

My take on the Covid 19

The Tories believe in small Government.

Boris Johnson has a “make a joke” and focus on the optimistic view.

Both features make the Tory Government ill equipped to face the Corona virus crisis.

There needed to be mass mobilisation of resources including people.

Instead they have relied on existing organisations like the army.

They moved late on the issue of quarantine, PPE, care homes, and testing and tracing.

AS I write this they will fail to have an adequate testing regime as we come out of the lockdown.

To avoid the benefit of hindsight I have enclosed the date, a cartoon and image as posted up on Facebook.

Any comments I wish to make will be under the cartoons in italics.

Corona Virus is a serious disease. It appears to have escaped confinement. Jokes about the disease may appear to be in bad taste, but given that I am in a vulnerable group, I reserve the right to joke about it.

If it turns out as serious as I think it will, the demand to nationalise the private hospitals will need to be made.



26th Jan

Humanity has worked out strategies to deal with infectious diseases. A key component is isolation. The worst thing in this situation is infected people spreading the disease by fleeing the area.

The coronavirus outbreak has happened in Hubei Province. It must be frightening for everyone in the area.

The advice of the foreign and commonwealth Office is

"If you are in this area and able to leave, you should do so".

I think the fastest way to spread the virus is to follow the FCO advice.

Fortunately the Chinese authorities have banned travel.



Feb 11

March 3rd

The news was full of the decision to go ahead with HS2



March 3rd

The privatised cleaning companies use cheap labour and are more motivated by profit rather than health.

Later the Government realised it needed to pay something to workers who are off sick.



March 3rd

I am glad to say that this did not happen. In my defence, this was the time when its stated policy was herd immunity.



March 7th

When issues as serious as health come up, it would be nice if our rulers told the truth.

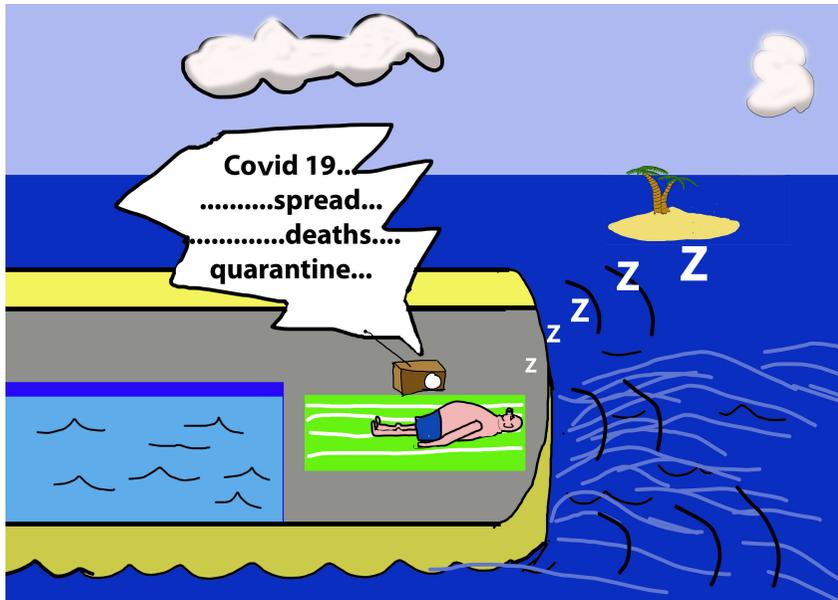
Matt Hancock is the health minister who said "We are working with the supermarkets to make sure that, if people are self-isolating, then we will be able to get the food and supplies that they need," He was lying according to the supermarkets.



<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/coronavirus-crisis-supermarkets-accuse-hancock-of-lying-about-food-supply-deal-whvnmv7>

There were several reports at the time stating that there had been no such discussions. They started after the announcement. I suspect that there are still people who would like food deliveries.

March 11th



March 14th

Covid 19 is a class issue. Even before the epidemic life expectancy of poorest women was falling. The rich have better underlying health, they have better support systems and have access to private health care.

They will not be hit as hard as the rest of us.

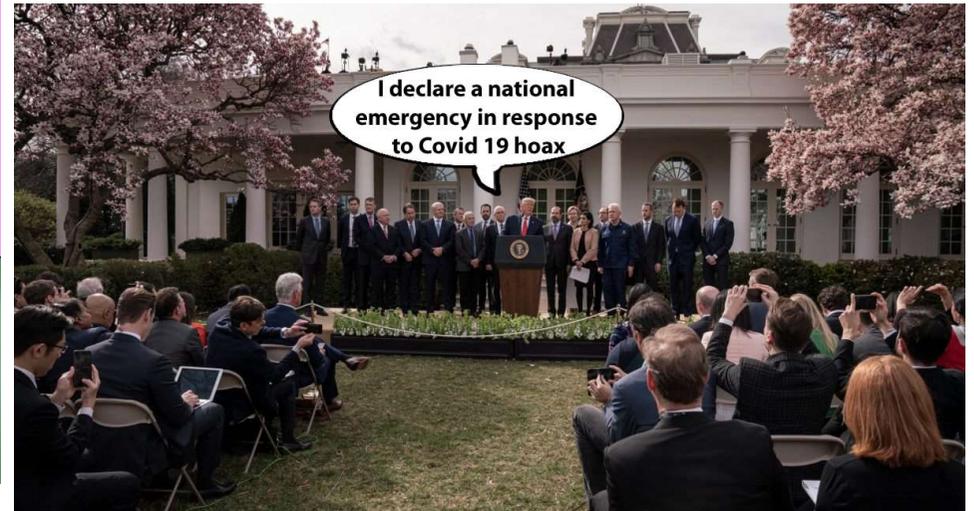
Emergency planning is needed - in every street there will be people who need supplies, basic care, baby sitters when the schools close, ventilating machines, medicines for secondary infections etc. People who believe "there is no such thing as society" have no business claiming to run it.



