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this simple, counter narrative fact keeps cropping up all over the world.

hospital and ICU utilization has been and remains low this year.

it's terribly curious that so few of these monitoring tools provide historical baselines.

getting them is like pulling teeth.

> It took a Freedom of Information request but @Covid19DataUK acquired 2017-2019 averages for England hospitalizations.
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> 2020 had 18% fewer hospitalizations than prior years.
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> All around the world, using hospital data without context of prior years is just a fear generating lie. pic.twitter.com/DJDpqhIQuw
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> — Yinon Weiss (@yinonw) December 31, 2020

we might think of this as an oversight until you see stuff like this:

this woman was arrested for filming and sharing the fact that their are empty hospitals in the UK.

that's full blown soviet. what possible honest purpose does that serve?

https://t.co/AschDuxMcf

this is the action of a police state and a propaganda ministry, not a well intentioned government and a public heath agency.

"we cannot let people see the truth for fear they might base their actions on real facts" is not much of a mantra for just governance.



90% full ICU sounds scary until you realize that 90-100% full is normal in flu season.

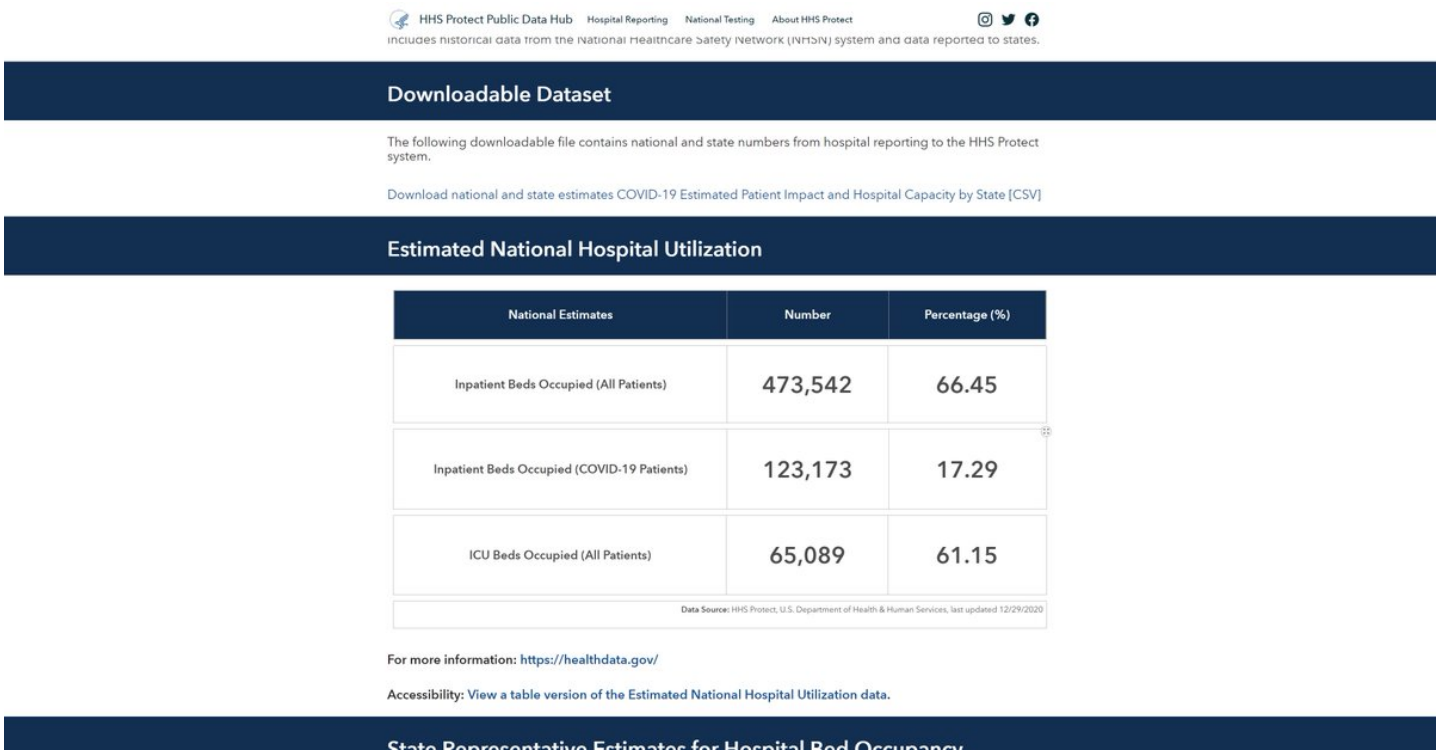
staffed ICU beds are expensive to leave empty. it's like flying with 15% of the plane empty. hospitals don't do that.

