 7:00 PM, Feb 06, 2020
Updated: 8:25 PM, Feb 26, 2020
By: Mike Pelton

HCP Live The Fear of the Coronavirus, and the Reality of the Flu
FEBRUARY 10, 2020
Simon Murray, MD

FOX 17 WEST MICHIGAN Amid coronavirus outbreak, doctors remind public: flu is deadlier, more widespread

Doctor suggests worrying about the common flu, not coronavirus
No cases of the virus have yet been positively identified
Posted: 5:13 PM, Jan 31, 2020
Updated: 10:25 PM, Jan 31, 2020
By: Michael Martin

REUTERS New coronavirus spreads more like flu than SARS: Chinese study
Julie Stenkenborg
Jan 29, 2020 - Science

AXIOS Why we panic about coronavirus, but not the flu
Bob Herman
If you're freaking out about coronavirus but you didn't get a flu shot, you've got it backwards.

MD Flu Deaths Climb As Flu More Worrisome Than Coronavirus
Maryland saw deaths from the flu increase again in the last week. So far this season, an estimated 26 million people have been sickened.
By Deb Bek, Patch Staff
Feb 23, 2020 9:13 pm ET

Patch Panic over coronavirus could be caused by flu numbers
Posted: 7:57 AM, Feb 07, 2020
Updated: 3:34 PM, Feb 07, 2020
By: Rensae Skinner

azcentral. New coronavirus is likely to go pandemic, but that's no reason to panic or overreact
Bob England and Will Humble | opinion contributors
Published 12:39 AM EDT Mar 21, 2020

THE NATIONAL INTEREST Forget the Coronavirus: The Flu Pandemic of 1918 Killed More People in One Year than all of World War I
york daily record

Coronavirus is deadly, but flu has claimed over 8,000 lives this season
Jasmine Vaughn-Mall | York Daily Record
Published 12:46 AM EDT Mar 21, 2020

sciencealert The Flu Is a Way Bigger Threat to Most People in The US Than Coronavirus. Here's Why
BILLY WOODWARD, BUSINESS INSIDER
15 JANUARY 2020

NATIONAL POST New coronavirus may be no more dangerous than the flu despite worldwide alarm: experts

ccn Relax! Coronavirus is Less Dangerous Than the Flu, Says Epidemic Expert
Published: January 31, 2020 3:37 PM UTC
All the panic surrounding the Wuhan coronavirus is misplaced. According to experts you should be worried more about the common flu.

DAILY BEAST The Virus Killing U.S. Kids Isn't the One Dominating the Headlines
Michael Daly
Special Correspondent
Updated Feb. 18, 2020 10:55AM ET
Published Feb. 18, 2020 4:07AM ET
Niagara Falls turned orange on the night of Jan. 18 with spotlights the favorite color of an 11-year-old local boy who died from influenza A—despite having

In 2020 Big tech made it clear they actively curate what's allowed based on their partisan bias.

The Hunter Biden story is a great example of how Facebook and Twitter moved, ideologically, to ban a negative Biden story from circulating prior to the election.



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<https://nypost.com/2020/10/14/email-reveals-how-hunter-biden-introduced-ukrainian-biz-man-to-dad/>

