

# COVID Dictators Plead for Amnesty

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## STORY AT-A-GLANCE

- › As the COVID lies are now being exposed at exponential speed, some of those proven wrong are getting nervous – so nervous, in fact, they’re now pleading for amnesty and to just let bygones be bygones
- › While some now argue ignorance as their defense, there was no lack of data proving their positions were wrong, dangerous, destructive and deadly, right from the start
- › Health and government officials weren’t just wrong once and then changed course. No, they’ve doubled, tripled and quadrupled down on errors, even in the face of overwhelming evidence that they’re wrong. Granting amnesty to individuals who have been wrong from Day 1, without a single apology, is an untenable proposition. The price society has paid for their errors is far too great for that
- › They were wrong about masks working and natural immunity not working, they were wrong about asymptomatic spread, lockdowns, and the safety and effectiveness of the COVID shots. They were also wrong about SARS-CoV-2 jumping naturally from bats to humans by way of a wet market in Wuhan, China, and they were wrong when they insisted that mandating an experimental gene therapy was within legal bounds. Demanding that officials be held accountable for these errors is not gloating. It’s reestablishing a baseline of conduct and accountability to the public
- › There can be no amnesty for COVID narrative pushers as people proven right are still being persecuted as “misinformation spreaders,” and illegal government censorship continues without abatement. In fact, the Department of Homeland Security now views censorship and controlling the information space as one of its core duties

As the COVID lies are now being exposed at exponential speed, some of those proven wrong are getting nervous – so nervous, in fact, they’re now pleading to just let bygones be bygones.

The Atlantic<sup>1</sup> has come under fire for suggesting that all the terrible pandemic-era decisions over lockdowns, school closures, masking and punishing an entire class of people who questioned the efficacy and wisdom of taking a rushed, experimental vaccine – for a virus with a 99% survival rate in most – should all be water under the bridge.

Brown University economist Emily Oster writes in The Atlantic,<sup>2</sup> “We need to forgive one another for what we did and said when we were in the dark about COVID.”

Brendon Marotta in his Substack Hegemon Media<sup>3</sup> recounts:

*“I believe perpetrators call for forgiveness because they fear punitive justice. If the perpetrators were held accountable in our current justice system, the scale of the wrongdoing would result in punishments the perpetrators could not bear.*

*These punishments would also not give those who lost their jobs, businesses, friends, family, health, or freedom anything back. What if there was another way that would be better for both victims and perpetrators?*

*The wrongdoing of the pandemic has not been acknowledged. Those responsible have made no apologies. Calls for ‘forgiveness’ appear dishonest when those responsible haven’t apologized, which is usually a prerequisite to asking for forgiveness.*

*Creating equity would mean taking the ill-gotten gains of perpetrators and redistributing them to the people who lost their jobs and businesses during the pandemic. In short, it would mean reparations. Equity is not just about money. Losses during the pandemic were not just financial.*

*People lose their friends, family, and freedoms. Much of the harm done was*

*cultural, emotional, and social. No amount of money can replace the ability to grieve in person at your loved one's funeral."*

Oster's plea for the decency that she and the mainstream media and public health officials failed to offer Americans during the throes of the pandemic comes at a point when the COVID narrative has been all but lost by the current administration and the mainstream media.

## Their Lies Have Been Exposed

For nearly the last three years, I have been exposing and documenting all of the lies that the global cabal has been promoting in their mainstream media propaganda. As expected they have now been exposed to be falsehoods, cluelessness and lies:

COVID jabs were never tested for, or proven to stop transmission	The jabs were not 95% effective but actually increased the risk of getting COVID
The fatality rate of COVID was around 0.005%	Ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine worked
Masks don't work	Lockdowns did more damage than good
This bioweapon came out of a lab, and	"Safe and effective" turned into "sudden and unexpected death"

## Their Crimes Must Be Reconciled

You weren't allowed to say goodbye to your loved ones or attend their funerals, but the chosen ones dined at extravagant restaurants and allowed liquor stores and Wal-

**Mart to stay open. Your small business was destroyed, while Amazon made billions.**

**These murderous hypocrites killed thousands of seniors by knowingly putting infected patients into old age homes. They killed thousands more by putting treatable patients on ventilators and Fauci's remdesivir, and additional thousands were killed by not allowing safe and effective treatments like ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine to be prescribed by doctors.**