and all US hospitals are mandated to be able to flex to 120% ICU.

the US is currently at historically low ICU utilization for this time of year.

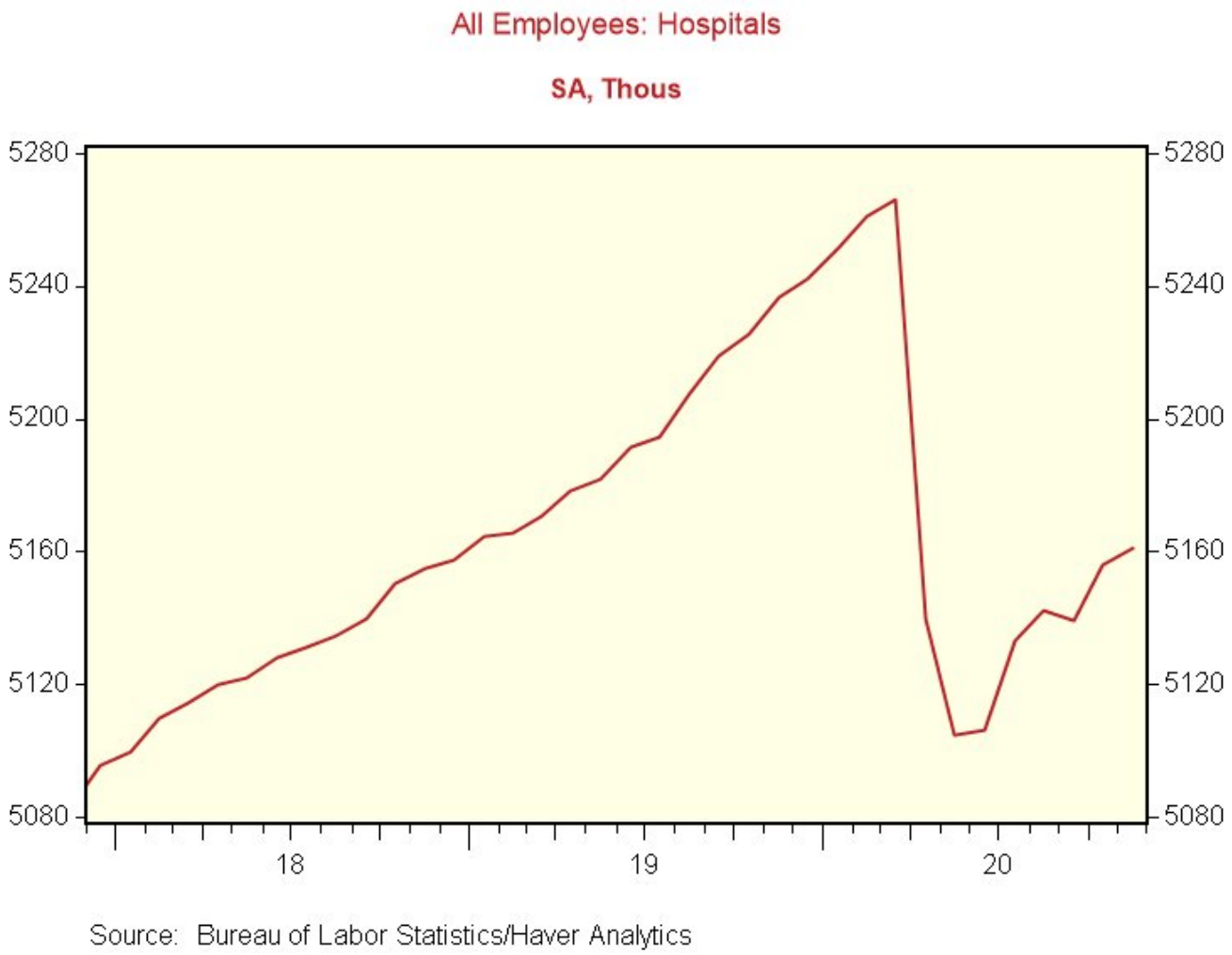
61% is "you're all going to go out of business" territory as is 66% full hospital use.