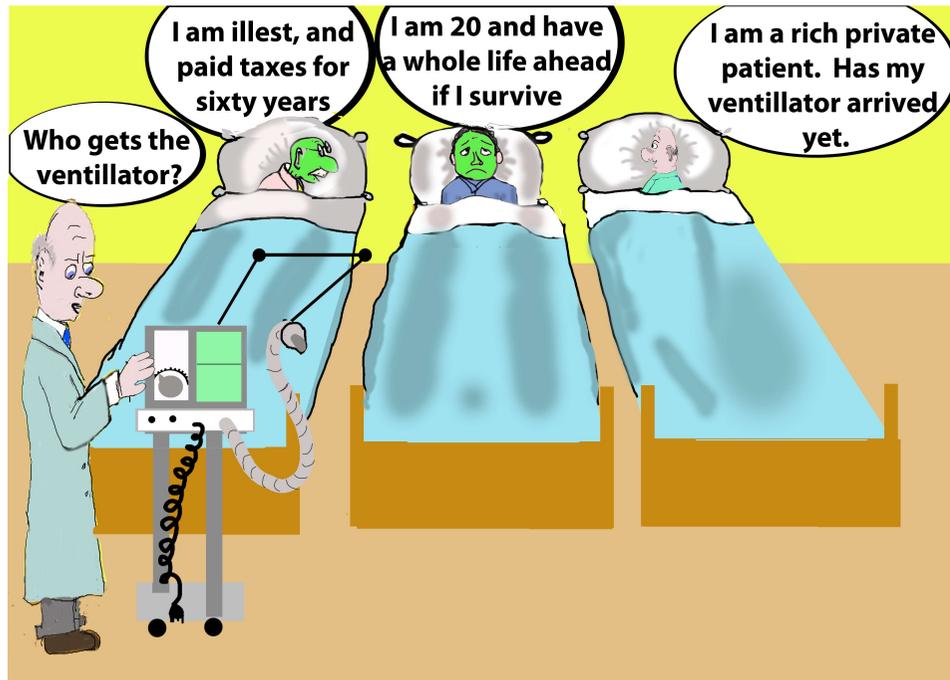
March 14th



March 16



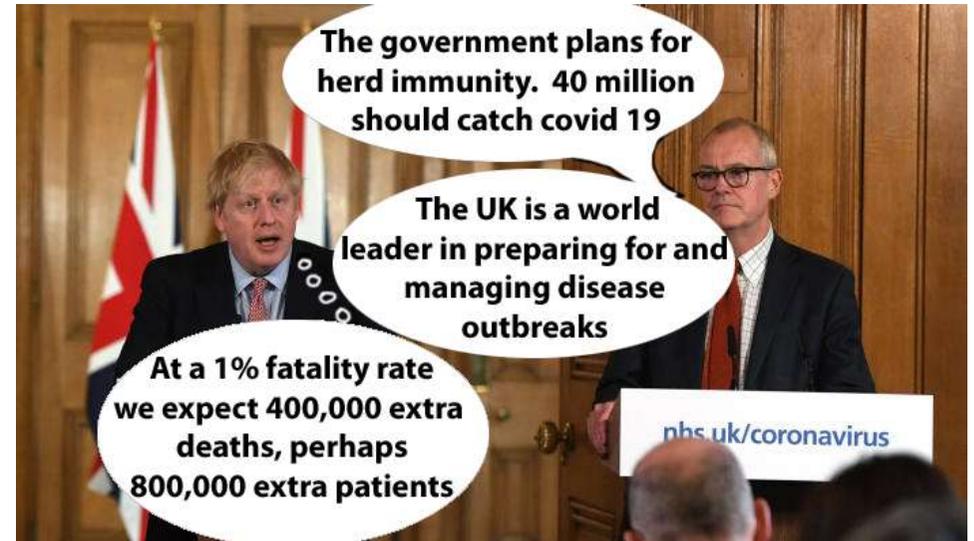
March 16



March 16

The Government had a policy of herd immunity. That is it expected about 40 million UK citizens to get the disease. If 1% of patients die, there will be 400,000 extra deaths. Given that a large number of people will be very ill, but will recover, there may be something of the order of 800,000 very ill people. The NHS creaks under normal conditions, I cannot see that the UK is "well positioned" to deal with an extra 800,000 patients. (Even spread over six months or so). (Add to that not enough equipment, staff going off sick etc)

Little wonder that the Government did a quick u-turn on the issue.



March 17

It is a rework of an old joke



March 17

This is what was reported in Guardian

"Trump 'offers large sums' for exclusive US access to coronavirus vaccine"

Later reports say this is not true. However there must be hundreds of laboratories working in isolation, hoping to cash in on any successful work. We need to remember when big pharma demanded exorbitant monies from South Africa for anti HIV drugs. Remember also when Martin Shkreli increased the price of some HIV drugs by 5,000%.

Do we trust private companies to cooperate to find an anti virus? Do we trust them to make sure that successful drugs will be available to all?

March 17
Suddenly there is a money tree.

Under capitalism every laboratory desires to keep all progress hidden, take a patent and charge as much as possible for anti virus.

Under socialism laboratories spread knowledge and coordinate actions.

We tried variant 23 and it failed

We are working on variant 44.

Paris is working on variant 65

We will end work on variant 23 and start on variant 66.8

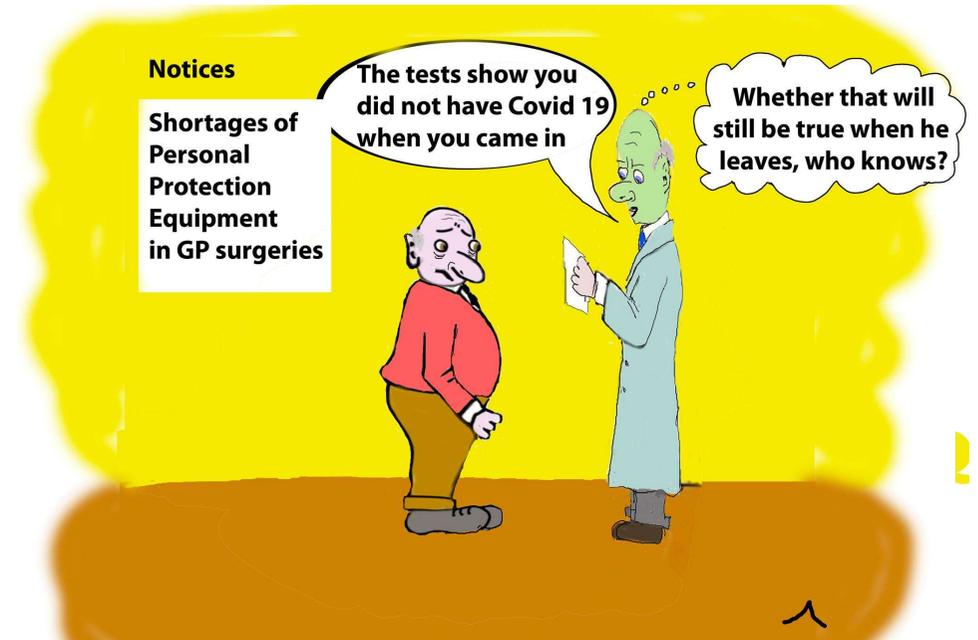
We are working on variant 66.5. It slows down infection

March 18



March 27th

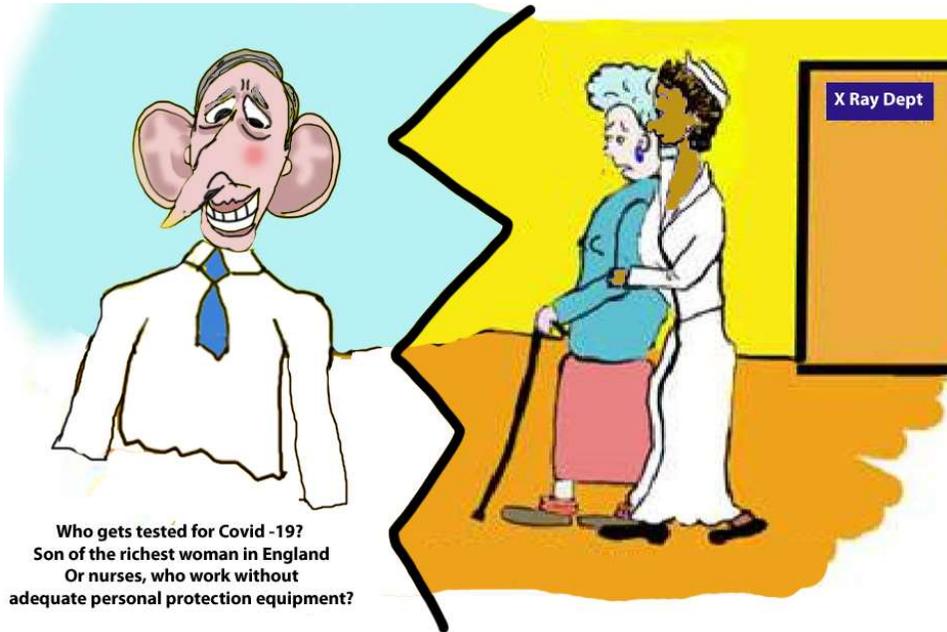
"THE BRITISH Medical Association (BMA) says that, without proper personal protection, some doctors treating Covid-19 patients are likely to become very ill and some may die. Without personal protection, the infection will spread, the epidemic worsen, and if doctors are sick, this will deplete the very workforce we need to care for ever growing numbers of very ill patients."



