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Pandemic Response Is Our Vietnam. https://t.co/xgLMwlRQNd from @aier

"Most scholars agree that America's involvement in Vietnam was an unmitigated public policy disaster.

In 2020, a new standard for monumental government failure has been set:"

#coronamaatregelen #lockdown

"Our public policy response to the coronavirus, which has resulted in the establishment of a state-run religion of mandatory social distancing, a tyrannical public health police state to enforce it, and a never-ending "state of emergency."

"Those who questioned the virtues of quarantines and lockdowns were vilified and censored from mainstream and social media as purveyors of misinformation or conspiracy theorists."

"Mission creep was also a major factor in America's involvement in Vietnam, leading to the rapid expansion of troops on the ground and bombing on a massive scale."

"In the "war" against the coronavirus, "15 days to flatten the curve" is morphing into 15 months (at least) to fully eradicate the virus."

"The endgame seems to be a quixotic dream of zero-Covid. Infectious disease experts are already warning us that vaccinations will not be enough to return us to normal."

Hetgeen niet meer dan een natte droom is van de SARS-CoV-2 Virofoben, met waarschijnlijk een blijvend reservoir in dieren, wereldwijde verspreiding en een groot deel van de mensheid die zich met grotere problemen geconfronteerd ziet dan dit virus.

"In the Covid-19 context, both “cases” (overwhelmingly either asymptomatic or with mild symptoms) and deaths (with the virus, not of the virus) are overstated, to increase funding for the “war” against the virus and to magnify and prolong the “state of emergency.”

"The same scientists from Imperial College London whose wildly inaccurate models stoked panic in March and April are wreaking havoc once again, with dire predictions of a “new strain”.

This has prompted more severe lockdowns and travel restrictions in several nations."

"In a similar vein, politicians have invested substantial time, energy, and resources in promoting lockdowns (while simultaneously promoting themselves) and have deluded themselves into thinking that lockdowns are effective."

"Even conservative politicians have succumbed to this sunk-cost fallacy. They have already made a substantial “investment” in mandatory social distancing policies..."

"...even though the social costs of adopting these policies are enormous and large enough to offset any benefits from adopting draconian policies to “flatten the curve.”

"As during the Vietnam conflict, the poor and working class are the ones bearing the brunt of the cost of waging the war on the coronavirus."

"As Professor Sunetra Gupta of Oxford, one of the three co-authors of the Great Barrington Declaration, is fond of saying, lockdowns are a luxury of the rich."

"The elites and the professional class are comfortably shielded from the economic and psychological napalm of quarantines, lockdowns, and “reopenings,”

"...while the working class, many of whom are “essential workers” and own or work for small establishments, will be nursing their wounds for many years to come."

"The quagmire of Vietnam was also prolonged because there was no well-defined exit strategy, until President Nixon formulated one. In our current coronavirus quagmire, political leaders have also failed to outline an explicit exit strategy."

"We can’t expect the public health police state to voluntarily relinquish their grip on power. Similarly, governors and mayors who are being bailed out by taxpayers are also reluctant to cancel their hour-long press conferences."

"Infectious disease experts and other public health officials have never been so adored by the public. Their budgets have risen, and at the same time they are destroying our economies and societies and abusing our children."

"They have become the new generals loving the sweet smell of napalm in the morning.

Despite the similarities, the public policy response to the coronavirus is worse than Vietnam for one key reason: its pernicious effects on the young and future generations."

"During the Vietnam War, children did not serve on the front lines. Thanks to the public health police state, lockdown politicians, and teachers unions, children have been forced to sacrifice needlessly for the elderly."

"Lockdowns have been especially hard for two types of children: (1) those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, who live in cramped conditions in blighted neighborhoods and are victims of the “digital divide,” and (2) autistic children and other special needs kids."

"For many poor kids, schools, public libraries, and public park facilities constitute a welcome refuge from the turmoil, chaos, and potential abuse they may experience at home."

"Stay-at-home orders for such children severely limit their much-needed access to these facilities, as well as social services, counseling, and extracurricular activities."

"It also makes them much more vulnerable to recruitment by gangs and organized crime, since employment opportunities are now extremely limited."

"Autistic and other special needs children have been especially hurt by the lockdowns, since they have severely limited access to treatment, as well as in-person education."

"The evidence is clear that lockdowns are ineffective and highly destructive and yet, to quote the feisty Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré of Hurricane Katrina fame, our political leaders are “stuck-on-stupid.”

"Thus, it is time to resist lockdowns, much as citizens resisted during the Vietnam era. Resistance to lockdowns should occur along several dimensions."

"If these heart-wrenching stories go viral, the mainstream media is more likely to cover them and the politicians will begin to turn on their own experts."

"This is exactly what happened in Israel recently, when the farce of forced quarantine in coronavirus hotels for all who return from abroad was quickly overturned by the Health Minister."

"The infectious disease experts that recommended this draconian policy were embarrassed and soon after, overruled."

Er komt geen einde aan deze stupiditeit van politici, bestuurders geflankeerd door experts met een tunnelvisie.

Ik ben er bij op 17 januari op het museumplein. Een ieder wiens vrijheid hem lief is zou dat moeten doen.