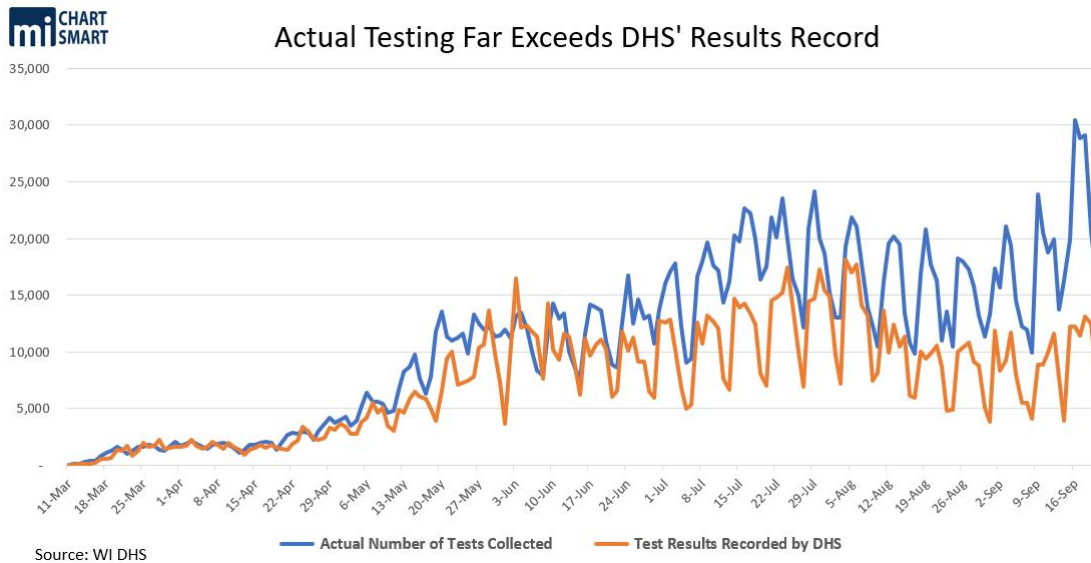


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***Why does it look like the state is testing at only a quarter of its lab capacity?***

***Why does it look like Wisconsin's positive test rate has exploded?***

***Is DHS making a simple math error?***

***Is DHS throwing away hundreds of thousands of thousands of negative test results to make its math work?***

***Is the Evers Administration making key decisions using bad math?***

September 23, 2020

A fundamental flaw in how the Evers' Administration calculates Wisconsin's daily COVID-19 positive test rate has excluded hundreds of thousands of test results and led to a wildly distorted picture of the state's progress in confronting the virus.

The positive test rate is important, because it is one of six gating criteria (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/prepare.htm>) the Evers' Administration uses to make public health policy decisions that affect the entire state. Specifically, the requirement is for the "Downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period."

Throughout August and September, Wisconsin's positive test rate steadily increased from a weekly average of 6.2% to 19% (as of Sep. 21st).

The number of new people with a positive test result each day is less important, but gets more attention. That's not surprising because the Department of Health Services (DHS) posts the number of new positive cases each day prominently at the top of its summary dashboard (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm>), while one must hunt for the actual test rate on the page.

As the test rate has steadily ticked up over the past two months, Wisconsin has had five record setting days for the number of new positive cases. Most of the increase has occurred among the 18-24 age group and is tied to college campuses. That's where public officials are now focusing their efforts, but not every reporter has forgotten the importance of the rate.

"What's behind the rise in percent positive rates?" Wispolitics' Stephanie Hoff bluntly asked ([https://youtu.be/\\_TRZj-gS8U4?t=2941](https://youtu.be/_TRZj-gS8U4?t=2941)) Dr. Ryan Westergaard, Wisconsin's Chief Medical Officer on Sep. 15<sup>th</sup>.

"Well, it's a ratio so it has two components: the numerator – the top number of course is the number of positive cases," he replied. "The bottom number of the ratio is the denominator. That's the number of people that have been tested overall."

This was an incredible admission. If the goal is to calculate the daily positive test rate, then DHS is using the wrong numerator and denominator. What they're actually calculating is the daily percentage of new COVID-19 cases among those who have never been tested before – a fairly meaningless statistic. It is not the positive test rate.