March 27 th

Charles Windsor has tested positive for Covid-19

<https://news.sky.com/.../coronavirus-prince-charles-tests-pos...>



March 27th

The gap between the problem and the proposed solution has always fascinated me. Johnson called meetings to inform us that meetings are the places where the virus spreads. Today he has the virus. Keeping away from others not in your household is good advice.

So what to the police do? They send a drone into the country to film and shame a couple in the country, taking their exercise, miles from anyone else. Then in an attempt to shame them release the footage to the media.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-derbyshire-52055201>

Derbyshire Police @DerbysPolice · 26 Mar

Despite posts yesterday highlighting issues of people still visiting the #PeakDistrict despite government guidance, the message is still not getting through. @DerPolDroneUnit have been out at beauty spots across the county, and this footage was captured at #CurbarEdge last night.

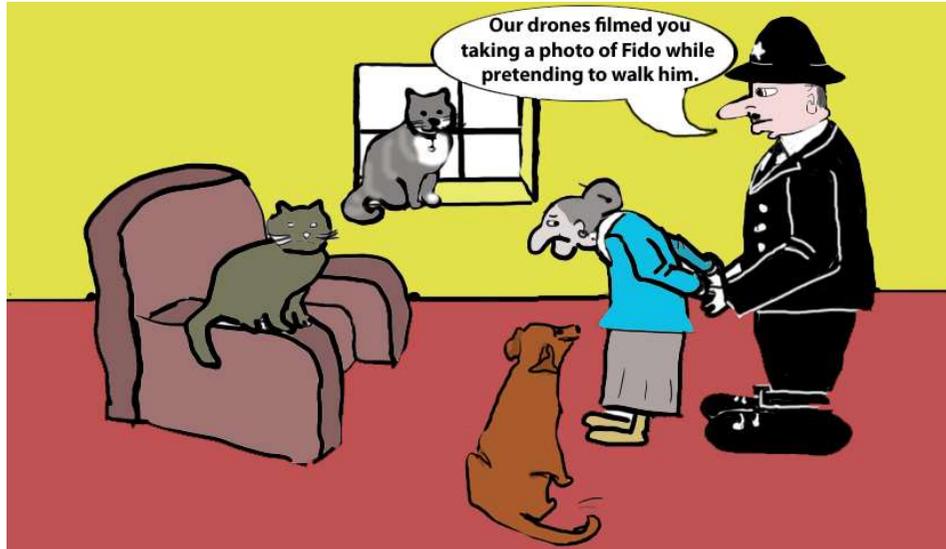
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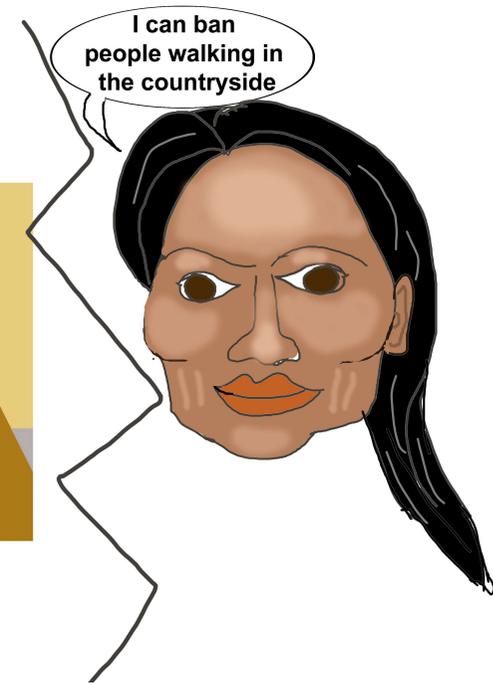
Their crime apparently, they took a selfie!!
Cont. Incidentally the image on the Government website on the law, the virus and the police shows two policemen flagrantly defying good medical advice.

<https://www.gov.uk/.../police-given-new-powers-and-support-to...>



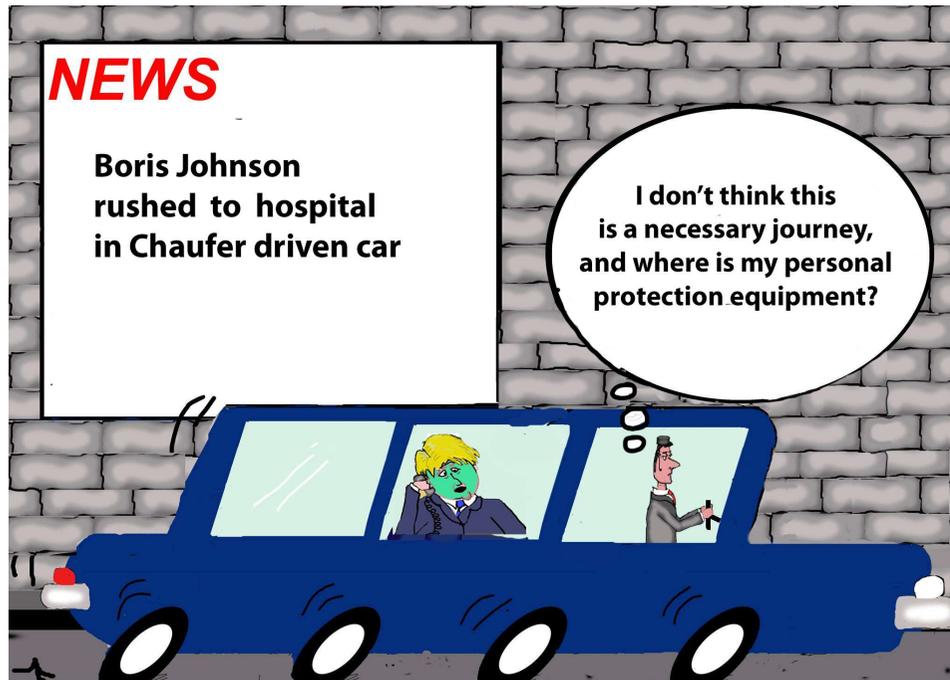
April 1st

The banning of walks in the countryside is an irritant. It is dwarfed by the failure of Johnson to seriously address the issue of personal protection equipment for front line NHS staff.



April 6th

We are supposed to feel sympathy when someone goes ill. I am sorry, with Boris Johnson, I feel none. He shook hands with patients when told not to, he called meetings when the advice was not to, and he has failed to ensure that front line staff have personal protection equipment.



April 6th

The BBC reported "Coronavirus: Tiger at Bronx Zoo tests positive for Covid-19" so this occurred to me.

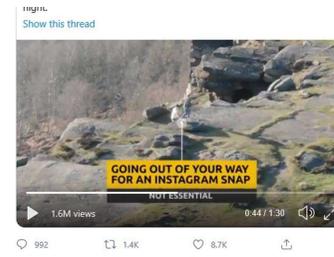


April 8th
The Guardian reported 16 March 2020
"US sales of guns and ammunition soar amid coronavirus panic buying".



