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Amazing what is going on with narratives that justify ever more draconian policies.

1. Lockdowns China did would never be acceptable in a democracy.

2. Covid is really scary and we don't know how badly it affects people. Maybe the chinese knows something we don't. Let's err on the side of caution.

3. It doesn't seem to impact kids as much, and the figures show shielded protection is viable - but we need to protect against LONG covid. 4. The first wave outbreak seems not to be matched by same scale of excess deaths as second wave. But mutant strain now about!

5. We don't know if mutant strain will be treatable with vaccines or if it will impact children - better to err on side of caution and shut everything down again. 6. Data suggests hospitals are within winter crisis norms - but these are not the data points you are looking for.

7. The data points you are looking for are anecdotal testimonies from mostly anonymous NHS staff as well as new regimes and protocol constraints which make all the previous data null and void.

8. We can't possibly boost carer numbers with retired personnel as they haven't done the right health, safety and diversity training. 9. Neil Ferguson can see his girlfriend on assumption of immunity, but Lockdown applies to everyone regardless of whether they had it or not.

10. Antibody tests were going to be game changing and allow a big portion of people back to work force- but now whether you have had it or not won't make a difference as you can still spread it!

11. We won't be able to stop wearing masks or social distancing even after every vulnerable person is vaccinated because the vaccinated can still spread it to the vulnerable but impossible to vaccinate. 12. Yet airlines won't let you on unless u have been vaccinated regardless!

That last point is particularly grating! If you can still spread despite vaccination and natural immunity WHAT IS THE POINT of a vaccine certificate passport??

PS sorry for typos and literals. Fingers can't keep up with thoughts.