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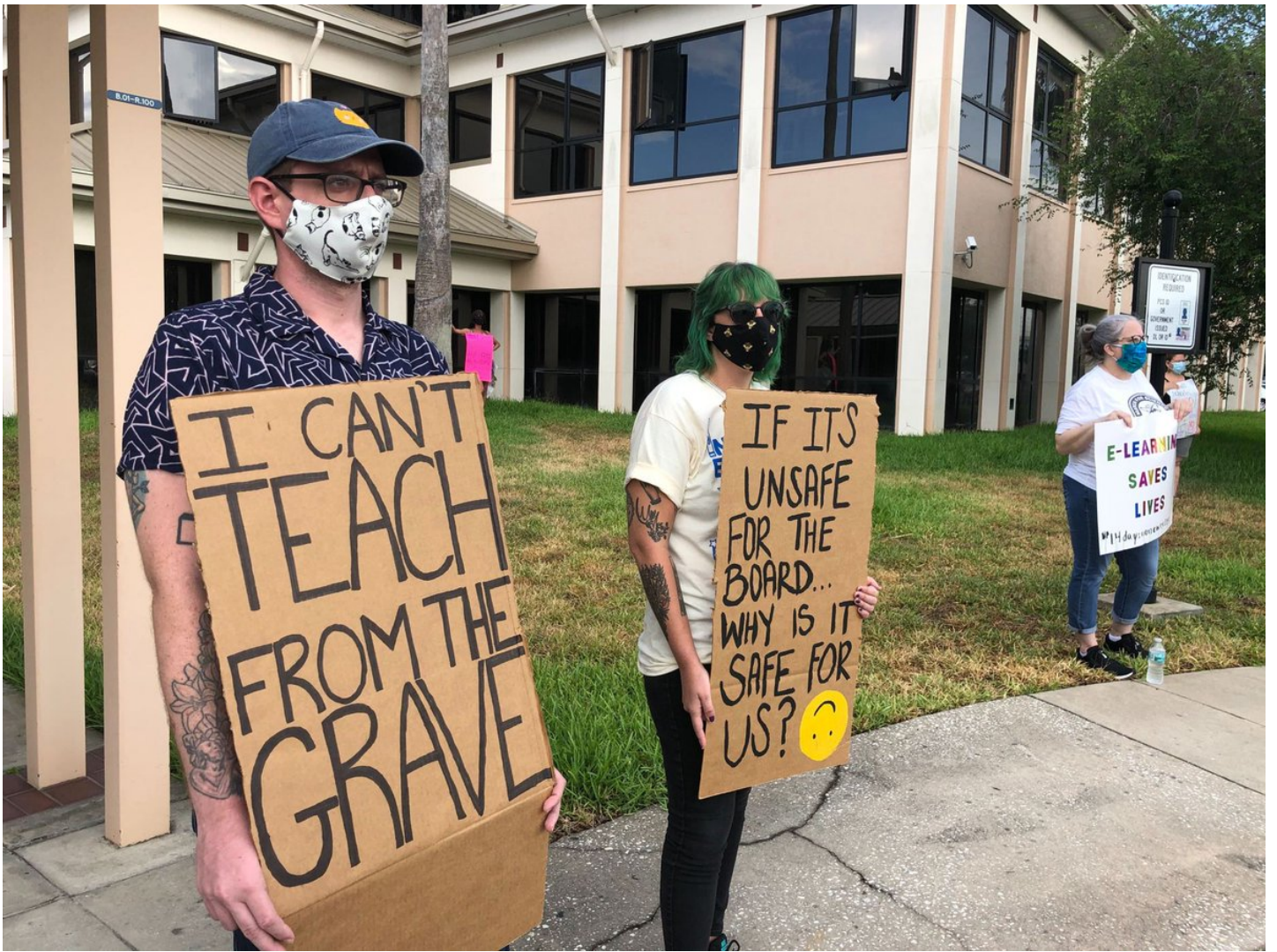
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Educators - This one is personal for me.

In August, Teachers Unions began a shameful campaign to tell parents and taxpayers that in-person education wasn't essential for children



When Georgia opened schools in early August, the nation mocked them

When that didn't lead to increased transmission for months, there were no apologies

Kids are missing school and the impacts on inequality will be felt for decades, and teachers unions are squarely to blame



Coronavirus

Latest news

U.S. map

World map

Vaccine trac

Morning Mix

Teachers returned to a Georgia school district last week. 260 employees have already gone home to quarantine.



Cuomo is the everything for 2020's failures of institutional trust: Government, media, entertainment all rolled together

- Cuomo said covid was no big deal
- He did horribly with covid
- His brother, a popular anchor, helped his image
- THEY GAVE HIM AN EMMY!

Health

Coronavirus concerning, but not as big a threat as other illnesses, Cuomo says



By Mark Hallum

 0 comments

Posted on March 2, 2020

126 Republicans cosigned an amicus brief to overturn the results of the electoral college.

Destroying trust and predictability in our election process SHOULD be a third rail of American politics.

<https://t.co/WytrFhatGR>

Scientists said that outdoor church was unsafe, that anti-lockdown protests were unsafe, but that Black Lives Matter protests were safe

Anyone with a brain in their head trusts these people less going forward.

Are Protests Dangerous? What Experts Say May Depend on Who's Protesting What

Public health experts decried the anti-lockdown protests as dangerous gatherings in a pandemic. Health experts seem less comfortable doing so now that the marches are against racism.



Even though it's a late entry, I think that the [@NewYorker's](#) attempt to resuscitate the public image of convicted child sex offender Anthony Weiner should rank here among one of the most heinous violations of public trust this year.

<https://t.co/e65gHSQnWZ>

I could go on and if there are any good ones share I'll add them to the thread, but the overall takeaway from this is that institutions are losing trust one betrayal at a time.

Soon a time will come when they aren't able to influence behavior the way they once could.

So media won't be able to scare people or shape their ideas, government won't be able to enforce lockdowns, social media platforms won't be able to slow news, and Democrats and Republicans won't be able to control their constituents.

What happens then? Is it freedom or anarchy?

Most people are far too busy to constantly research what's happening in Wuhan to take precautions against faraway threats.

Overall it's probably a net negative that these institutions won't have credibility - but it's better than them having it and abusing it.

If 2021 crossed the rubicon in terms of erosion of institutional trust, it wasn't because of Q, Antifa, or Facebook.

It was because our organizations gave people good reason to stop trusting them.