can you blame them for mining CARES act money? they'll die without it.



US hospitals have been under such strain from lack of use that they engaged in massive lay offs. they have only hired half those people back.

the temp agencies are glutted with staff and have no demand. this argument that "we have beds but no docs" is flat out made up.



many hospitals can easily hit 150% ICU at need.

this is why when everyone in media was panicking about texas hospitals, the CEO's were not.

because they actually know how this works and had been at the same levels the year before.

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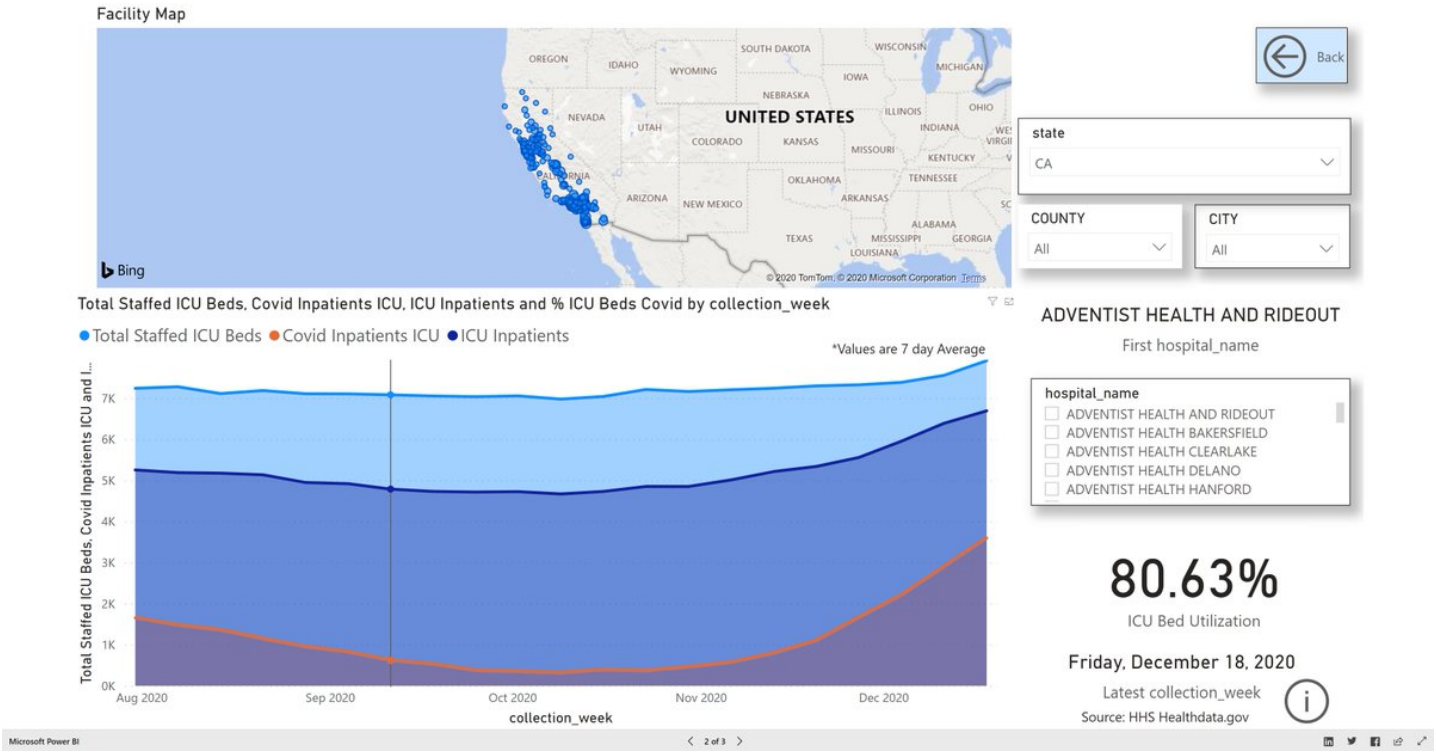
> it's sort of interesting:
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> everyone is freaking out about texas hospitals except for the people who actually run texas hospitals.
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> this pretty much tells you everything you need to know about the panic patrol and their relationship to facts.https://t.co/4H4ocDFoCs
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> — el gato malo (@boriquagato) June 26, 2020

