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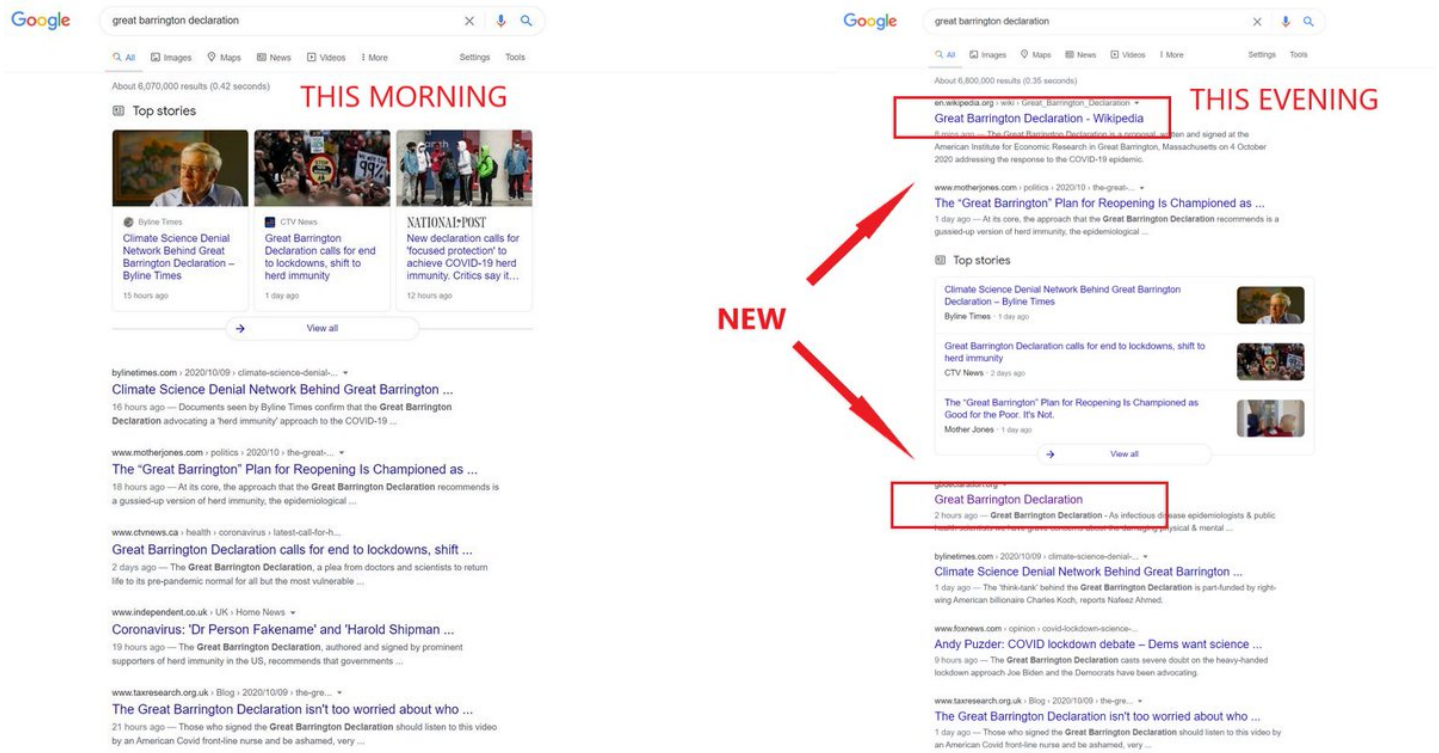
google censorship of great barrington declaration: update.

this morning, there was no link to it in a direct google search.

now, there is.

could this be because certain internet felines noticed this and @chiproytx and @tedcruz helped call them out on this?

we may never know.



but i'd like to think so.

the google page is still a mess. it's still mostly fringe publication hit pieces and conspiracy theories.

when "mother jones" is your top media result for a science search, well, that says it all, doesn't it?

yikes.

i mean, why would we trust THESE people instead of a reporter at one of the most partisan rags on earth? oh, wait..

they are not being censored for being wrong. they're being censored for being right and being credible

they're censored because the other side cannot rebut them



participate if they wish, while society as a whole enjoys the protection conferred upon the vulnerable by those who have built up herd immunity.

On October 4, 2020, this declaration was authored and signed in Great Barrington, United States, by:

Dr. Martin Kulldorff, professor of medicine at Harvard University, a biostatistician, and epidemiologist with expertise in detecting and monitoring of infectious disease outbreaks and vaccine safety evaluations.

Dr. Sunetra Gupta, professor at Oxford University, an epidemiologist with expertise in immunology, vaccine development, and mathematical modeling of infectious diseases.

