

## **THE GLOBAL HANDLING OF THE COV19 PANDEMIC· AN INADEQUATE RESPONSE**

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There was too much secrecy about the origin of the virus and the sharing of information was not forthcoming in the initial onset of the pandemic. The symptoms, measures to prevent, spread and treatments were not well communicated. The initial World Health Organization (W.H.O) report was taken lightly by far too many countries. The W.H.O was not given the respect it should.

Too much emphasis was placed on the scientific method before the implementation of vaccines while average people were dying. It was okay to administer experimental monoclonal antibodies to influential individuals but vaccines have to go through rigorous experimental and statistical analyses being used. There was significant misinformation and not a unified approach about handling the pandemic.

Politics and economics were placed ahead of human lives. There was great emphasis on the economic downturn that would and can result from the lockdown of services. There was great haste to open up services over a short downturn in cases and deaths. From a Microbiological point of view there should be at least 10 weeks of continual downturn in cases and deaths before relaxing the mandatory conditions to prevent spread. I would suggest that getting to or below 100 cases and deaths per day is a necessity per a defined region in large countries and even less in small countries.

It should have been emphasized that the virus would mutate and some variants would be more or less pathogenic than the original COV19 virus. When highly contagious and infectious variants entered the populations there should be an emphasis placed on protection/prevention of spread of the variants and hence a return to mandatory conditions emphasized and implemented quickly. There was too much of a wait and see before implementing diagnostic and preventative measures.

The leaderships in some countries were not forthright in their information to their populations about taking the vaccines. Many took the vaccines in privacy and their influence about taking the vaccines could have encouraged many with misapprehension to take the vaccines. There was also misinformation about mandatory vaccination in the workplace. The major reason for the vaccine mandate is to make the workplace safer for all and possibly prevent a labor shortage that could result from too many people missing time because of COV 19 related illnesses. Too great a number of vaccines had to be administered for statistical reasons that are not necessary for research.

Twisted information appeared in the media when there should have been a unified approach. Some countries not adequately complying with W.H.O. to submit the number of cases on a daily or weekly basis. The W.H.O. was designed to give advice and monitor epidemics and pandemics. If such an organization is no longer needed; Why subscribe? Let it be demised. In my opinion it is still a necessary organization in today's world.

The donations of vaccines to the industrialized countries were politicized in such a manner that the politically favored received the early. Such donations should have gone through the W.H.O which would have better Information on the possibility of variants and trouble spots (civilization) around the globe. In the Jet age it should be recognized that through human travels variants would spread easily particularly if individuals are asymptomatic. Although we live in a great communication era information was not forthcoming.

Research science and medicine were not given the lead and respect necessary to combat the pandemic from its initial onset and beyond. The pandemic reinforces the idea that we should aim to become a more scientifically aware civilization. The Global COV 19 pandemic has shown what a politically divided world we live in. Just as is evident when there is a global world war unification is necessary and crosses

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political divide to end the war, the same is necessary in combating this war against the corona virus (COV19). The unity to combat the corona virus (COV 19) and its variants involve the W.H.O. Unity is not only necessary between nations but also within nations. The booster dose should be a must and not so rigorously investigated amid variants.