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I disagree with you, Alastair. I believe @PanData19 is filling in the gaps that governments have failed to fill. I encourage you to have an open mind and listen intently to what we have to say. 1/n

> It\u2019s disappointing that you would join an organization comprised of non-experts, spreading harmful misinformation about a pandemic.
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> I would urge you to reconsider.
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> — Alastair \u2018Wear a Mask\u2019 McAlpine (@AlastairMcA30) December 11, 2020

Here's how @PanData19 is approaching this crisis differently from governments:
We believe that "health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."- @WHO 2/n

To tackle the problem holistically, we have formed a multidisciplinary team made up of immunologist, microbiologist, geneticists, data scientists, physicians, economist, psychologists, educators, public health professionals and business owners. 3/n

We have also backed ourselves with a scientific advisory board made up of prominent experts in their fields.
@MartinKulldorff
@SunetraGupta
@MLevitt_NP2013
@MichaelYeadon3
#JayBhattacharya
#SucharitBhakdi
They are supporting us every step of the way. 4/n

We believe that "the right to health is one of a set of internationally agreed human rights standards, and is inseparable or 'indivisible' from these other rights." @WHO 5/n

First, the right to health includes all health conditions. As a consequence, we care to reduce total harm resulting from the pandemic not just deaths with COVID. We care about cancer patients and heart patients. We care about mental health and suicide. 6/n

@ProfKarolSikora

We also don't see a dichotomy between lives and livelihoods. These aspects of our existence are intermingled. Loss of livelihood leads to loss of wellbeing and sadly sometimes to the loss of life. 7/n

Second, since preserving the right to health is indivisible from preserving other human rights, then we must care about all human rights:
a) the right to life
b) the right to liberty & security
c) respect to private and family life
d) freedom of opinion, speech and choice
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e) freedom of assembly and association
f) protection from discrimination
g) the right to work and provide for one's family
h) the right to education
i) the right to move freely
9/n

We believe that public health measures must be put in place to support individuals not coerce them & deny them their basic human rights. Lockdowns, border & school closure, mandatory PPE, mandatory vaccines, & immunity passports should all be rendered unconstitutional. 10/n

We believe that all stakeholders in a crisis must collaborate to find a targeted solution. Complex problems can only be solved through a decentralized problem-solving process. The best solutions to global problems are local solutions. 11/n

For this reason, we have endeavoured to form a global network of doctors, lawyers & grassroots organizations, spreading from the US to Australia. As we each tackle this problem from a different angle, we believe our collaboration will amplify our voices & make them be heard. 12/n

We believe that interventions should be based on needs. The #GBdeclaration takes into account the age-gradient of risk posed by the virus and proposes a Focused Protection approach. 13/n
https://t.co/8NVPHs7H5X

We believe that blanket solutions lead to a situation where the cure is far worse than the disease.
The public deserves to be empowered with accurate and unbiased information to make informed decisions not scared and fearmongered into compliance. 14/n

We believe in human agency. People are the experts at making decisions that optimize their wellbeing and health. We don't believe that those at the top can make better decisions for those at the bottom. 15/n

We believe in explanation-based science over inductive methods. Evolutionary knowledge is built on conjectures and refutations. This process relies on scientific debate. Shutting down alternative views and demonizing criticism is denying

science and ending human progress. 16/n

We believe in real-life data over modelling exercises that rely on false assumptions. Assuming that all people are susceptible to a 'novel' virus and that they all carry an equal risk from it can lead to pretty disastrous predictions and actions. 17/n

Postulating that lockdowns have a positive effect on mortality then proving this theory by claiming that lives were saved by the lockdowns in comparison to the atrocious predictions of the modellers is unscientific and defeats common sense. 18/n

We believe the truth will prevail.
To end this fiasco,
We must all come together now to reopen our societies.
We must all come together to reverse the collateral damage and reduce total harm.
We must all come together to save our civilization. 19/n
@wodarg

@PanData19 is proud to be a major contributor to overcoming this challenge. We are hard at work on a blueprint that will pave the way ahead.
We will soon publish our Protocol for Reopening Society on our website. Stay on the lookout! 20/n
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