On that same day, Sep. 15th, DHS recorded the rate as 11%. That was calculated by comparing 1,352 new cases to 12,266 new people tested. However, there were almost 20,000 tests collected that day. If DHS compared that day's number of positive tests to the total number of test results, the rate would have been much lower – possibly as low as 6.7%. They've been making this same mistake since the spring.

This systematic error means DHS is tossing hundreds of thousands of negative test results when calculating the positive test rate. The real rate could be half of what DHS claims.

### **Origin of the Error**

When it first started collecting COVID-19 data, DHS recognized that people were getting tested multiple times. Some people tested positive for the virus one week, and then still had it when they were retested a week later. If the department wasn't careful, it might be accidentally counting single cases of COVID-19 over and over, and include them in the official tally. That would inflate Wisconsin's total COVID-19 cases – a mistake that surely would be caught.

**This systematic error means DHS is tossing hundreds of thousands of negative test results when calculating the positive test rate. The real rate could be half of what DHS claims.**

The department decided on a data collection method that would pick and choose which test results to use. Dr. Westergaard explained the reasoning during a June 11<sup>th</sup> press conference (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DuSKpt5tX2s&feature=youtu.be&t=1260>).

“Our data reports individuals tested. So, if an individual is tested more than once because they were being followed to see if they cleared the infection or if they were tested a couple times weeks apart, they would be considered a single case and not multiple cases in our data,” Westergaard explained.

DHS acknowledges this method on its data summary (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm>) dashboard. The fine print plainly states “Multiple tests per person are not included in these summary statistics.”

And so, every day DHS compares the number of new COVID-19 cases to the number of people who were tested for the first time to determine the positive test rate. Under this method, it throws away the results for everyone that has ever been tested before. That means every day thousands of negative test results are not included in the rate calculation.

DHS has discarded hundreds of thousands of results since it began reporting COVID-19 data. Most people who are tested for COVID-19 receive negative test results.

As the pool of people who have never been tested before continues to shrink, the number of negative results getting tossed will naturally increase. Subsequently the positive test rate will continue to artificially rise.

### **Scope of the Error**

Each day's positive test rate needs to be calculated using all the test results from that day. Only DHS can correct this error, because only it has access to all the test results.

Although DHS' website is filled with all kinds of COVID-19 related data – it does not post the total number of test results it receives each day. However, it does report the number of total tests collected by health care professionals across the state each day. That figure cannot be used to calculate the daily rate, because there is a lag from the time a test is collected and when the results come back.

However, we can still get a good look at the problem using weekly averages.

Altogether, there have been approximately 2.1 million tests, 1.4 million people tested, and 101,321 positive cases (as of Sep. 20th). Using DHS' flawed methodology, officials have tossed around 600,000 test results in calculating the daily positive test rate. That results in an overall rate of 7%, while the real rate could be as low as 4.8%.

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That might not seem like a big difference overall. However, public officials aren't looking at the big picture. They're looking at this rate on a day-to-day basis, and only 14 days back. The inherent flaws in DHS' formula means the difference between the official rate and the real rate consistently grows.

When DHS first began collecting COVID-19 data, no one had been tested before, and few results were discarded. At that time, the rate calculated by DHS would have been fairly accurate.

However, as time goes on, more and more people are re-tested. That means more and more results are thrown out. Inevitably the rate will become more and more inaccurate unless DHS corrects its calculations.

Yesterday, 12,537 people in Wisconsin, who had never been tested before, got their #COVID19 ([https://twitter.com/hashtag/COVID19?src=hash&ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw](https://twitter.com/hashtag/COVID19?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)) test results. Those were the only results @DHSWI ([https://twitter.com/DHSWI?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw](https://twitter.com/DHSWI?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)) used to calculate the daily positive test rate. It's been using this method from the beginning. <https://t.co/8qx2wle0lh> (<https://t.co/8qx2wle0lh>) #Wright ([https://twitter.com/hashtag/Wright?src=hash&ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw](https://twitter.com/hashtag/Wright?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)) [pic.twitter.com/tYNOpDDVuW](https://t.co/tYNOpDDVuW) (<https://t.co/tYNOpDDVuW>)

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## Testing Capacity

The cracks in DHS' methodology are beginning to show.

The Evers Administration is increasingly confronted with questions it cannot answer (even when the answers are right on DHS' website).