meanwhile, california is fiddling the data to make occupancy look like it's 100%.

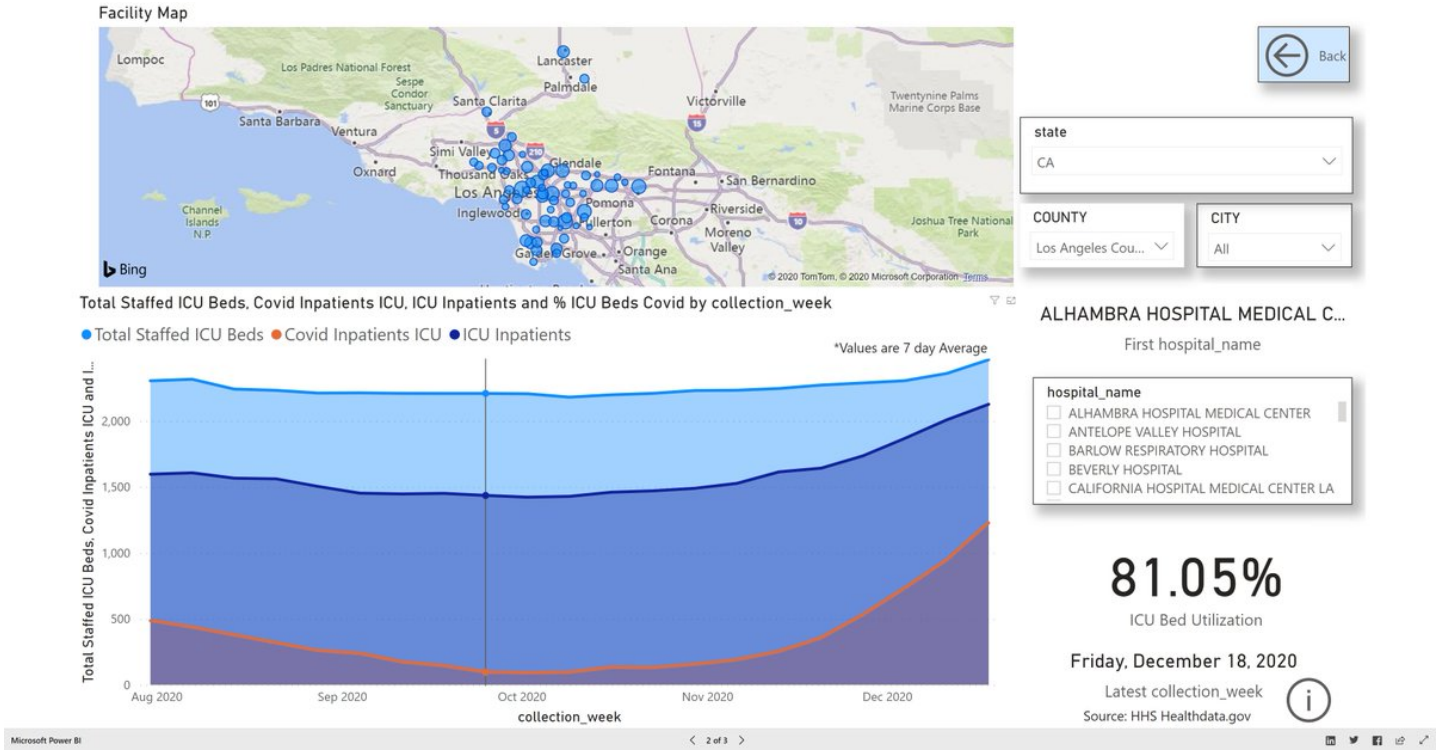
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> nothing says "this crisis is not living up to my PR needs" like starting to cook the books and falsify data.
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> watch as caifornia moves to overstate ICU utilization by calling each point of ICU utilization over 30% for covid 1.5 points.
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> has dominion gone into hospital monitoring? https://t.co/jOjW2uNnYq
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> — el gato malo (@boriquagato) December 18, 2020