**They have killed and injured hundreds of thousands through coercion, threats, mandates and a never-ending stream of lies that forced people into taking a dangerous and untested, toxic concoction — a Big Pharma bioweapon.**

**These “experts” seeking forgiveness, ostensibly because they were just caught up in the “hysteria” of the moment, weren't wrong. They were lying from the outset and need to pay dearly for their crimes against humanity.**

**We were scorned, ridiculed, ostracized, censored, fired, deplatformed and wished dead by the authoritarian-minded sheep who demanded compliance, and treated like outcasts by family members who believed the narrative hook, line and sinker.**

**They pushed their agenda too far and too fast out of desperation, as the financial underpinnings of their fake world order began to strain and crumble. This desperation exposed their blatant lies to a vast array of critical thinkers across the world who have not been deterred in exposing the falsehoods on social media, blogs and free-speech websites.**

## **Why We Must Reject Amnesty Plea**

**The reasons we must reject Oster's amnesty plea are manifold. First and foremost, while some now want to argue ignorance as their defense, there was no lack of facts and data, right from the start, proving their positions were wrong, dangerous, destructive and deadly.**

Since data were readily available, the real question they need to ask themselves is: “Why did I believe all the lies and propaganda?” Self-reflection is needed here. Related to this is Oster’s ridiculous claim that “getting something right had a hefty element of luck.” Absolutely not. Give me one example where luck played a role.

People who got it right did so because they exercised their critical thinking skills and a) read the data, b) correctly analyzed that data and c) drew rational conclusions based on that analysis. Analysis and reason are not reliant on luck.

No luck was needed to know that masks were useless. The published science told us as much. Ditto for the conclusion that natural immunity is superior to vaccine-induced immunity. No luck was needed to know there was no such thing as asymptomatic spreaders, because again, science. Not only can you not have a “hot” infection without symptoms, but research looking at millions of individuals confirmed what we already knew from basic virology.

No luck was needed to correctly predict that lockdowns would have a dramatically negative effect on health, education and the economy. That was just plain rational, but early cost-benefit analyses also confirmed it.

No luck was needed to know that the COVID jab was useless because data from around the world rapidly grew to show that case rates rose in tandem with the shots. [Dr. Anthony Fauci](#), President Joe Biden and CDC director [Dr. Rochelle Walensky](#) have also demonstrated this.

All were jabbed more than once, and all got COVID – more than once! [Seventy percent of jabbed CDC employees also got COVID](#), and on several occasions, ships where 100% of crew and passengers were jabbed reported outbreaks. None of this would occur if the shots actually prevented infection and spread, and you need no special skills other than clear-headed reason to come to that conclusion.

You also don’t need special skills to see that the COVID shots are killing healthy people. Just look at all the sudden deaths of professional athletes and children. It’s so

common they've even given it a new name: **Sudden Adult Death Syndrome**. Look at the **excess mortality** statistics and the skyrocketing life insurance claims.

Oster's proposition that luck was behind correct analyses is a cop-out and a sign that she's not ready to accept that she was gullible and irrational – and possibly cruel toward others. Recall, threatening the lives of the unvaccinated and mocking their deaths was basically part of the public policy.<sup>4</sup>

Forgiving the ignorant because they don't know what they're doing may be the spiritual imperative, but social etiquette demands that if you WANT someone to forgive you, you FIRST apologize and THEN ask for forgiveness. What's missing from Oster's call to forgive her and everyone else who's been proven wrong is an apology.

## **Government Officials Must Be Held Accountable**

This is even more important when it comes to media and our health and government officials. Granting amnesty to individuals who have been wrong from Day 1, without a single apology, is an untenable proposition. The price society has paid for their errors is far too great for that.

They may ask for forgiveness, and they may be forgiven by many, but they STILL must be held accountable for their errors. Demanding that officials be held accountable for errors is not gloating. It's reestablishing a baseline of conduct and accountability to the public – something we seem to have lost.

Their reckless behavior has caused people to lose their businesses, their livelihoods; they've lost family members to reckless medicine; they've lost out on weddings and funerals; drug use and suicides have skyrocketed; children have fallen years behind on their schooling and the economy has been destroyed. The list goes on. Being wrong has a price, and society will be paying it for quite some time.