For example, some reporters have noticed that the state's lab capacity is much higher than – what they believe to be – the number of new test results each day.

In August, lab capacity was around 26,000 tests a day, and an average of 15,600 test were administered each day. That meant labs were running at about 60% capacity. In September, lab capacity increased to 38,000 tests a day, and an average of 20,685 tests were administered each day. That meant labs were running at about 54% capacity. However, the way DHS presents its data could lead some to believe there are only around 10,000 tests being administered each day – or about 26 – 38%.

"Why do we continue to be at a quarter the rate of testing capacity? Is it a shortage of supplies or people just not getting tested?" a reporter asked ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_TRZj-gS8U4&feature=youtu.be&t=1548](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_TRZj-gS8U4&feature=youtu.be&t=1548)) Palm at a press conference on Sep. 16<sup>th</sup>.

"This is certainly a complicated question and therefore a complicated answer and some of it is just speculation," Palm replied.

Clearly, the reporter was confused or did not realize that the number of new people being tested is different from the number of tests being collected. Palm had the opportunity to correct this confusion, but she either didn’t listen to the question or doesn’t understand the issue herself.

Even Dr. Westergaard, who has repeatedly demonstrated his understanding of what data is available and how the rate is calculated, has yet to point out the complete truth of these fundamental issues.

That reporter is not the first one to ask why test numbers always appear to be well below the state’s capacity. Once reporters begin to understand the difference between individuals tested and the number of tests actually collected, they will be able to identify the bad math DHS uses to calculate Wisconsin’s rate. They will then be able to ask why the state is making public policy decisions based on this bad math.

Whether or not the Evers Administration or the Capitol press corps figure this out on their own eventually won’t matter. As the number of new individuals getting tested continues to drop, the day will come when there are more positive test results than new individuals being tested. Once the daily positive test rate rises above 100%, no one will be able to ignore the math any longer.

### Solving the Problem

DHS was right to take steps to ensure its total case count was accurate, but the positive test rate is just as important.

DHS should also calculate the positive test rate every day using all the results from that day. Since no one is tested twice in the same day, this will ensure that each day’s rate is accurate. That will ensure the gating requirement is reflecting the correct data.

This is something DHS could start doing today. It needs to start doing this today, because it’s current method is producing inaccurate results – which the Evers Administration continues to use in its gating criteria to make pivotal public policy decisions that affect everyone in Wisconsin.

*MacIver reached out to Dr. Westergaard on Tuesday morning, but has yet to receive a response.*

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**GummyNerds** • 4 months ago

There is no SARS-2/COVID-19 pandemic.

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**common sense** • 4 months ago

What a suprise government data is crap

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**GummyNerds** → **common sense** • 4 months ago

"There's gambling going on in the casino? I'm shocked! Shocked!"

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**another\_engineer** • 4 months ago

Bayes theorem.

Use it.

this is total Horseshit.

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**Valerie Jacobsen** • 4 months ago

You say,

"What they're actually calculating is the daily percentage of new COVID-19 cases among those who have never been tested before – a fairly meaningless statistic."

and,

"As the pool of people who have never been tested before continues to shrink, the number of negative results getting tossed will naturally increase."

Do you have evidence to support these claims? I don't see it. I do see

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov...> which states for their daily new negatives, "Number of people who tested negative for COVID-19 using a diagnostic, confirmatory test result (PCR or NAT to detect SARS-CoV-2 RNA) newly reported since the previous day."

Newly reported since the previous day. Not newly reported, ever.

Could you verify these claims?

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**Laura** → **Valerie Jacobsen** • 4 months ago

Read your own link. Page 1, paragraph 3, line 2 and 3. People with more than 1 negative test result are only counted once.

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**Valerie Jacobsen** → **Laura** • 4 months ago

It may be--someone should check--that paragraph 3 is intended to be analogous to paragraph 2, which would suggest that it applies to cumulative cases and not the

The definition for the line item under consideration is stated, as above, "Number of people who tested negative for COVID-19 using a diagnostic, confirmatory test result (PCR or NAT to detect SARS-CoV-2 RNA) newly reported since the previous day."

"Newly reported since the previous day" seems plain.

It would have been best to verify prior to publication.