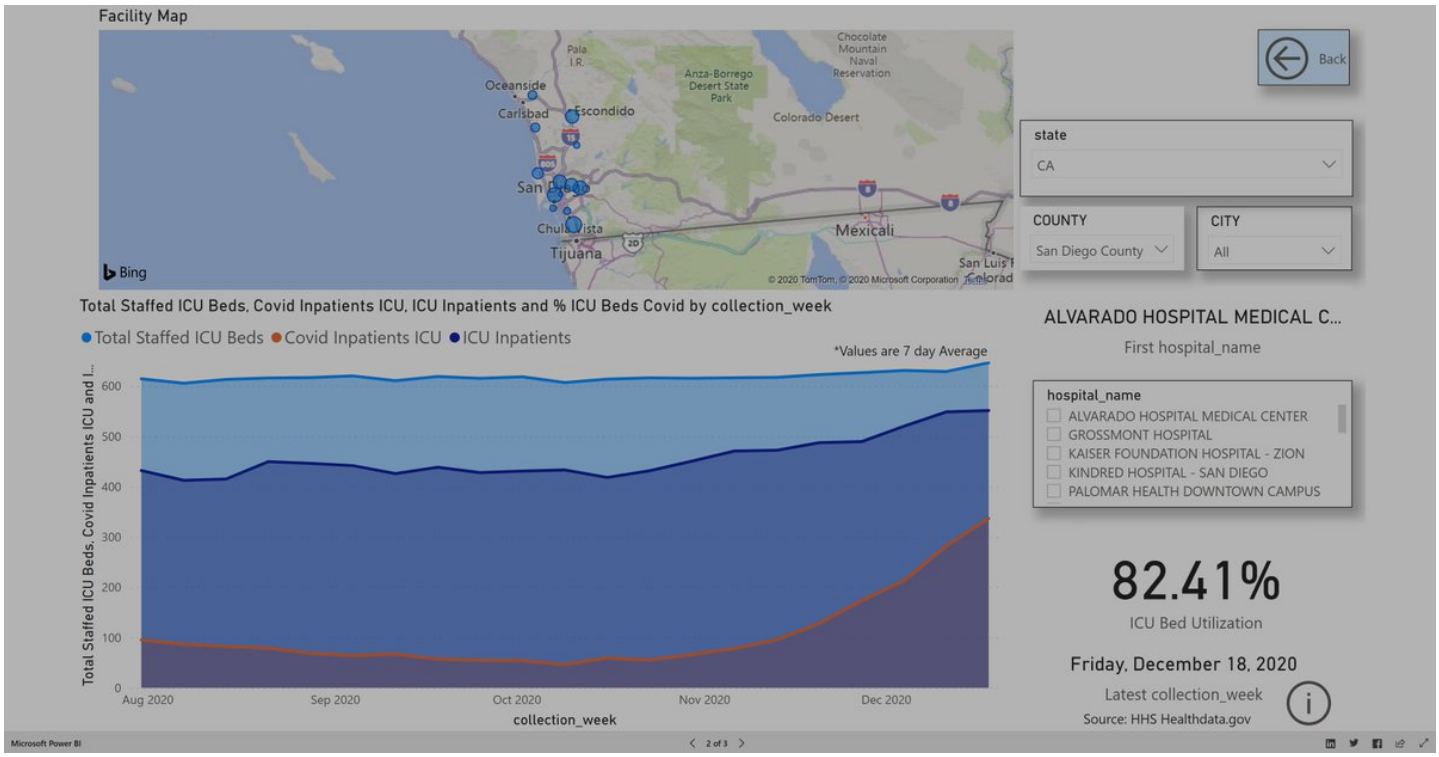
but california ICU is not 100%. it's 81%. that is a low number for this time of year by 10-20 points.