April 10th

The BBC states "On Tuesday, staff were told by a Home Office scientific adviser 80% of people would get Covid-19 in the end and "we can't hide away from it forever"
80% of the UK population (66 million) is over 50 million. At a death rate of about 1%, this Government advisor expects deaths in the order of 500,000.
He also said
"You are no more at risk at the workplace as you would be in your home or at the supermarket. It is about minimising it," he said.
On that advice Priti Patel told Passport workers to go back to work next week.
This is the same Priti Patel that tells the police to harass walkers in the Peak District.



Which spreads Covid 19 best?
A walk in the peak district
Illegal



Working in an office
The Home secretary, Priti Patel plans to open the Passport Office next week.

April 10

According to the BBC "Northamptonshire's Chief Constable Nick Adderley said he would not rule out road blocks or checking supermarket trolleys."

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/.../uk-england-northamptonshire-5222847...>

The Mirror stated

"Northamptonshire police chief Nick Adderley said his force were only "a few days away" from introducing measures such as road blocks and searching shopping trolleys, as people continue to flout coronavirus regulations."

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/.../coronavirus-preti-patel-slams-po...>

What do we consider necessities?

We could all walk round with shitty arses, not nice but...

His boss, Preti Patel told him that would not happen.



April 11th

It was clear from the beginning of this virus that personal protection equipment for all people who continue to have contact with the public was central.

Even today there is a shortage of PPE for medical staff, let alone bus and train drivers, taxi drivers, shop workers, and police.

Each person without ppe, who deals with the public will sooner or later catch the disease. They will then pass it on (in the absence of testing).

Instead of a national drive to produce the equipment we have

"Health Secretary Matt Hancock said: "The UK is a world leader in preparing for and managing disease outbreaks and I have every confidence in our nation's ability to respond to the threat of COVID-19."

I struggle to put away my contempt for another Public school educated Tory prat and be funny, but I try.



April 11th



April 11th

Preti Patel is sorry that some people feel that there have been mistakes over PPE provision.

Why on earth would anybody have such a feeling - because it is true. Hancock says there is a problem of distribution. Tesco has the expertise drivers and lorries to deliver thousands of types of food to 3,000 stores. We are two months from the first UK case and four months from the first case in China. The Tories have failed to organise production and distribution of PPE equipment. A government that does not see its own errors will continue to make them.

'sorry if people feel there have been failings' with PPE



Preti Patel honed her skills in healthcare and the truth as a PR person for British American Tobacco

'Coronavirus: UK 'wasting time' on NHS protective gear orders
"The government is dragging its heels and it is really, really frustrating." [Over ordering PPE equipment] said Kate Hills from Make it British, a trade group.' BBC 29th March

'Three frontline NHS nurses who were forced to use bin bags because they didn't have the right protective equipment ALL test positive for the coronavirus' Mail 9th April

'Coronavirus: NHS workers' lives at risk over PPE shortages', says BMA 11th April

"More than two thirds of doctors (69 per cent) said they do not feel protected" BMA 7th April.

We don't 'feel' there have been failings. We know there have been failings.

April 12th

I need a punch line - Don't hold your breath is overused.

Johnson has life changing near death experience.



April 12

Reuters states "police had told shops to restrict what they sold, including Easter eggs"

["https://uk.reuters.com/.../uk-health-coronavirus-britain-poli..."](https://uk.reuters.com/.../uk-health-coronavirus-britain-poli...)



April 12th

Matt Hancock has promised 100,000 covid 19 tests a day. As of today the total number of tests (since January) appear to be 334,974. I say 'appear' to be because Preti Patel muffed the announcement.

I am sorry if some people feel that 300,000; 34; 974,000 is not an actual number

She has not given a pseudo apology for her innumeracy yet.

Peti Patel ex propagandist for a tobacco company said "Through the governments ongoing monitoring and testing programme, as of 9am today there have been: 300,000; 34; 974,000 tests carried out"

<https://www.indy100.com/article/priti-patel-coronavirus-testing-government-numbers-9461231>

Is it surprising that a Government that fails to provide PPE for frontline staff, that does not count our dead properly, is incapable of stating the number of tests that have been carried out?

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April 13

Covid 19 is a class and ethnic issue. The poorest have worse basic health, live in more cramped conditions, travel in more crowded busses, and have harder access to health services.

Blacks and ethnic minorities are also in the front line in combatting Covid 19. Many are Taxi Drivers, Bus drivers, and health workers. 41% of health service workers are from BME backgrounds. Their role as vulnerable front line workers is reflected in figures from the USA and UK

"That data showed that, although just 14% of the population of Michigan is Black, 33% of coronavirus cases and 41% of deaths were in the Black community." Huff Post 8/4/2020

In the UK 'The Intensive Care National Audit and Research Centre last week found that 35 percent of almost 2,000 patients were "non-white". That's nearly three times the proportion in the population as a whole'. Socialist Worker 10th April

US accused of piracy of PPE



Covid 19 is a class issue.



Yemen
Palestine

In the West there is a shortage of PPE. The USA is accused of piracy in diverting face

masks intended for Germany, 'The US has been accused of redirecting 200,000 Germany-bound masks for its own use, in a move condemned as "modern piracy". The local government in Berlin said the shipment of US-made masks was "confiscated" in Bangkok.' BBC 4th April 2020. If richer countries are squabbling over PPE, how will health workers from poorer countries get PPE?

April 13

There is a dynamic between a group of people and their leaders. The leaders need to assess the situation draw on all actual and



potential resources, mobilise them and lead the whole of society to carry out the plan. As events unfold there need to be new reassessment, new tactics, and new actions. It requires rational thinking, and clear policies.

Instead of that we get Matt Hancock saying "The future path of this pandemic in this country is determined by how people act."

The point is that there is a relationship between how people act and its leadership. Our leadership is a deadly mixture of complacency, inconsistency and

incompetence.

Even now there is not enough PPE

There is not enough testing.

There is inconsistency in rules of separation.

[news.sky.com/.../live-government-under-fresh-pressure-over-pp...](https://www.news.sky.com/.../live-government-under-fresh-pressure-over-pp...)

April 14th



April 16th

The death figures out of care homes are horrible.

"The Government has been forced to act after more than 2,000 care homes reported cases of the virus".

Yesterday Indy stated "Coronavirus: Just 505 care home staff tested despite surge in cases, government says"

"On protective equipment for care workers, the letter says [from Care Homes] the national handling has been "shambolic".

The official guidance about admissions to care homes states "Negative tests are not required prior to transfers / admissions into the care home. "

So there is a lack of testing, a lack of equipment, and a lack of isolation. But apart from that everything is fine.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/.../coronavirus-care-home-cases...>

April 17th



April 18th

The Government initial policy was 'herd immunity'. At 60% infected of 66 million and a death rate of 1% of infected people gives us about 400,000 dead. (Total pop* proportion needed for herd immunity * proportion of infected that die.)

It appears that either we allow this or we suppress its spread until we develop a vaccine against Covid 19. This looks to be perhaps 18 months away.

The emergency restrictions have successfully curbed the spread of the virus.

On the assumption that if you have had the virus you will be immune (or a recurrence of the disease will be likely to be non



fatal) and that perhaps 20% of the UK population have had the virus at the end of lockdown. (These are back of an envelope sums). That will leave 80% of the population still vulnerable.