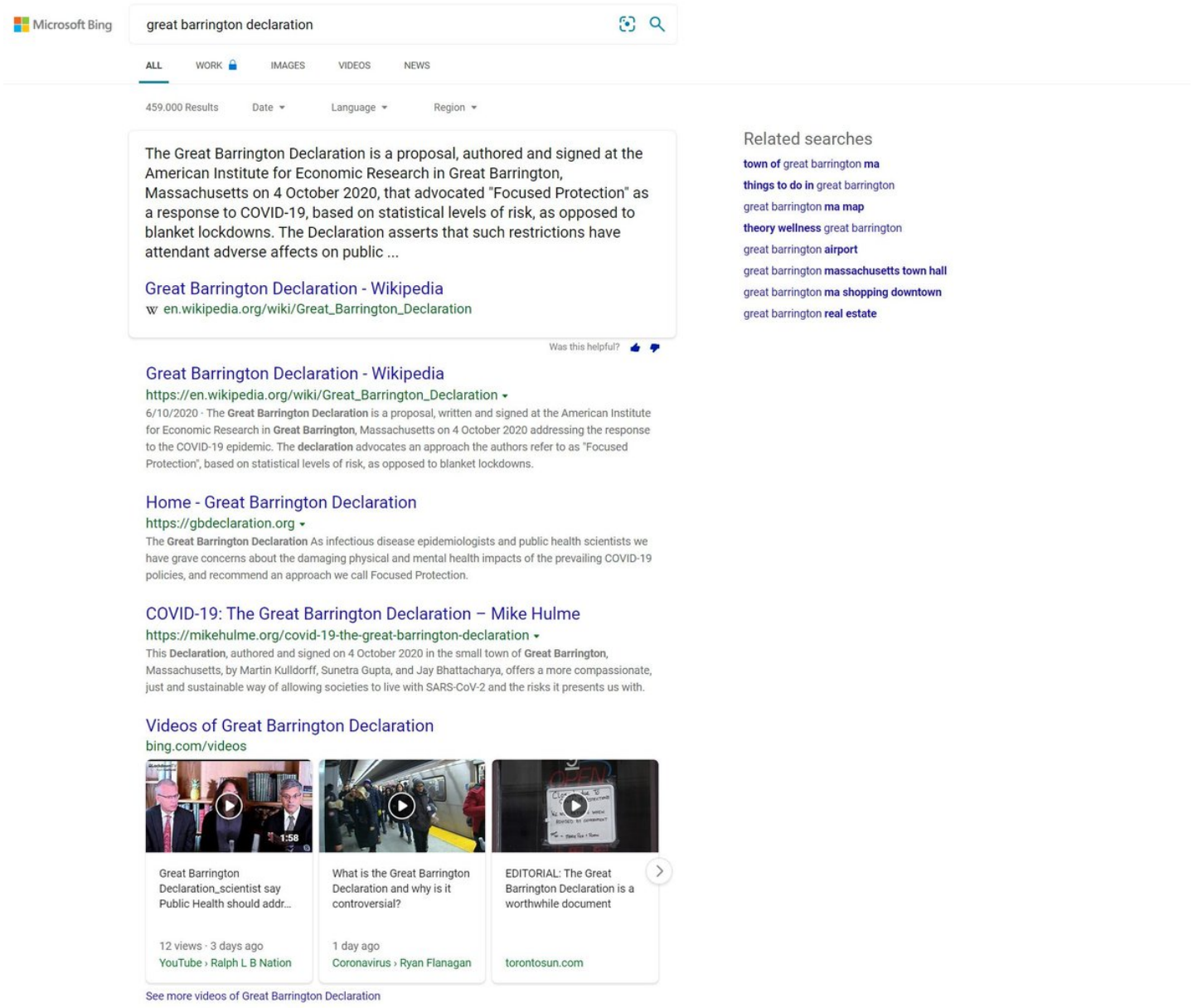
Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, professor at Stanford University Medical School, a physician, epidemiologist, health economist, and public health policy expert focusing on infectious diseases and vulnerable populations.

and that is simply not a thing we can or should tolerate, especially not in a search engine.

so remember this. look for it in the future. demand primary sources.

use other search engines.

bing seems to be seeking to inform, not to inflame and mislead.



if you missed it, the original thread was here:

(and yes, lots of people duplicated my finding this morning)

i'd be curious to see what they are all seeing now.

https://t.co/pvbWfJ4MkE

> from the "make orwell fiction again" files:
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> google has memory holed the great barrington declaration
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> not only have they wiped it from the top results, they have salted it with false claims about "climate denial"
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> it's pure, simple propaganda
>
> here's bing (who plays it straight) pic.twitter.com/kTdhH8zXia

— el gato malo (@boriquagato) October 10, 2020

so, google went from "direly absurdly slanted to the point of being undeniably caught red handed" to "just heavily slanted toward comically partisan sites and fringe views"

it's not a full win, but it's a step in the right direction.

perhaps we all played some role.

i hope so.

public pressure and cancel culture works both ways and google knows they can only push this so far

let's keep watching and keep calling fouls when we see them

it's vital to a high functioning internet and informational ecosystem

consumer choice is what keeps businesses in line

i wish they would not censor & shape data, but i support their right to do what they like. it's a private business

but i also support transparency. if they ARE going to do this then people should know

no memory holes

let's circle the censorship in red pen and route around it

and the internet routes around damage. so do free markets.

switching search engines takes 2 seconds so you CAN choose. it costs nothing.

remember: you are google's product. they sell you to advertisers. and they NEED you.

demand better from them.