

THE DAY COVID CAME

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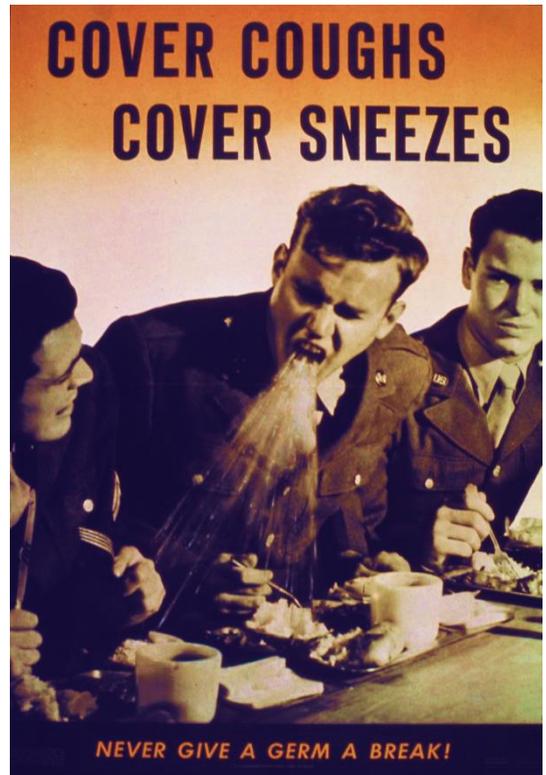
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This week, a member of the family came down with COVID. They work at a private assisted living facility which has enforced strict COVID control measures over the past two years; restrictions on family and friends visiting their loved ones, compulsory use of PPE including the ubiquitous blue face masks, regular lateral flow testing, heightened hygiene procedures and other preventative measures. The individual afflicted with the disease has habitually worn a face mask both in and outside the workplace, hasn't travelled far, and has received two injections of the supposed COVID vaccine. By contrast, I have never worn a face mask, have travelled widely, and have resisted the government's incessantly disgusting coercive pressure to have the jabs. I find myself asking why I'm not ill, albeit in a tongue-in-cheek way.

The Greek physician Hippocrates [stressed the importance of observation and recording to accurately document the progress of illnesses](#). While the illness started with a migraine which developed into a dry cough over the course of three days, it appears relatively harmless from my perspective. Outwardly, the effect of the illness is not too dissimilar to a typical chest infection except that there is no phlegm and coughing fits are less constant. Most surprisingly, although by no means a unique occurrence among others who've experienced COVID, is the loss of taste. Naturally, there is no settled science on the precise cause; [some medical outlets claim that this is a natural side effect of upper respiratory infections](#), [others claim that it is linked to vitamin and nutritional deficiencies](#). Interestingly, [some platforms link loss of taste to radiation therapy for cancer or chemical exposure](#). [Earlier reports of COVID symptoms suggested that hair loss was, similarly, a long-term effect of contracting coronavirus](#). While it is only a suggestion and one that I now dismiss, my initial thought during the early phases of lockdown in April 2020 was that COVID possessed a radioactive quality. In this case, it remains to be seen whether the loss of taste endures long after the illness has gone, although testimony from other individuals I've encountered would suggest it will linger for some time yet. Unsurprisingly, [the NHS website lists numerous generic symptoms for what is being referred to as 'long COVID'](#) – symptoms apparently including depression and anxiety, which even the most junior doctor would tell you are themselves conditions and not symptoms.

In all other respects, the disease appears to be nothing out of the ordinary. One particularly curious feature about this experience is that the LFT recorded positive only when the first main symptom of illness - the migraine - made an appearance. [It has previously been suggested that the first five days with COVID is the most infectious period.](#) As much as I and many others have cast doubt upon the authenticity of the LFT results, the test does appear to be able to detect *something*; whether it has detected the presence of COVID is open to debate, so too is the consistency of accurate results. On the issue of testing, it is worth bearing in mind that Kary Mullis, the creator of the PCR also being used to supposedly detect the presence of COVID, [claimed before his death that it had a proclivity for unreliability stating that 'you can find almost anything in anybody' if the amplification cycles were set too high.](#) Incidentally, the PCR has been known to be used to detect cancer and HIV. One can therefore attest to them having some degree of accuracy in the detection of some illnesses, however unknown the quantity may be.

The one main takeaway from the past week has been that for all the state's hysteria and alarmist propaganda about COVID-19, the rhetoric doesn't match the reality. Of course, there are those who have died with COVID, and there are a fewer number who've died from COVID outright. However, that could be said of many other comparable illnesses - especially pneumonia and flu. What's revealing is that the individual in this instance is in their 50s with conditions that place them at risk of catching COVID yet has managed to escape illness for the thirty months since the first case was recorded and is not in need of hospitalisation. Even more revealing perhaps is that the individual writing this article lives with the infected person has had no COVID injections and has not caught it despite being in proximity during the most infectious stage of the illness. After five days of isolation at home, a regulation now of the care providers not of the government, they will be returning to work once again donning a blue face mask. I despair.



