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Cyberspace vs. COVID-19 – The farce awakens

I am very unhappy about a few things of late. Despite the efforts of lots of folks to get the truth into the heads of the assholes who are in charge of the political jurisdictions of the US, for whatever insane reason, there remain elected officials who are still lying and, as a result, killing people. Some say this is not the time to call them out. I say the time is now.

- The US has about 5% of the population of the world and yet now have more than 20% of the total confirmed COVID-19 cases. And we are still under-testing compared to much of the rest of the world. But at a minimum, the US is more than 4 times worse at controlling this virus as the rest of the world.
- The US also has almost 10,000 deaths from CV19 out of a total of 70,000 globally, one 7th of the deaths (and growing) from 1 20th of the population. The US is screwing up big time, and it is killing people.
- Now we have the President pushing drugs – one particular drug – claiming “What do you have to lose?” Well, how about peoples’ lives? The harm is that the drug will certainly harm some people, likely kill some people, and perhaps kill more people than it helps (which is currently not shown to be even one person). But Trump has:

Implausible deny-ability

He will deny that he advocated for it because he denies it every time he talks about it. “I have a good feeling...” and so forth. And yet he is advertising the crap out of it and it is being purchased in huge quantities, being distributed around the country, and as a result, someone is making a boat load of money on it. Who? The investigation, if there ever is one, will tell us that somehow it benefited Trump.

- We knew it long ago – the things that could work – and we did none of them as a country. This to me is bad leadership – obviously starting at the top and extending deep into the so-called leaders.
 - Donald Trump has caused the death of at least thousands and likely hundreds of thousands or more by his combination of inaction, lies, and bad actions. And now he announced a war on drugs to get more of his wall built, while not supporting efforts (and having his party suppress them) to get vote by mail working nationwide.
- The governors of several states, including Florida and Georgia have acted worse than disgracefully, with
 - Florida hosting spring break and then sending the infected hundreds of thousands to disburse around the country while claiming to stop people from other states who might be infected (or not) from entering Florida.
 - Georgia On April 4, claiming that they were unaware of the fact that people without symptoms could spread the disease until then. That while standing in front of their top public health official claiming they too were unaware. It’s been on the news

every day, almost every channel, in the papers, in the scientific literature, in every imaginable information venue, for at least weeks.

- And then there are all the other governors who waited too long – acted too slowly – etc.
- And it gets worse. Governors overriding local mayors and others to refute stricter controls that would otherwise reduce the number of deaths.
- There's plenty more – but this is enough for a start.

These politicians and all who support them are responsible for deaths

If it were not for the fact that these so-called leaders were killing people, it would seem like a farce. But to be clear, they are responsible for the excess deaths we will experience as our health care system gets overwhelmed. There are no excuses for these disgraceful acts and failures to act.

- I didn't know! Nobody could have ever known!
 - Bull...oney! This is either a lie or such gross negligence it should be called intentional.
- The economic impact was a tradeoff...
 - Wrong wrong wrong. It is economically worse. Stop lying. Stop this BS
 - The only people benefiting are the people you are making rich by sending money to. They and you should be arrested as war profiteers.
- Some republican has created false videos with Biden saying that the virus is a hoax.
 - These are the words of Donald Trump – placed in the mouth of his political rival – as a claim of being a bad leader.

And worst of all, some people will buy into these farcical lies and deceptions.

And then there are the “hackers”

- So-called white hat hackers telling us all about security weaknesses in the cyber systems more and more people are depending on for their day to day communications and livings, etc. and, in some cases, releasing enough details to allow bad actors (who are acting badly) to actually exploit these systems, potentially costing peoples' lives.
 - And the companies they are accusing of weaknesses not responding in a transparent way to them, thus increasing confusion instead of bringing clarity to people can make sound decisions.

And the scammers

In one city, criminals are popping up things that look like testing stations and charging people to test them for CV19. They are just frauds. They don't test for anything. They dress up like medical people and take your money and then move to another location the next day.

And they are not alone – of course. They are selling masks when they have none – drugs that do not exist or do nothing – wipes that don't eliminate the virus – you name it. IF they can get your money they will do it.

And the profiteers

Charging way more than they bought it for, people are selling everything from toilette paper to pills for outrageous prices. But these are the lamers. The big time profiteers are selling billions of dollars worth of things to governments for 100 times what they normally cost.

And the startups

Everyone is trying to find a way to claim that their startup will save you from CV19. If you only invest. Now don't get me wrong. Many of the startups in this area deserve to get funded as they are reasonable risk reward investments for the diversified portfolio of the sophisticated investor. But plenty of them are just frauds looking for suckers.

And... and... and...

Beware the farce! The farce is with us! May the farce be with...

There is apparently no limit to the depravity of the human condition, and the US is certainly number 1 these days... in CV19 cases, and soon in deaths.

It's tough to get the truth out

I cannot express my disgust in people taking advantage of death and suffering. It brings me to tears as I listen to the misinformation and disinformation coming from the highest levels of the US government, directed toward our own people. Nobody in the rest of the world believes it of course.

I have no bully pulpit, I don't own a major news outlet, and I only have so many connections that read what I post.

At some point, will we awaken?

I am not talking about the horror of the human suffering and death from the virus. I am talking about our national ignorance and unwillingness to find and punish people who take advantage of others. From the top down the US has become the country of villains and heroes, where the heroes are trying to save lives and the villains are trying to take advantage, even if it kills other people.

The so-called good people are so entrenched in their own bubbles of disinformation that they don't even see the harm they are doing and that is being done to them. Their leaders are, in many cases, villainous wolves who pose in sheep's clothing, leading the flock into personal bankruptcy and abuse while gaining their own wealth and power.

The US looks more and more like the Middle East, where false religious leaders lead groups of people who are kept poor by the elites to keep the elites rich and in power.

And of course, these corrupt individuals and their corrupt groups are taking increased control over the masses using CV19 as their excuse to become even more dominant.

Conclusions

It is getting close to the time when the dark side takes over the republic and the abusive uncaring people of the world take control over the rest of us. Will the people stand up and take back their own lives? Or will they fall prey to he who shall not be named? OK – so I am mixing metaphors. But the Emperor, Voldemort, pick your poison... it's all the same.