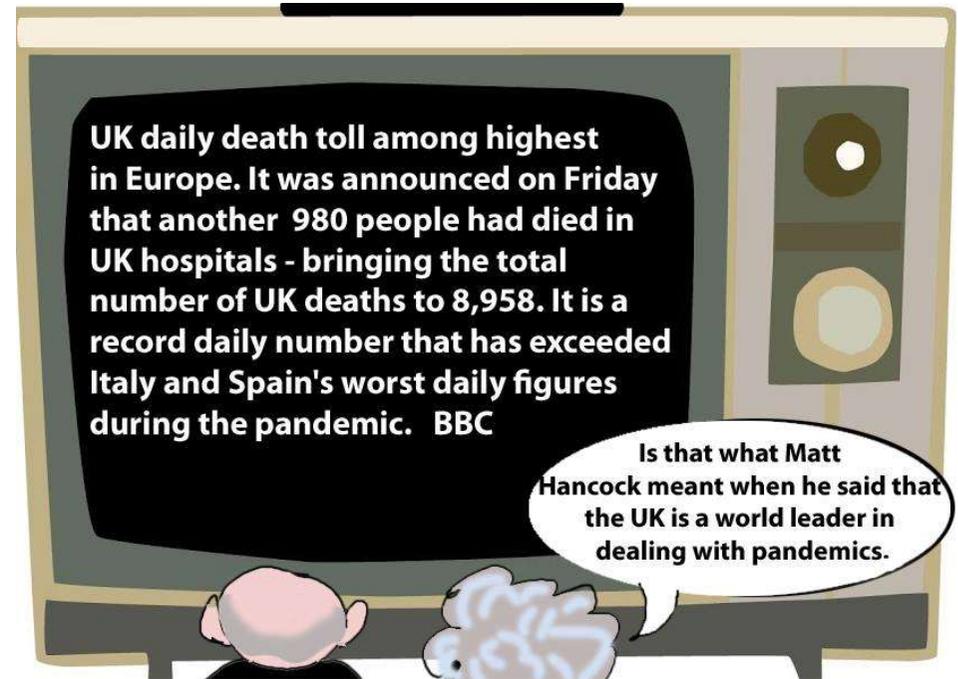
April 18th That is we can expect about 350,000 (vulnerable pop * proportion needed for herd immunity * proportion that die)

That means after the lockdown there will still need to be curbs on human to human contact combined with PPE, combined with testing and masks and tracing combined with isolation. There are likely to be city outbreaks so a response of city lockdowns make sense to me.

But that was the same situation we were in after first UK case in January.

This needs explaining to the public.

"Waiting for Boris" is not a strategy for curbing deaths.



April 18th

I do not believe that the government is mobilising society to pull together to provide PPE.

On Friday a manufacturer stated that his firm were making 100,000 masks a week He claimed that they could be making 500,000 masks a week. He blamed Government inaction for the gap.

When journalists asked Matt Hancock about PPE he said "I have no magic wand".

April 19th

Boris Johnson admitted shaking hands with covid 19 patients. <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/boris-johnson-admitted-shaking-hands-21765751>



Dating Sign in Search The Guardian UK edition style More Sun 19 Apr 2020 11.55 BST

Boris Johnson missed five coronavirus Cobra meetings, Michael Gove says

PM missed string of emergency meetings in buildup to crisis, minister concedes

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I was too busy shaking hands with Covid 19 patients



April 19th



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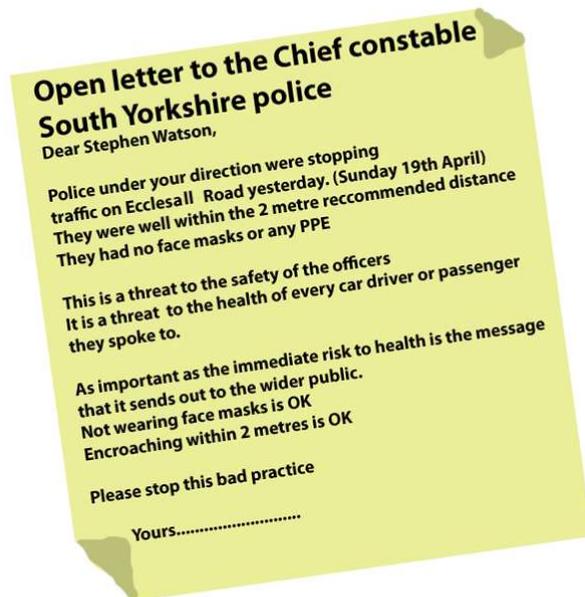
The quote is accurate, the date cited is not.

April 20th

I never actually sent this because

- a. Police have a bad habit of retaliating badly to complaints.
 - b. I have no faith in their complaints procedure
 - c. It is unclear whether this is Government policy
 - d. I do believe that they 'can make up charges'
- see this video

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search...>



I got comments saying I should write to Commissioner of Police. But he agreed with their actions.

April 21st

This is why I have not written to Dr Billings. This is from the Star updated on Friday 17th April. I tweaked the official policy with the word 'spread'



April 21st

The deputy chief medical officer said the UK had been an 'international exemplar in preparedness' for the coronavirus crisis.

<https://news.sky.com/.../coronavirus-jenny-harries-criticised...>

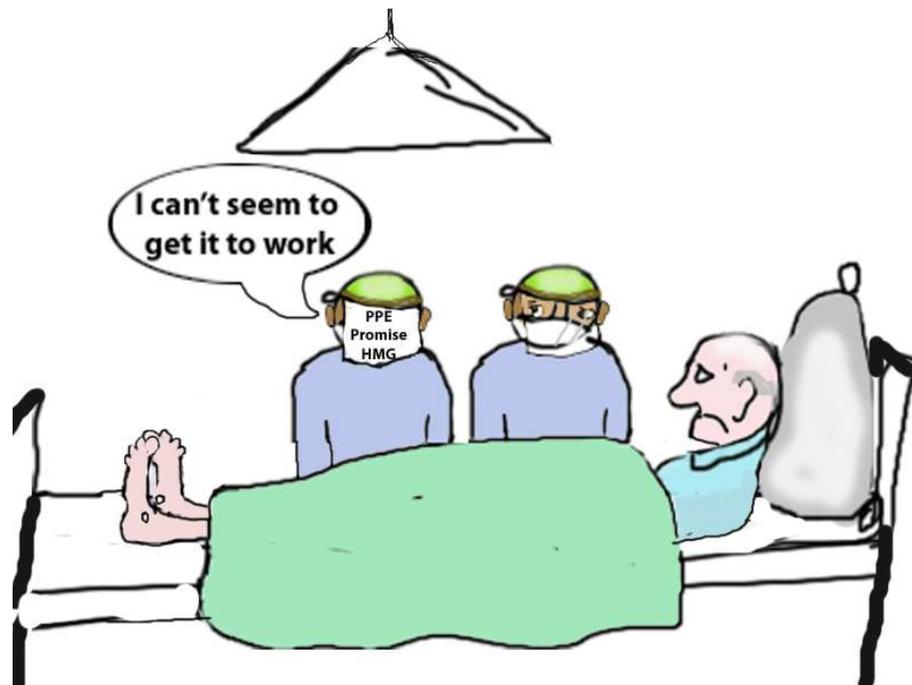


April 22nd



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The price of face masks has risen by a factor of 5 to 7.
<https://www.vir.com.vn/covid-19-economics-behind-the-pricin...>



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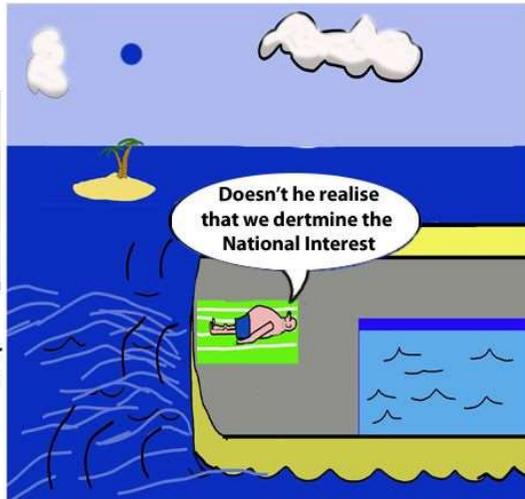


Peter Bone is a Tory MP. He asked this question about bank charges for overdrafts at Prime Minister's Questions. Dominic (I am waiting for Boris) Raab stood in for Johnson to dodge the question.