What's more, our health and government officials weren't just wrong once and then changed course. No, they've doubled, tripled and quadrupled down on errors, even in

the face of overwhelming evidence that they're wrong, and we're just supposed to "let bygones be bygones"? Not a chance.

First, we have to set the record straight, so everyone actually knows what the truth is, and then we have to make sure these kinds of errors cannot be committed again. A truce is a distant third on the list of how to move forward.

## **Those Proven Right Are Still Persecuted**

Setting the record straight starts with ending the persecution of those proven to be right. It also requires putting an end to censorship and the promulgation of propaganda.

With regard to the propaganda, this will require rewriting the law. The use of state propaganda against the American public was illegal until 2012, when then-president Obama legalized it through an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).<sup>5</sup> That amendment must be repealed so that media can again be held accountable for the illegal dissemination of government propaganda.

Moving forward, we also likely need to either abolish or radically reassess the role of medical boards. As it stands, medical boards have been weaponized to silence doctors who go against the state propaganda and tell the truth about COVID.

The latest victim of this government orchestrated persecution is Dr. Peter McCullough, one of the most well-credentialed and respected cardiologists in the world. He's now being stripped of his medical credentials for the crime of speaking truth to the public (and thereby contradicting the legalized propaganda).<sup>6</sup>

He's also been terminated from his position as editor-in-chief of *Cardiorenal Medicine and Reviews in Cardiovascular Medicine (RCM)* – all without due process. RCM was even so cowardly to publicly claim he "stepped down" as his term of office had ended. As noted by McCullough, there are "powerful dark forces" at work in academic medicine "to expunge any resistance" to the COVID jab.

## **Editor Forced to Resign Over McCullough's COVID Paper**

Anyone who dares publish McCullough's research also skates on thin ice. Dr. Jose Luis Domingo, editor-in-chief of the science journal Food and Chemical Toxicology (FCT) for the past seven years, was recently forced to resign for that very reason. As reported by the Epoch Times:<sup>7</sup>

*“Though Domingo has himself received three vaccinations (two AstraZeneca and one Pfizer), he told The Epoch Times that he has been bombarded with insults, threats, and accusations of being ‘anti-vaccine’ ever since he approved the publication of a scientific paper<sup>8</sup> [by McCullough, Stephanie Seneff, Greg Nigh and Anthony Kyriakopoulos] that explores potential mechanisms of harm of injected synthetic mRNA ...*

*This research was co-authored by a team of preeminent scientists, including Stephanie Seneff, Ph.D., a senior research scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. Peter McCullough, an internationally known cardiologist who has published over a hundred peer-reviewed articles during his 40-year career; and Dr. Anthony Kyriakopoulos, a Greek clinical microbiologist, medical doctor, and researcher who has a Ph.D. in medical and molecular microbiology.*

*Their research proposed that alterations in the vaccine mRNA may ‘hide the mRNA from cellular defenses and promote a longer biological half-life and high production of spike protein.’ In doing so, these scientists posited, mRNA vaccines may interfere with the body’s natural immune response.*

*They described this interference as ‘profound impairment,’ which, they believe, comes about specifically because the spike protein interferes with a critical early innate immune response mechanism, called the type I interferon response.*

*If they are correct, injected synthetic mRNA will have a variety of negative*



*consequences on human health, including making our bodies less able to control infections and suppress cancer ...*

*About a month after the paper was published, Domingo said, he began receiving angry emails and messages. These included insults, calls to resign, demands to retract the paper, and even threats ... The angry messages, he said, were filled with ad hominem attacks against him and against the paper's co-authors, but did not specify their scientific objections to the contents of the paper ...*

*Though he would have preferred to stay at the helm of the journal until the end of 2023 ... Domingo has issued his resignation from the journal to maintain his scientific independence.*

*He told us he is first and foremost a scientist, and that he does not regret publishing the paper. Despite the attacks, he was not willing to give in to the pressure from the journal's publisher ... Jagna Mirska ...*

*Domingo said that the journal has already picked a successor for his position – someone with clear ties to the pharmaceutical industry: Bryan Delaney, Ph.D. According to his LinkedIn page, Delaney is a toxicologist who currently works for Haleon. Haleon is pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKlein's new brand name for its consumer health unit."*

## **What Else Have They Been Wrong About?**

The list of so-called "errors" is a long one. They were wrong about masks working and natural immunity not working, they were wrong about asymptomatic spread, lockdowns and the safety and effectiveness of the COVID shots. They were also wrong about SARS-CoV-2 jumping naturally from bats to humans by way of a wet market in Wuhan, China.