and no, LA is not overwhelmed.



nor is SF or SD.



this endless "we need to save the hospitals!" canard has been the false driver of bad policy.

they have not been threatened in the US throughout this whole covid pandemic. not even perennial basket case NYC needed to use overflow.

unlike 2018.

https://t.co/t9GGMQL8pt

hospitals are dramatic places. there is a reason so many TV shows have used them as a setting. crazy stuff happens every day. and you can always find some 2nd year resident having a melt down.

that's why so many wash out of that job.



this hospital stress has been used to push awful health policy. they stir your fear and your heart strings with histrionic anecdote and misleading data.

they then use it to push masks and lockdowns, 2 policies that have shown 0 efficacy.

https://t.co/lR5ZF6z7J2

> global health policy in 2020 has centered around NPI's (non-pharmaceutical interventions) like distancing, masks, school closures
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> these have been sold as a way to stop infection as though this were science.
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> this was never true and that fact was known and knowable.
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> let's look. pic.twitter.com/O4sJWt7JwY
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> — el gato malo (@boriquagato) December 29, 2020

asymptomatic spread has been shown time and time again to be negligible.

you could drop it to zero and make no meaningful difference in this epidemic.

https://t.co/iYENQLK7S9

and all this was known. it was in all the standing pandemic guidelines.

this is not "following the science" this is ignoring 100 years of it to make stuff up and take the world on an unprecedented public health joyride that has ended in disaster.

https://t.co/sFdUYqPoZy

> one of the fascinating aspects of the response to covid is the manner in which all past knowledge and standing guidance regarding lockdowns and quarantines got tossed out the window and replaced with new, contradictory doctrine with no scientific backing. pic.twitter.com/EplwYQTmL6
>
> — el gato malo (@boriquagato) July 8, 2020

we've used tests that are not suited to purpose to and bizarrely and uniquely inclusive definitions to drive a "casdemic" and to overstate deaths using "death with" instead of "death from."

https://t.co/8atnB5fnda

> anyone still presuming that a + PCR test is showing a covid case needs to read this v carefully:
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> even 25 cycles of amplification, 70% of "positives" are not "cases." virus cannot be cultured. it's dead.
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> by 35: 97% non-clinical.
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> the US runs at 40, 32X the amplification of 35. pic.twitter.com/LVduMMeEjH
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> — el gato malo (@boriquagato) November 21, 2020