A pro-Brexit Tory MP just asked a PMQs question worthy of John McDonnell



"Yet the banks are charging 20% interest per year, which they're going to increase to 40% in July. At the same time, they're offering savers a pathetic interest rate of 0.1%... When are the banks going to act in the national interest?"



April 23 Maxine showed a link to this story.

"For several weeks, Donald Trump has been pushing malaria drug hydroxychloroquine as a possible way of treating coronavirus. However, a study in U.S. veterans hospitals found that not only was there no benefit, but there were more deaths among those given the drug compared to those who received standard care."

Read more: <https://metro.co.uk/.../people-take-drug-pushed-donald-trum.../>

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April 24 Jacob Rees Mogg set up a company called Somerset Capital Management (SCM). He still owns 15%. SCM fund manager Mark Asquith wrote in a note to clients.

“Market dislocations of this magnitude happen rarely, perhaps once or twice in a generation, and have historically provided excellent entry points for investors,” ...

“History has shown us that super normal returns can be made during this type of environment.”

That is the crisis forces share prices down, the company either takes it over, or buys shares at a low price and waits for them to rise.



It says “we will make a killing from Covid 19”

April 26 th The whole population needs to be won over to the idea that spreading the virus will kill people. When the lockdown is lifted it is highly likely that the bulk of us will still be vulnerable. That is further outbreaks are likely to occur. These can be kept to a low number if social distancing is kept up, if there are sufficient PPE , if large numbers of tests are carried out and a huge effort is put into prompt contact tracing. The attitude of "we are guided by the science, but we will not tell you what it is, nor will we tell you who the scientists are" is an arrogant failure of leadership.



26th April Richard Branson is active in bidding to bite off chunks of the NHS. When he failed to get a contract he sued the NHS and won.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/11/28/nhs-pays-virgin-threatens-sue-losing-contract/>



28th April

People in the USA appear to have tried Trump's proposal that disinfectant might be used to combat Covid 19
But it is more fun to mock our rulers.

"Trump 'can't imagine why' US disinfectant calls spiked" BBC

Donald Trump has been pushing malaria drug hydroxychloroquine as a possible way of treating coronavirus. However, a study in U.S. veterans hospitals found that not only was there no benefit, but there were more deaths among those given the drug compared to those given a placebo. Read more: <https://metro.co.uk/2020/04/22/people-take-drug-pushed-donald-trump-likely-die-coronavirus-12591347/> | Source: pushly&fbclid=IwAR2BhQ35UxL150g6f4nDYKG67wUzXlRnz_a9oc5F8z_jkyZp-FDc8BK67 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MetroUK> | Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MetroUK/>



"reports from New York health authorities, who said there had been a spike in possible bleach exposure cases in the 18 hours following Mr Trump's now-infamous Thursday press briefing."Indy27/4th

April 28th We seem to have something like 50 - 60 million people who have not had the virus. Whenever the lockdown is eased they will be vulnerable.

It appears that the Government will lift the lockdown progressively so that the NHS will not be over run, and deaths will be at an 'acceptable level' until we have herd immunity.

(The aim was to flatten the curve of the number of deaths.)

The alternative is to aim for total eradication. It was done in China, New Zealand, and Vietnam. Korea is down to 8 new infections. It may well be that eradication is near impossible, given world wide travel and symptomless spread, but that surely must be the target (till a vaccine is available).

That means lockdowns, testing, tracing and isolating (with PPE) wherever and whenever there is an outbreak. Enter Sir Keir Starmer leader of the opposition.

"A leading public health expert has launched a devastating critique of the government's handling of the coronavirus outbreak in the UK, saying it is too little too late, lacks transparency and fails to mobilise the public." Guardian 12 march. See also

<https://www.facebook.com/DoubleDownNews/videos/15497102235>

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The Government refuses to mobilise the mass of the population, on PPE, testing tracing and isolation. The crisis will continue until we have a vaccine. In the meantime we need a policy of eradication.

**Approach 1
Leader of the opposition**



Our scientists say your policies are rubbish, but we will not say what their advice is, nor who is on our panel.

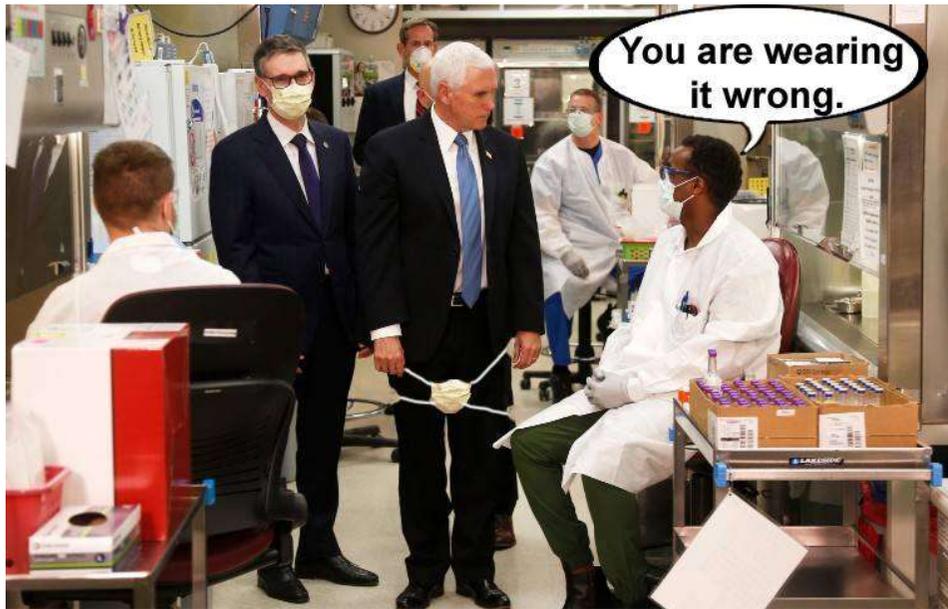
**Approach 2
The Tory approach to open government**



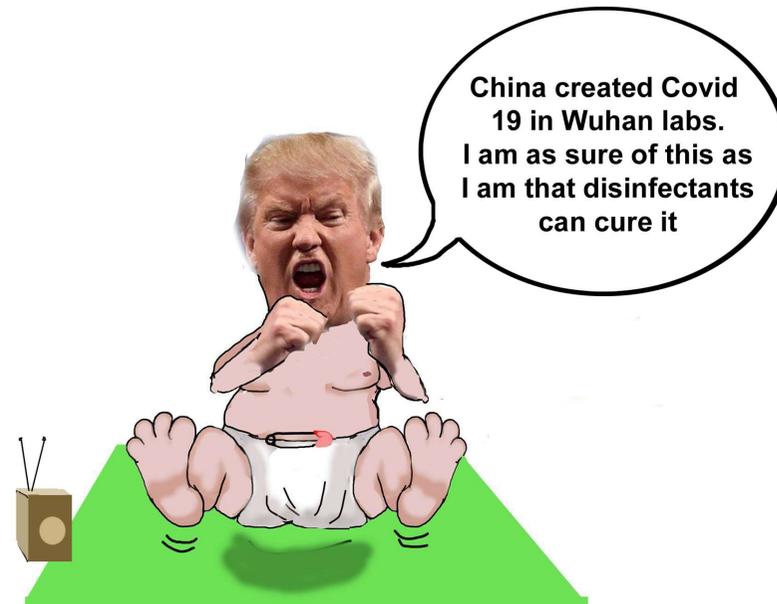
I will work with Boris Johnson "in the national interest"

**Approach 3
The actual approach**

May 1st There were discussions about why Pence did not wear facemask.