Not even a month has passed since we witnessed the stunning revelation that Pfizer

never tested its COVID shots for transmissibility before proclaiming publicly that the vaccine protected against transmission. Then they had the CDC put the bioweapon on the childhood vaccine schedule and the same day increased the price of their jab by 400%.

As reported by Rising host Robby Soave (video above) and Vanity Fair,<sup>9</sup> a report by the Minority Oversight Staff of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, released in October 2022, concluded that “a research-related incident is the most likely explanation for COVID-19.”

The COVID job tyrants were also wrong when they insisted that mandating an experimental gene therapy was within legal bounds. Such mandates have since been overturned in a number of districts. Most recently, a New York judge ruled that New York City’s COVID job mandate for municipal workers was enacted illegally and any employee fired for noncompliance must be immediately reinstated – and receive back pay.<sup>10</sup>

According to Supreme Court Justice Ralph Porzio, the Health Commission’s job mandate “violates the separation of powers doctrine” enshrined in the state constitution, as well as workers’ due process rights. In his ruling, Porzio noted:

*“The vaccination mandate for City employees was not just about safety and public health; it was about compliance. If it was about safety and public health, unvaccinated workers would have been placed on leave the moment the order was issued. If it was about safety and public health, the Health Commissioner would have issued city-wide mandates for all residents.”*

The New York City law department immediately filed an appeal, which blocked the reinstatement of the workers. Time will tell, but I suspect that in the end, the city will just end up having to pay out even more in back pay.

## **US Government Still Plans to Police Wrong-Think**

As mentioned earlier, amnesty for COVID dictators is impossible in light of continued censorship, and there's no sign of that ending any time soon. On the contrary, leaked documents show the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has every intention of policing wrong-think.

Biden's "**Ministry of Truth**" may have been disbanded in the wake of public mockery, but the plan for such an entity was not shelved. As reported by The Intercept:<sup>11</sup>

*"Years of internal DHS memos, emails, and documents – obtained via leaks and an ongoing lawsuit, as well as public documents – illustrate an expansive effort by the agency to influence tech platforms ...*

*Behind closed doors, and through pressure on private platforms, the U.S. government has used its power to try to shape online discourse.*

*According to meeting minutes and other records appended to a lawsuit filed by Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt, a Republican who is also running for Senate, discussions have ranged from the scale and scope of government intervention in online discourse to the mechanics of streamlining takedown requests for false or intentionally misleading information ...*

*In a March meeting, Laura Dehmlow, an FBI official, warned that the threat of subversive information on social media could undermine support for the U.S. government ...*

*There is also a formalized process for government officials to directly flag content on Facebook or Instagram and request that it be throttled or suppressed through a special Facebook portal that requires a government or law enforcement email to use. At the time of writing, the 'content request system' at [facebook.com/xtakedowns/login](https://facebook.com/xtakedowns/login) is still live ...*

*According to a draft copy of DHS's Quadrennial Homeland Security Review, DHS's capstone report outlining the department's strategy and priorities in the coming years, the department plans to target 'inaccurate information' on*

*a wide range of topics, including 'the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic and the efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, racial justice, U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, and the nature of U.S. support to Ukraine.'"*

As you can see, censorship is not restricted to COVID issues alone. They include a variety of national politics and geopolitical issues as well. In other words, Americans' views of the world and our country are being shaped by a propaganda arm of the U.S. government itself – not another country – and the reason they have no qualms about doing this is because Obama legalized the use of government propaganda against Americans during his presidency.

## **Censorship Is Now a Core Duty of the DHS**

In addition to abolishing or radically reforming medical boards, the FDA and CDC, we probably need to do the same to the DHS. As reported by The Intercept, documentation shows the "DHS views the issue of tackling disinformation and misinformation as a growing portion of its core duties."