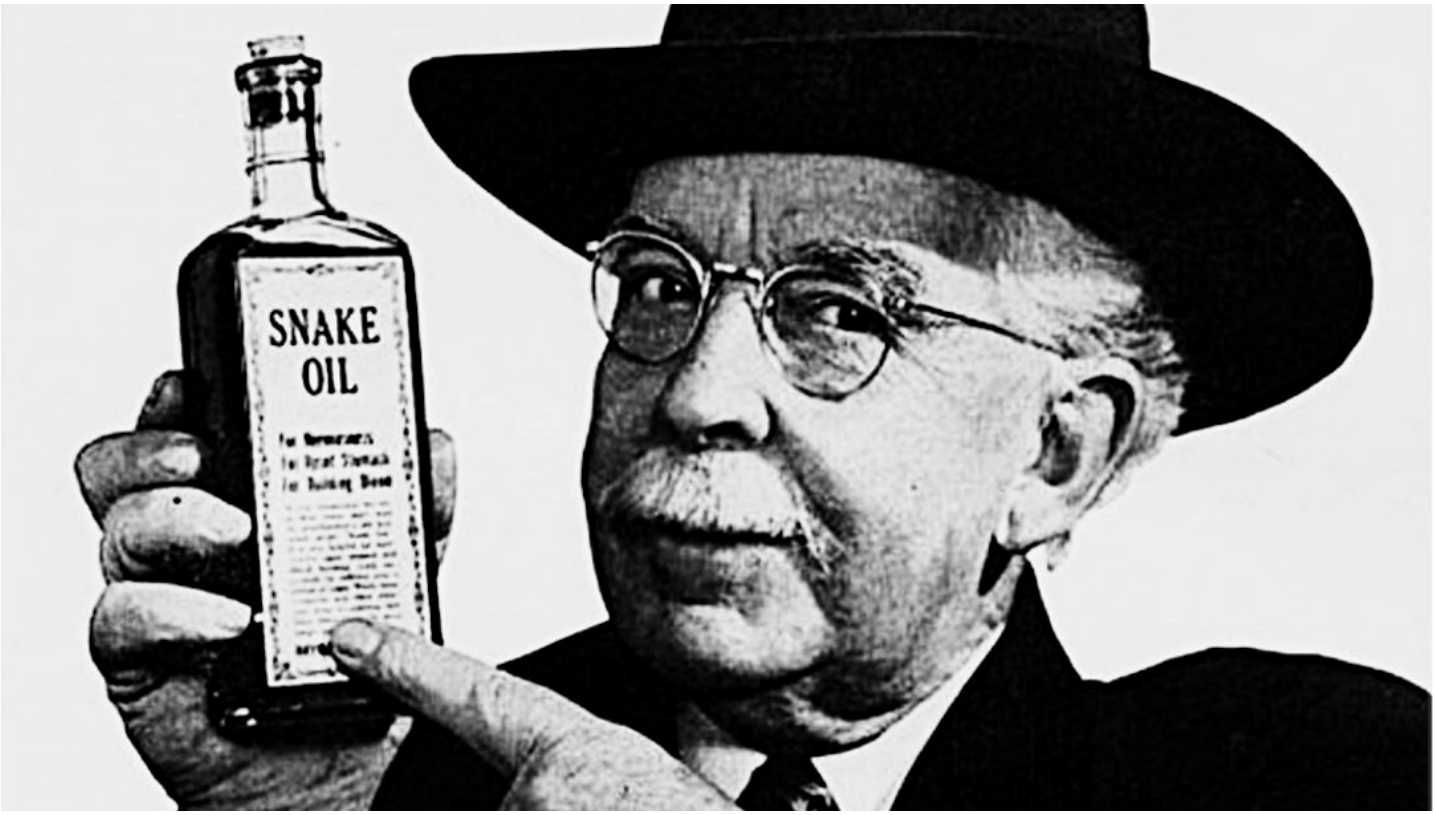
and we have ignored the basic stats 101 concept of "sample rate" to make a drop in US prevalance look like a rise.

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> \u201cIf you look at the slope, the incline of cases we\u2019ve experienced as we\u2019ve got into the late fall and soon-to-be early winter, it really is quite troubling" said anthony fauci.
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> as ever, he's just plain wrong. he is, once more, reporting "cases" without regard to testing levels. pic.twitter.com/plzIasjQXU
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> — el gato malo (@boriquagato) December 27, 2020