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**Dave Baur** → Valerie Jacobsen • 2 months ago

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**Christopher** → Laura • 4 months ago • edited

Not saying you're wrong, but is that just a poorly worded sentence meant to imply "since the previous day", as in the paragraph above? That document also states:

In addition, the number of people with negative test results includes only test results reported electronically to DHS or entered manually into the WEDSS electronic laboratory module. As a result, this number underestimates the total number of Wisconsin residents with negative test results.

That would also inflate the percent positive rate. Is that the cause of the reported/capacity difference?

I don't doubt there's funny business going on, but I don't think this analysis captures it effectively.

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**disqus\_7KiKMOOd1L** → Christopher • 3 months ago

Bottom line: The "funny business" going on is intended to artificially inflate the positive rate, and to create the perception that Covid cases are either increasing or remaining high in Wisconsin. This justifies the Evers' administration's lockdown policies and ensures the continuation of its restrictive policies, and those of the various county health departments. The intent is to lower the standard of living for Wisconsinites, increase misery and despair among them as their freedoms are diminished, and to exercise state and local government over the population as the election approaches. It is all about POLITICS! It was never about a pandemic. The spread of a serious virus, requiring sound, common-sense precautions for those who are vulnerable? Certainly! But a pandemic? Requiring lockdowns and "shelter-in-place? Shutting down the economy? Not very likely! Just power plays by Democrat state and local governments, and sadly, most of us have

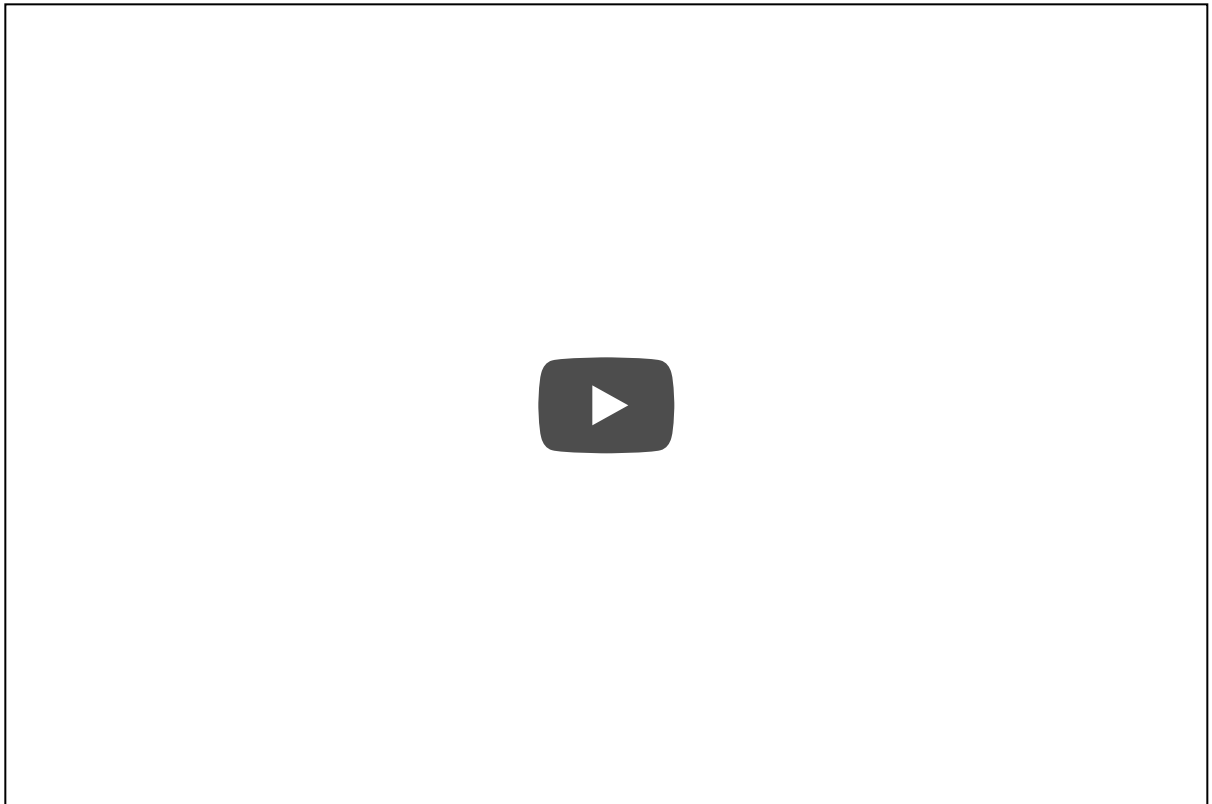
accepted this. They ain't done, Fellow Americans!