**“ When I think about what Homeland Security should be doing, policing and punishing my personal views about health, medicine, climate change, political actors and geopolitical actions is not at the top of the list. Yet that’s precisely what they’re doing, and will be doing more of in the years to come. ”**

I don't know about you, but when I think about what Homeland Security should be doing, policing and punishing my personal views about health, medicine, climate change, political actors and geopolitical actions is not at the top of the list. Yet that's precisely what they're doing, and will be doing more of in the years to come.

To control the information space, the DHS intends to “leverage advanced data analytics technology” and work with nongovernmental agencies and other civil society organizations “to build resilience to the impacts of false information.”

## **Government Censorship by Surrogate Is Still Illegal**

For now, Schmitt is combating this tyrannical and unconstitutional overreach in court. As reported by The Intercept:<sup>12</sup>

*“In May, Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt took the lead in filing a lawsuit to combat what he views as sweeping efforts by the Biden administration to pressure social media companies to moderate certain forms of content appearing on their platforms.*

*The suit alleges governmentwide efforts to censor certain stories, especially ones related to the pandemic. It also names multiple agencies across the government that have participated in efforts to monitor speech and ‘open collusion’ between the administration and social media companies ...*

*October 21, the judge presiding over the case granted the attorneys general permission to depose Fauci, CISA officials, and communication specialists from the White House.*

*While the lawsuit has a definite partisan slant, pointing the finger at the Biden administration for allegedly seeking to control private speech, many of the subpoenas request information that spans into the Trump era and provides a window into the absurdity of the ongoing effort.*

*‘There is growing evidence that the legislative and executive branch officials are using social media companies to engage in censorship by surrogate,’ said Jonathan Turley, a professor of law at George Washington University, who has written about the lawsuit.*

*'It is axiomatic that the government cannot do indirectly what it is prohibited from doing directly. If government officials are directing or facilitating such censorship, it raises serious First Amendment questions.'*"

## **No Chance of Amnesty for US Leadership**

To bring us back to where we started, with Oster's plea for amnesty for those who ignorantly chose to be on the wrong side of history, I am not alone in my view that her proposition is an unworkable one.

Sure, on a personal level, many are likely willing and able to bury the hatchet and join hands again with friends and family who shunned and berated them as "conspiracy theorists" and "anti-science anti-vaxxers" (although following the science and the data was precisely what we were all doing).

But on the leadership level, amnesty is out of the question. Leaders must be held accountable for decisions based on lies. They must be held accountable for their fraud and deception.

Agency heads must be held accountable for their data manipulation and obfuscation, Big Tech leadership must be held accountable for their efforts to aid government in the circumvention of our Constitutional rights, and mainstream media, including individual hosts and reporters, must be held to account for their propaganda role, which has injured and killed hundreds of thousands of Americans who trusted them.

A court recently ruled Alex Jones must pay nearly \$1 billion in damages to families for falsely claiming that no children died in the 2012 Sandy Hook shooting,<sup>13</sup> an event that many in alt media suspected was a false flag operation at the time. Now, that fine is quite a precedent.

What would be the appropriate fine for journalists who claim no one has died from the COVID shot? Or that COVID job injuries are "exceedingly rare"? What would be the appropriate fine for tech platforms that censor the personal testimonies of the injured

and families of the dead, thereby perpetuating the lie that injuries and deaths don't occur?

What would be an appropriate payout by federal agencies that falsified data to hide adverse effects and deaths? If you guessed in the trillions you would have profoundly underestimated the damage they have done.

## **No Chance of Amnesty for Enforcers of False COVID Narrative**

The American Conservative had this to say about the "Soviet blue-check media" in the United States:<sup>14</sup>

*"There can be no amnesty for the unthinking enforcers of the narrative of the regime. I don't know how to put this gently to my fellow members of the blue-check media class, so I will say it bluntly. You guys resemble nothing so much as the info apparatus of some failing ideological state – late-Soviet apparatchiks, only without the erudition that was demanded of regime intellectuals in Moscow back in the day ...*

*In February 2020, [the Washington Post published](#) a news story with the headline: 'Tom Cotton Keeps Repeating a Coronavirus Conspiracy Theory That Scientists Have Debunked.'*