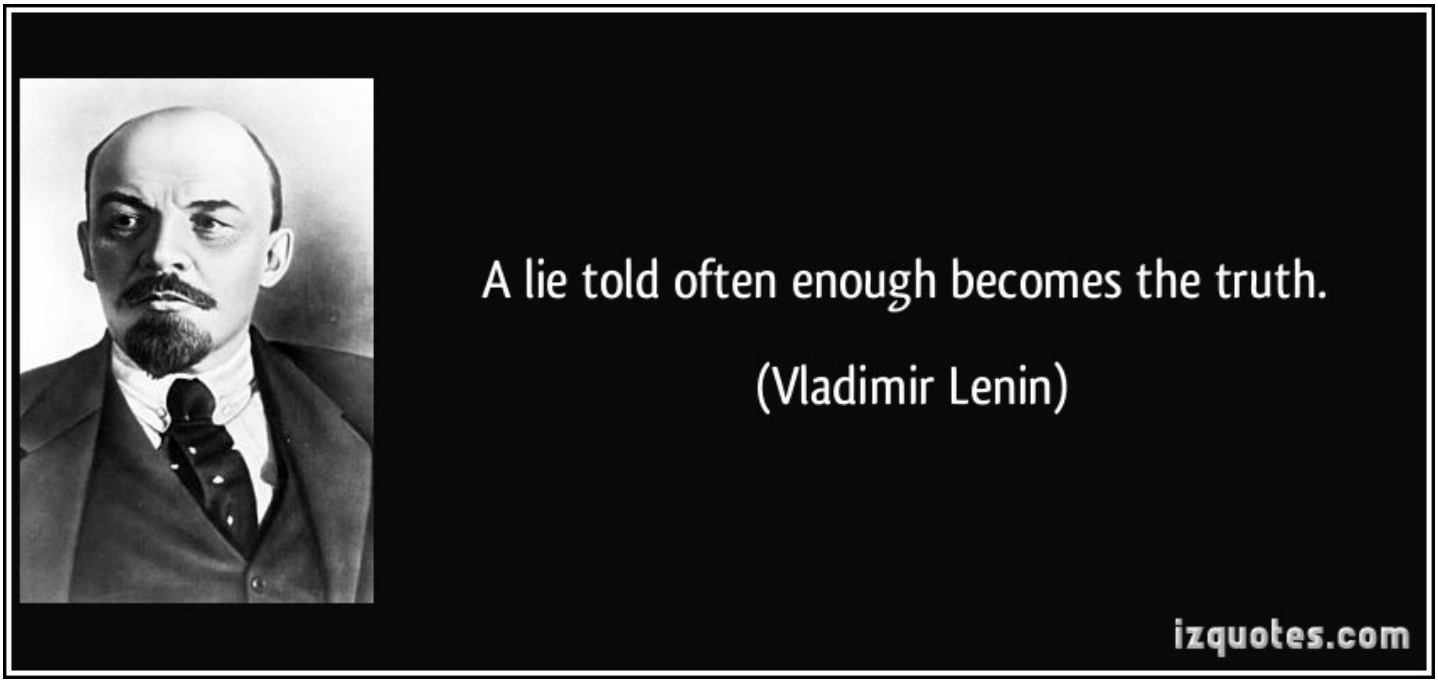
2020 is the year we abandoned science and reason in favor of unfounded charlatanry and propaganda to force upon an unsuspecting populace policies that could not and did not work to address a problem that was never real.

lockdowns and masks do not slow spread or save hospitals.



there is no evidence that lockdowns and masks save lives and loads of evidence that they have not.

and yet we keep going back to this poisoned well for more water every time we get scared because those who inflicted this cannot and will not admit that it failed.



the admission that this policy has been a total failure would be political suicide. if you want to know why this issue is so political, that's why.

the architects of this disastrous and ineffective policy need to brazen it out and pretend it worked.

they need to pin medals on themselves and declare victory or they will be pariahs.

their best interest is not your best interest and as they party at french laundry and jet to cabo, it's clear they do not believe a world of what they are saying.

and neither should you.



anyone who cannot see by now that hospitals are fine and that lockdowns do not work is either so data illiterate as to be hopeless or so dishonest as to be not worth listening to.

which one makes you want them in charge?

they dominated 2020. do not let them dominate 2021.