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**John Taylor** → Valerie Jacobsen • 3 months ago

Before we assign too much value to PCR testing, perhaps the PCR test inventor's concerns about misuse of the test be addressed to satisfaction of the scientific method:



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**Dave Baur** → John Taylor • 2 months ago

I believe this is the information you intended for Valerie apologies if not.

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**ataraj** → John Taylor • 3 months ago

Well that video was conveniently removed.

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**GummyNerds** → Valerie Jacobsen • 4 months ago

It might behoove you to re-read this article, perhaps a bit more slowly this time:

"[Wisconsin DHS] decided on a data collection method that would pick and choose which test results to use. Dr. Westergaard explained the reasoning during a June 11th press conference. [see link:



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**Samus** • 4 months ago • edited

This report would need to show that the percentage of residents who have already been tested is enough to be driving significant rate increase. They postulate a scenario where 100% of the state has been tested as an endpoint. That certainly would make the current methodology bad, but we are very far from 100% of the state being tested at this point, so bringing it up as an example is fairly absurd.

There is a converse argument they are neglecting also. The DHS is also discarding positive results from people who have already tested positive for COVID, despite the fact that we know people can be reinfected with the virus after recovering. That would tend to skew the rate numbers down.

Beyond that, the positivity rate is not as significant as the total new cases for the very reasons mentioned in this article. Cases are cases. The rate is an estimate of how representative the case count is of the actual number of cases, and is influenced by factors outside the progress of the disease. If the state is setting records for reported new cases, then it is getting worse.

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**Christopher** → Samus • 4 months ago • edited

The rate is significant because the sampling methodology changes over time.

Suppose you study a population of 100 with 10% infected. If you did 10 random tests per day you'd get about one positive. If you increased your testing capacity overnight to 100 tests per day, you'd get 10 positives, a 10x increase in "cases" on the same population.

Of course there have been many other changes to the sampling E.g. if you start mandatory testing 1000s of college kids who weren't being tested before, cases among 18-24 year olds go bananas. Is that increased community spread on college campuses, or a sampling artifact?

Basically this data is garbage and shouldn't be used to set policy.

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**Samus** → Christopher • 4 months ago

I didn't say positivity rate wasn't significant at all. I understand what the positivity

rate is for. It is an indication of how accurately the case count represents the true extent of the disease. Higher positivity suggests that the true case count is likely even higher than what has been recorded. But no positivity numbers ever mean that the true number of cases is lower than the confirmed number of cases. In your example, those cases were there either way. The difference is in one scenario, you know about them. Are you suggesting that it is better not to know about them?

You were doing fine until you just bailed on the whole effort with your last comment.

If not this data, then what would you suggest policy decisions regarding a novel, deadly disease that has officially killed over 200,000 Americans so far, be based on? Policy makers will always have to deal with incomplete data. Suggesting that it is worthless – entirely is typically convenient when it tells you things you don't want to hear.

As I said before, record increase in new cases is not ever going to be a sign that things are improving. If you did mandatory testing of college kids that were all attending classes virtually do you think we would have seen this spike? Or do you think the mandatory testing was anticipatory of issues surrounding opening college campuses and intrinsically linked? You act like looking for the virus in places where you would expect to find the virus is somehow bad science.

I don't understand why so many people insist that if we stopped looking for the disease everything would actually be fine. That's like saying "There's a cougar loose in the mall. If we clear out the shoppers and go looking for it, we'll just find the people it has killed, and the stores would lose revenue, so we should pretend it's not here. It can't kill all of us, and it'll probably only get the slow and weak anyway."

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**truebearing** → Samus • 4 months ago

The virus killed at least 68,000 people needlessly because of bad policy, or worse. Cuomo forced nursing homes to accept Covid infected patients, despite having previously acknowledged the virulence of Covid. Four other governors followed his horrible example, leading to a third of the 200,000 deaths you cite. Bad policy, and likely premeditated bad policy, killed those people.