5th May Trump claims that China created covid 19 in a lab. Not even the spooks believe it.

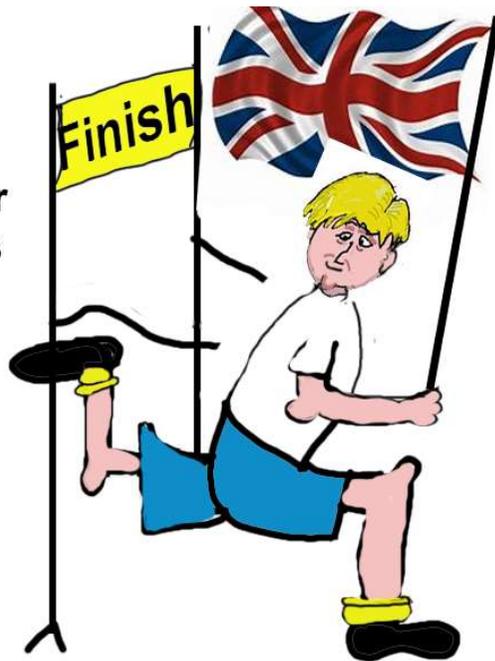


May 5th Trump

A few months ago, Hancock and the others were saying that the UK was a world leader in dealing with pandemics. The UK just overtook Italy with the largest number of European covid deaths.

**Champions of Europe.
Largest number
of covid deaths**

and rising

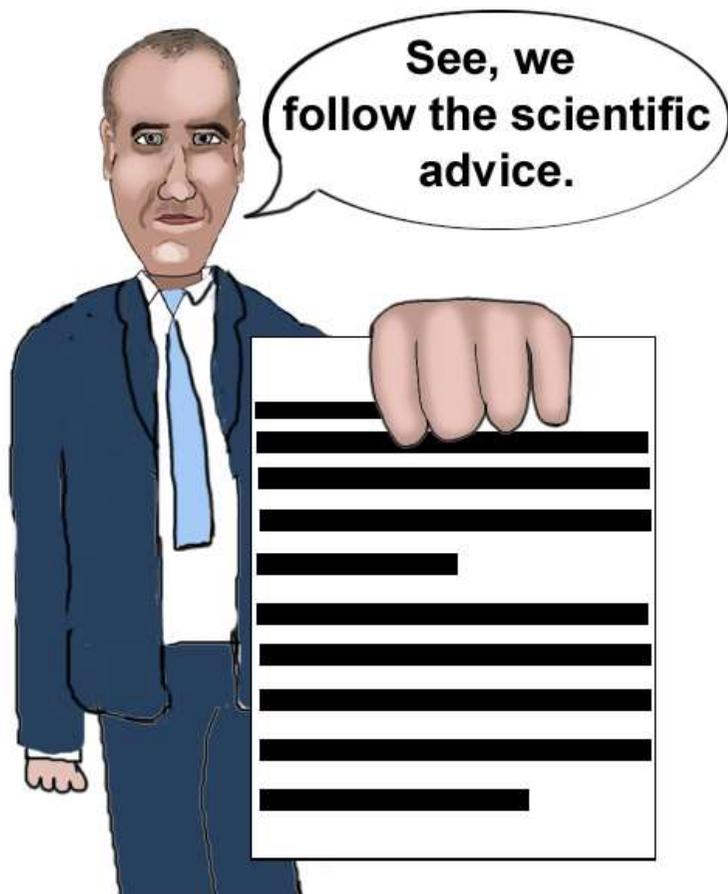


May 6th

Matt Hancock realised that he would miss his 100,000 target of tests carried out, so he added the 40,000 that were in the post to those actually carried out. That is he lied. Tom Watson wrote "fair play great leadership" to the lying toe rag. See today's "More or Less" radio program.



May 9th The Guardian Friday 8th May
"UK scientists condemn 'Stalinist' attempt to censor Covid-19 advice"
The Government printed the advice it received from SAGE, however the document was so redacted that the scientists objected.



May 17 I do not know how to be alert for something I cannot sense.



May 20th

Because the Government has failed to mobilise people for the last few months, the thinking, and the organisation necessary for a safe return to work have, in my opinion, not been done. I worry that the Government still adheres to the herd immunity approach but wants the virus to spread in the community in a manageable way.



May 20 In these sad and difficult times one person in power can display such a degree of stupidity that it is hard to mock. "Don't forget, we have more cases than anybody in the world. But why? We do more testing," ... "When you test, you have a case. When you test, you find something is wrong with people. If we didn't do any testing, we would have very few cases."



May 20 Trump falls into the "If it wasn't observed it didn't happen." Fallacy. Unobserved events can happen which have observed consequences. Like death.

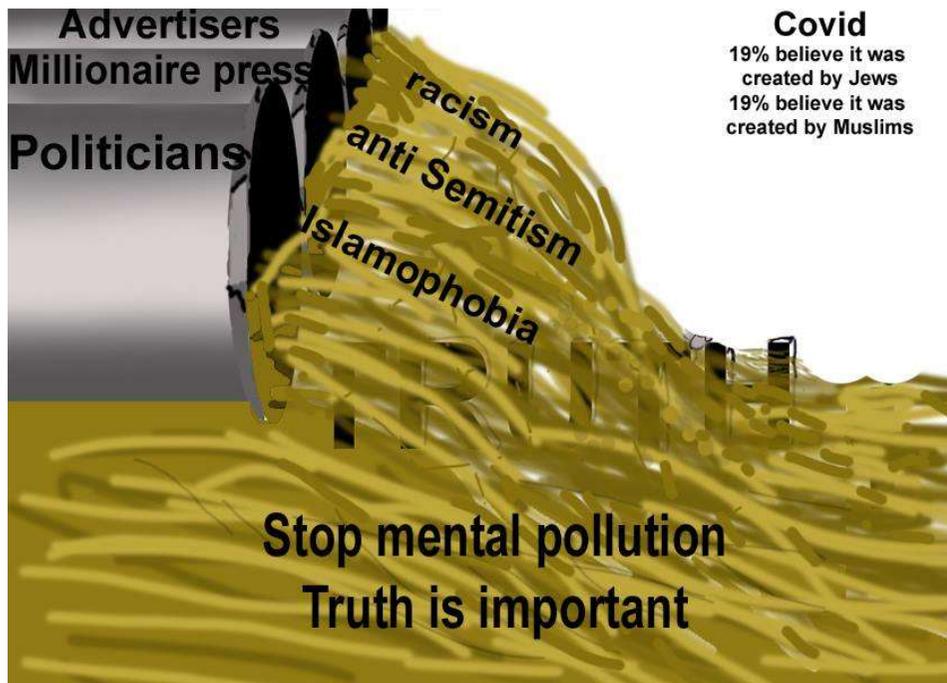
May 21st Matt Hancock casually lies. He claimed that 100,000 Covid tests are being routinely carried out daily. The radio program 'More or Less', on Thursday, stripped away 'tests in the post', 'failed tests' and 'repeated tests'. They calculate that 43,000 individuals are being tested each day. Hancock does not apologise, he simply repeats the lie. When schools reopen, if the teachers refuse to teach, will Hancock take the maths lessons?