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A PARTY FIT FOR LIBERTY

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In response to [Christopher Wilkinson's article in the previous edition of Free Speech](#) I would simply like offer an alternative libertarian political party structure that fits both within the electoral legislation and the principles of individual libertarians too. As many of us know, philosophy and ideology is one thing, but we live in a world where collective politics have a monopoly on political power in the UK and most other countries. This leaves libertarians with few choices. Do they struggle along as independent candidates at elections, or can they voluntarily organise in such a way to tackle the disadvantage they face?

According to the Electoral Commission in the UK, for a party to be registered, it only needs two people. One must be a Treasurer and the other a Nomination Officer. There is

no legal requirement for a party to actually have a Leader, even if they still need to register one and call that person the “Leader” on their form, but in practice, some political parties will operate constitutionally with co-conveners or other types of title. This gives libertarians the opportunity to turn an entire party structure upside down. Instead of a leader and their team, a party could simply elect an administrative team whose jobs would be to serve the party’s membership. Those members would then be able to organise locally, and voluntarily, to stand for election on libertarian issues that mean more to them than the party as a whole. The party’s position would simply be to provide the administrative assistance and a brand name, upon which to advertise with.

Another issue of political power is that held by corporations. Their ability to lobby politicians and use their financial influence often goes unseen by the majority of voters. Even socialist leaning activists will notice how much power these organisations possess but will mislabel it as capitalism instead of what it really is – corporatism. Legally, a political party can purchase, hold, and earn from shares. Libertarians willing to voluntarily organise into a legally registered political party, can also start to accumulate shares in businesses and corporations, allowing libertarian voices to be heard at AGMs and eventually hold some influence on these corporations themselves.



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Then there are the elections themselves. Independent candidates are often grouped together with “Others” and their personal views are generally ignored by most. Unless a particular independent libertarian candidate is well known locally and very active in the community, they are very unlikely to win a seat relying on the protest votes alone. A well organised political party whose focus is to support its members will be able to assist the different candidates with funding, campaign strategies, party branding, and many other things usually limited or unavailable to independent candidates.

Libertarian parties of the past have their flaws because of the limited thinking of individuals running them, but by flipping everything upside down, we could see a very productive organisation that actually supports individual libertarians.

THE COMING CLASH: CAPITAL VS. LABOUR

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With the current direction of travel, it seems likely that before long there will be a clash between capital and labour that could either be devastating to freedom, or to set it off for another stretch with a more secure footing.

We're coming to a fork in the road in which the consequences of corporatism, overregulation, money printing, inflation, fiat currency, consumer debt, state dependency (both corporate and individual), artificial economic bubbles, globalism, centralisation, high taxation and many other factors will reveal in such a way that few will avoid the shockwave.

What happens next will determine who has power, and who is free. This is not my prediction, others watching what is occurring predict it too, including those who would use it to enslave us all. The Great Reset, in which property ownership is lauded as a thing of the past, promises a utopia for those who embrace owning nothing, and becoming subject to all powerful overseers. People imagine that a benevolent system of government will ensure equality and security and do away with caricatured corporations blamed now for harsh working practices and conditions. While this may sound enticing to some who desire to feel secure and looked after, above being free and responsible for their own life, it is in fact a trap. Who, after all, do they think will be pulling strings in the new utopia? In such circumstances all seems well while those with power make only decisions you agree with, and which don't impact your life negatively – like farmed animals looked after by benevolent and caring handlers. But such a situation is not guaranteed, and as the farm animals soon discover, once the bridle is fitted, once the pens are built, once all power to influence one's own survival is in the hands of others, the handlers may do anything they choose.

It's the same utopian promise that revolutionaries expected many times before, until each discovered they were the useful fools of those who subsequently attached totalitarianism on them all – with the resultant loss of liberty, the starvation, the imprisonment, the torture chambers. All of this only happened in the last century, and it will happen again if freedom and responsibility is surrendered to a utopian promise of security.



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To avoid it, we must take another path when this clash occurs. Rather than calling for greater top-down control, the same control that currently holds the status quo in place, that props up corporations in their positions and holds back change and life improving competition, we need to choose less control. Those who oppose this think that our current problems are created because government doesn't control enough, but that is the great deception, and precisely what those who would rule us want us to believe. To believe it is to be like those rushing to the end of a sinking boat that is most underwater, or like those rushing around with fire extinguishers during a flood. Make no mistake, we are being herded in a direction, and that direction is towards the acceptance of greater top-down control and loss of personal liberty.

When the clash comes the answer is not to rush into the arms of those who want to use it to increase their power, but to trust ourselves, to reclaim lost liberties, to remove corporation protecting regulation, to embrace freedom – individual and economic, to allow prices and wages to find the right place without government and corporatist manipulation, and go forward on a new secure footing. To go the wrong way is to secure our status as lambs to the slaughter.

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