Subtract from that 200,000 death toll the number of people who wouldn't have died if they could have gotten HCQ\* in the early stages of the pandemic, and the numbers would be much lower. Bad politics on the part of Democrats killed most of the people who died of Covid. As always with leftists, death is used as a lever for power. Fear equals power, and power is what this is all about, from the engineering of this virus in a CCP military lab, to the USA, where Democrat defenders of their Chinese comrades have used Covid as a political weapon.

\*poor nations with very limited health care in Africa had among the lowest numbers of Covid related deaths -- far lower than Western nations with

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**disqus\_7KiKMOOd1L** → truebearing • 4 months ago

WOW!! Very insightful, and in some cases, spot on! Not sure about the Chi-Coms' using the virus as a bio-weapon, but it has entered my mind and is feasible. Can't trust those Commie-Bastards!

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**Christopher** → Samus • 4 months ago

This data isn't "incomplete", it's misleading to the point it's worthless. What do I suggest?

How about tracking clinical cases--where a sick patient goes to hospital with COVID symptoms and gets tested and treated?

How about deaths, where the cause was clearly COVID and not several other comorbidities?

How about systematic PCR testing where the sampling methodology is consistent over time, targets the at-risk, and accounts for false positives?

How about antibody testing?

What the state is doing is arbitrarily testing huge numbers of healthy people for traces of virus where the sampling methodology changes drastically every couple weeks and the testing methodology varies test to test. That tells you nothing about the characteristics of the pandemic. It tells you nothing about the effectiveness of the non-pharmaceutical intervention policies. It doesn't even tell you who is currently sick and infectious.

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**disqus\_7KiKMOOd1L** → Christopher • 4 months ago

Great points! Also :

- 1.) How accurate and consistent are the tests being conducted and the methodologies used?
- 2.) What about the CDC's own admission a couple weeks back that only 6% of all Covid deaths reported were due solely to the Covid virus - the rest due primarily to co-morbidities?
- 3.) Do not trust the numbers from the State of Wisconsin. Too many don't match up.

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**Kathy Janssen** → disqus\_7KiKMOOd1L • 4 months ago

You need to re-read that report. What it says is that 6% of the death certificates only had covid listed. An example of a correctly completed death certificate would be:

A)Respiratory Arrest

as a result of

B)Pneumonia

as a result of

C)Covid -19

See, 3 things. Additionally co-morbidities are listed. Those death certificates that only list covid were incompletely filled out. When you look at the list of other things listed on the death certificate you will things like respiratory arrest and cardiac arrest. Those are not co-morbidities. We ALL die from those.

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**disqus\_7KiKMOOd1L** → Kathy Janssen • 4 months ago

Your point is a bit jumbled. Why does the listing of only Covid as the cause of death mean that the death certs were incompletely filled out? Covid was also listed on thousands of death certificates when the death was due to other causes but the deceased happened to have been exposed to the Covid virus just prior to death. CDC mandated that if the CV virus was present in the body of the deceased, it was to be designated a "Covid death". Still cooked the numbers.

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**Kathy Janssen** → disqus\_7KiKMOOd1L • 4 months ago

If you read about how a death certificate is to be completed you will be able to understand my point. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/da...>

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**panem et circenses** → Samus • 4 months ago

You were also doing fine until you injected the emotional plea to the masses. The article and most of your response, as well as Christopher's response, was about statistics. Now you've muddied all that with your political message.

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**Charles Thulhu** → Samus • 4 months ago • edited

Novel? Deadly disease? 200,000 Americans?

Jesus Christ, get a fucking grip! Why do you enjoy being lied to? Just stay in Mommy's basement then while I go about actually living my life.

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**truebearing** → Charles Thulhu • 4 months ago

He was sent to do some professional lying. He knows better, but power is at stake.

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**Samus** → Charles Thulhu • 4 months ago

I would point out that Trump admitted that he lied about the seriousness of the virus repeatedly according to his own recorded words.

Which of us enjoys being lied to? I know it is hard to admit to being wrong, and I don't expect any of you to crack like a witness on Perry Mason, but take a minute and think it through, okay?