May 22st The Today program at 8.07 reported an opinion survey calculated 19% believed that Jews were to some extent responsible for Covid. 19% believed to some extent that the Muslims were responsible. The nonsense is the fruit of accumulated lies.

May 23rd Dominic Cummings is another product of the Public school system and Oxford. He is a member of sage. This is the body that tells us oiks how to self isolate if we get covid symptoms. It has been revealed that he broke the rules that he helped write. When he and his partner had symptoms they went 250 miles to mummy. He truly believes that the rules that are imposed on the rest of us do not apply to important people, like him. I think he should resign, mind you, I think the lot of them should resign.

<https://www.miragenews.com/conspiracy-beliefs-reduces-foll.../>



May 23rd

Secret Sage Committee



May 25th Back of an envelope calculations show about 1% of covid infected people die (probably smaller) about 3% of infected people need to go to hospital (for rich white people it is less). So the chances of a rich white man needing hospital treatment is less than 3/100. The chances that his partner needing hospital treatment is also less than 3/100, The chances that they both need hospital treatment is smaller than $(3/100) \times (3/100)$ that is 9/10,000. Not only that, the event that they are both incapacitated at the same time can be seen ahead and help summoned for childcare then. Downing street denied that the police spoke to him or his family. The Police said they spoke to his father twice. I am not one to automatically trust a policeman's word, however...

Cummings is undermining Tory message

Not if the message is that there is one rule for them and another for us.

Tory MPs break ranks and call for Dominic Cummings to resign: 'He creates an awful lot of collateral damage'

'I really just don't see... how this is going to go away unless Dominic goes'

May 26th Socialists have to recognise the skill of our political opponents. Cummings was brilliant. The confident "I am a humble man doing his best for his family" came across brilliantly, right up to the time you thought about it. Whatever the fees were for Durham school, they were worth it (if the aim was to produce a truth twister impervious to criticism by us oiks.) In the global battle of ideas this one is tiny. I believe that it is another beautifully contrived distraction from the Tory agenda, which I believe is herd immunity, but slow.

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it is my dad's second home.

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Former Greater Manchester Police chief constable Sir Peter Fahy said "absolutely he'd have been turned back, as many other people were turned back from things that they were doing."

May 26th I believe the Government is committed to a slow progression to herd immunity (with maybe 250,000 dead). It is debatable. New Zealand and South Korea have a policy of eradication. It is a debate that us oiks should be involved in.



People are starting to realise that a late introduction of lockdown, poor provision of PPE, poor test and trace facilities and an early and sloppy lifting of lockdown show the Government is still committed to herd immunity but slower. I need a distraction

This should do the job.
We don't want the oiks to ask how many deaths are acceptable.

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May 27th

I don't think I ever believed that the Tories had moral authority. The numbers of people who think they have is shrinking.

The Cummings and Goings



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May 27th Suppose you summon someone to say something to them. They turn up at the agreed place and time and you leave them waiting for half an hour. Now suppose that you have invited 5 million people. Only public schools give you that sort of contempt for ordinary people.

The art of manipulation

1. Keep them waiting. Not too long or they will go away - 30 mins or so
2. It strengthens your power and status, and deminishes theirs.
3. It makes them angry and subconsciously shifts their previous grievance to your rudeness.
4. Immediately give a contrite apology. This completely deflates their anger.
5. After you say what you want, they are left tired and emotionally disarmed.

That ends
the talk any
questions?



Tom Machel tells us that this is wrong. His name is on the land deeds.

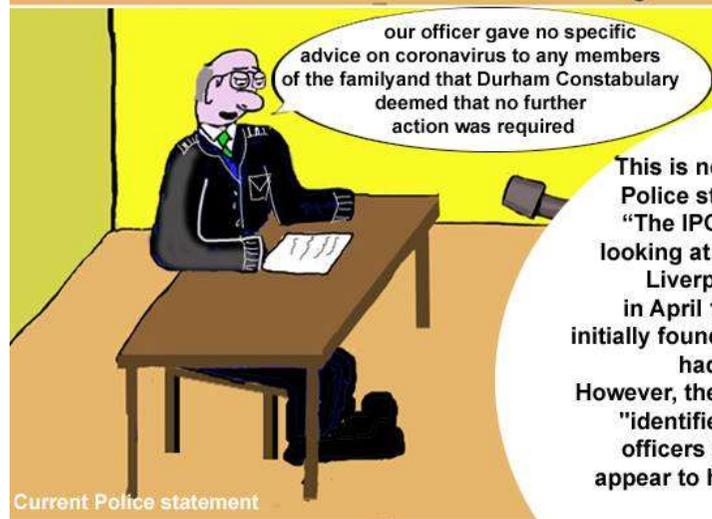
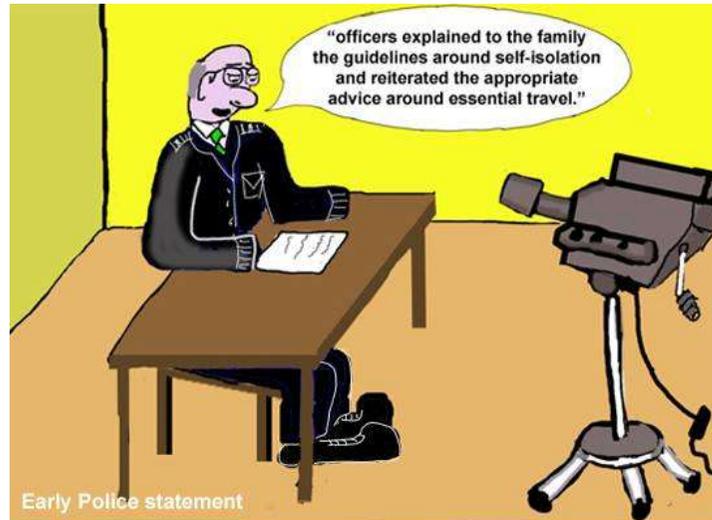
May 28th The BBC has stated that Newsnight breached BBC impartiality rules when it stated that Cummings had breached lockdown rules.



May 28th
I still want to toy with Trump's claim that if people had not been tested and the results reported, they would not have the disease.



May 28th



This is not the first time that Police statements changed "The IPCC investigation is looking at the deaths of the 96 Liverpool football fans in April 1989. Investigators initially found 164 police statements had been altered. However, the IPCC says it has now identified an additional 55 officers whose statements appear to have been amended."

May 28th I cannot be the only one who gets angry about Tory politicians.



May 29th

News about Johnson Says Groups Of Six

bing.com/news



Lockdown: Groups of up to six can meet in gardens from next week, Boris Johnson says
More if public schoolboys are present

May 30th

As soon as we get to know SAGE advice, we learn that many scientists think lifting lockdown is too early. If the primary aim is to reduce deaths, it is too early. If the policy is a controlled epidemic towards herd immunity, it makes sense. (The rate of deaths is about 400 a day. This will rise with easing of the lockdown. Let us suppose it rises to 1000 a day. In a year we will have moved considerably towards herd immunity.) (This assumes that infection leads to immunity).

It would be very nice if us oiks were involved in the decision making.

If Johnson realises that Cummings is a liability he will need to get rid. He



cannot simply sack him, this would make Johnson look weak. He needs to fudge the issue. One option is to say that Cumming did not make the second trip clear. I suspect that they will wait for another bad day, then announce that Cummings has gone.