*More than a year later ... the paper 'rewrote the article's headline, softening 'conspiracy theory' to 'fringe theory' and noting that scientists have 'disputed' it rather than 'debunked' it.' How generous. How scrupulous ...*

*If the lab-leak theory were a rare instance in which blue-check media abdicated basic journalistic responsibility in favor of elite narrative enforcement, one could forgive and forget, as the Atlantic now demands.*

*But such lapses are utterly commonplace – systemic, you might say. Remember when Big Tech and Big Media and Big Intelligence teamed up to*

*frame the New York Post's Hunter Biden reporting in October 2020 as 'misinformation' – only to concede, once the election was safely over, that it was, in fact, entirely accurate?*

*Remember the absolute unanimity with which blue-check media defended the efficacy of COVID vaccines in stopping transmission – before begrudgingly admitting that, erm, actually, they really don't work as advertised?*

*Remember when blue-check media were dead-certain that Jussie Smollett was the victim of a racist attack? And on and on and on. Once the falsity of the old narrative is definitively established, most blue-checks shamelessly move on to the next elite narrative in need of media reinforcement – no apology, no introspection.*

*The few willing to acknowledge their errors, meanwhile, insist they were merely following the 'expert' consensus at the time. This is risible. The job of the reporter isn't to parrot what the experts say at any given moment: it is to question what anyone in power claims.*

*'If your mother tells you she loves you, check it out,' used to be the journalistic motto. Dr. Anthony Fauci, Pfizer, WHO, and 50 former intelligence officials deserve far more exacting scrutiny than Mom."*

## **Rhetorical Constructs of Manipulative Language**

Another rebuttal to Oster's call for amnesty that I want to highlight is from the anonymous Substack writer known only as "A Midwestern Doctor," who dissects the "manipulative language" used by Oster in her article. The anonymous doctor writes:<sup>15</sup>

*"When I read through this article, I realize the author highlighted a very common problem ... The author is demanding to receive forgiveness for their conduct, but ... is refusing to admit they did anything wrong.*



*In order to accomplish this, they utilized a variety of manipulative rhetorical constructs that are relatively simple and frequently utilized. Because it is so common to encounter propaganda pieces like this, I thought there might be some value in illustrating my thought process as I read this article."*

The doctor goes on to share screenshots of Oster's article, with arrows to sentences and thoughts inserted in red. Below are a few of those screenshots. For the rest, please see the original Substack article.<sup>16</sup>



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I am somewhat curious why this art piece was chosen (my guess was because of the added mask and olive branch being extended). The original painting (Happy Union) is part of a series on love by a famous Italian painter, and the meaning of the picture remains a heavily debated topic to this day. **IDEAS** My immediate assumption is that the author sees herself as the masked heroine extending an olive branch but I have no way to know.

## LET'S DECLARE A PANDEMIC AMNESTY

We need to forgive one another for what we did and said when we were in the dark about COVID.

By Emily Oster

Nothing in here mentions forgiving COVID-19 skeptics for refusing to comply with actions pandemic and vaccine pushers endorsed. Beyond this being important for the rhetoric used, it is also important because those who did not comply were the only ones who suffered actual penalties for their actions (and hence require amnesty as a New York Judge and Canadian premier Danielle Smith have recently endorsed).

In April 2020, with nothing else to do, my family took an enormous number of hikes. We all wore cloth masks that I had made myself. We had a family hand signal, which the person in the front would use if someone was approaching on the trail and we needed to put on our masks. Once, when another child got too close to my then-4-year-old son on a bridge, he yelled at her “SOCIAL DISTANCING!”

This is sad. Children will only act this way if they are trained to by their parents. It is not healthy for a child’s development if a parent forces their ideology on them.

These precautions were totally misguided. In April 2020, no one got the coronavirus from passing someone else hiking. Outdoor transmission was vanishingly rare. Our cloth masks made out of old bandanas wouldn’t have done anything, anyway. But the thing is: *We didn’t know.*

This is odd because many people did know as the CDC’s guidelines violated common sense and the known behaviors of respiratory viruses. More importantly, this line highlights a common problem with insincere apologies; the person seeking forgiveness is refusing to admit they did anything wrong or that an absurd guideline could have been questioned.