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**disqus\_7KiKMOOd1L** → Samus • 4 months ago

NO - Trump said to the over-the-hill, "I built my career on one scandal", Bob Woodward, that he had played down the virus initially to guard against panic. Very responsible! He was cutting off travel to and from China while the Dems were preparing their final impeachment arguments, and then called him "xenophobic" and "racist" for his actions toward China. By Dr. Fauci's own words, Trump might have saved tens of thousands of American lives by doing so. There is no doubt that had the current Democrat leadership in Washington been in charge early this year, the U.S. would have sucked up to China, overlooking the possibility of the intentional release of CV-19 on the world. We would have screwed around with the WHO and the UN for months while people died, before we even decided what to do. How many Democrats does it take to solve a problem? Nobody knows - It's never been done!!

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**Samus** → disqus\_7KiKMOOd1L • 4 months ago

I'm not sure what your opinion of Woodward has to do with what Trump said. It was a recording. Trump has never stopped "downplaying" it. He has made Presidential pronouncements that directly contradicted the things he said in those interviews. He lied to YOU because he thought you wouldn't be able to handle the news, and you are okay with that? Now huge chunks of the population continue to think COVID is no worse than the flu, and refuse to take any direct personal action to help control the spread, and you think he acted responsibly? Give it up. That's not responsible leadership, that's being a selfish coward. He was trying to keep the markets from panicking, and nothing else. He could have calmed everybody down by acting decisively to distribute PPE and supplies to hotspots, Instead he asked Governors to kiss his ring for favors and let them bid against each other for supplies. He directly contradicted his own health experts in the same press conferences. He delayed letting a ship full of sick people dock so his numbers wouldn't look bad. There were real people on that ship, seriously sick with this new disease, and he left them swing in the breeze. Very responsible.

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**disqus\_7KiKMOOd1L** → Samus • 4 months ago

You sound about as clueless as another acquaintance of mine who gets his talking points from the discredited New York Times and its "un-named sources". I was describing Woodward for what he is, not reflecting at all on the topic of his interview with Trump. Downplaying? Trump closed travel with China on January 31, within a week after it was beginning to become apparent that CV-19 was transmissible from human-to-human, and while the WHO still couldn't figure out how to grab its collective posteriors with both hands. AND while the Democrats were occupied with their closing arguments for the Senate impeachment trial, and apparently had no time to address the possibility of a looming pandemic. Talk about priorities! And downplaying! Those clowns held a sub-committee "meeting" AFTER they took the impeachment vote in the Senate on February 5, and it was a short, cursory meeting at that simply to go on the record. Downplaying? How about Nancy Pelosi parading in Chinatown in SF telling everyone to "C'mon down!", 2 weeks after Trump had declared the China travel ban. Or De Blasio telling New Yorkers to continue to frequent restaurants and bars at about the same time, and his health chief telling folks it is fine to ride the NY subway system - which was later found to be the biggest Covid hot spot on the East Coast! And Biden and the rest of the hypocrite Dems calling Trump "xenophobic" and "racist" for declaring the travel ban. Trump gave Newsom, Cuomo, and Murphy EVERYTHING they needed when the crisis hit their states, and they all thanked him for his cooperation and his quick action - then they later ripped him when the CNN or MSM cameras were rolling or they were talking to the New York Pravda-Times. Your memory is poor, and you should seek information from "sources" other than the Pravda-Times.

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**Billinflyovercountry** → Samus • 4 months ago

Aside from being totally ignorant of the facts and ignoring the facts from others that blow your whole assertion out of the water, it was an entertaining read..

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**disqus\_7KiKMOOd1L** → Samus • 4 months ago

How would you address a situation where 500,000 new residents moved into Wisconsin over a given number of months? The actual numbers would naturally increase, and perhaps set records for TOTAL cases. But if a very small number of the new residents tested positive, that would decrease the overall positivity rate in Wisconsin - even though TOTAL cases would be at record highs. In actuality, a higher percentage of Wisconsin residents would test NEGATIVE. And the progress of the virus would be slowing in the state, given normal assimilation of the new residents. The positivity rate is an absolute necessity to consider and MORE significant than the number of overall cases as far as indicating a trend. It is a relative representation, which is even more indicative than the real

numbers. Both are important, but must be put together in context. Greater numbers of cases do not necessarily mean the situation is getting worse.

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**Samus** → [disqus\\_7KiKMOOd1L](#) • 4 months ago

I love the hypothetical situations. "If a whole city suddenly moved into the state, this method wouldn't work very well!" Did that happen? And let's be clear, both the rate and the number of cases have been rising.

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