Given the amount of uncertainty, almost every position was taken on every topic. And on every topic, someone was eventually proved right, and someone else was proved wrong. In some instances, the right people were right for the wrong reasons. In other instances, they had a prescient understanding of the available information.

This is somewhat of a meaningless statement and is the type of post modernist argument which is normally brought up when you don’t have a good way to defend your position. The fundamental issue was that if you independently examined the science and thought about the subject, most of your positions were correct, whereas if you listened to the experts who dominated the airwaves most of your positions were wrong. This point is never addressed or even acknowledged.

The issue was that the propaganda campaign for the pandemic actively encouraged hatred, ridicule, and ostracization for those who questioned CDC guidelines or vaccines. No apology exists for this. Rather, it's claiming any criticism directed towards the vaccine zealots (as the vaccine has clearly been proven to be a scam that doesn't prevent COVID-19) is insensitive and unacceptable. Remember, the only ones who get defensive are those who are insecure about their decisions (such as promoting a ridiculous government narrative).

The people who got it right, for whatever reason, may want to gloat. Those who got it wrong, for whatever reason, may feel defensive and retrench into a position that doesn't accord with the facts. All of this gloating and defensiveness continues to gobble up a lot of social energy and to drive the culture wars, especially on the internet. These discussions are heated, unpleasant and, ultimately, unproductive. In the face of so much uncertainty, getting something right had a hefty element of luck. And, similarly, getting something wrong wasn't a moral failing. Treating pandemic choices as a scorecard on which some people racked up more points than others is preventing us from moving forward.

Read: You were right about COVID, and then you weren't

Notice how "the facts" is intentionally not defined in order to support the author's position.

In many fields in life, I've noticed people who are unsuccessful attribute their failures or competitors' successes to "luck" whereas those who are successful attribute their failures to mistakes they made. The fact that it was so clear what to be "correct" here (do your own research rather than following the narrative) is instead being labeled as a lucky fluke illustrates that this author has no insight into what they did wrong or wants to encourage others from recognizing the actual mistake.

This passage makes it very clear the proposed amnesty is a one-sided get out of jail free card. Officials such as Fauci who we can prove through comparing their statements to what they wrote at the same time were lying are given a free pass, whereas anyone on the opposite end of the spectrum is forever guilty of spreading "misinformation."

We have to put these fights aside and declare a pandemic amnesty. We can leave out the willful purveyors of actual misinformation while forgiving the hard calls that people had no choice but to make with imperfect knowledge. Los Angeles County closed its beaches in summer 2020. Ex post facto, this makes no more sense than my family's masked hiking trips. But we need to learn from our mistakes and then let them go. We need to forgive the attacks, too. Because I thought schools should reopen and argued that kids as a group were not at high risk, I was called a "teacher killer" and a "génocidaire." It wasn't pleasant, but feelings were high. And I certainly don't need to dissect and rehash that time for the rest of my days.

It is strange she had this position given that it is at odds with the other biases she has shared in the article. I interpreted it as an attempt to build a common ground with the vaccine skeptics and CDC guideline skeptics so they would argue to absolve her side of all responsibility.

This is a construct being used to absolve their responsibility, and false as there was not a "deep uncertainty"

The standard saying is that those who forget history are doomed to repeat it. But dwelling on the mistakes of history can lead to a repetitive doom loop as well. Let's acknowledge that we made complicated choices in the face of deep uncertainty, and then try to work together to build back and move forward.

This conclusion is amazing because the author is simultaneously acknowledging the importance of learning from the past, while also stating both implicitly throughout the article and explicitly here that she has no desire whatsoever to. This is also the first time I have heard the phrase "repetitive doom loop" which is emotionally persuasive, but does not make any logical sense as it is used in the sentence.

This is a classic phrase people use to get out of responsibility for their mistakes. Also "we" implies everyone did this, when over half the country did not.

I suspect "build back better" was the initial inspiration for this line.

## Take Control of Your Wealth

Financial collapse is an inevitable outcome of the COVID plandemic. In the video above, finance guru Catherine Austin Fitts and attorney Carolyn Betts review the tools you need to take control of your finances at this critical time in history. We must

reclaim our independence from the central banks and denounce their planned digital currency, as both are part of a massive control and slave system.

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