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## Ex-NY Times Writer: COVID Restrictions Amount to a “Catastrophic Moral Crime”

Thousands dead due to secondary effects of lockdowns, children’s development stunted and youth mental-health problems increasing, livelihoods ruined, depression and suicide up, the economy wobbly, and freedoms destroyed — all with no apparent reduction in coronavirus spread. This is the all-cons-and-no-pros result of COVID policy.

It’s also something else: “a catastrophic moral crime.”

So said former *New York Times* writer Bari Weiss while on *Real Time with Bill Maher* last Friday.



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Weiss’s comments lay in stark contrast to those of Representative Ritchie Torres (D-N.Y.), who appeared opposite her and acted as an apologist for China virus regulations.

Host Maher introduced the topic saying that a COVID reset was now apparent in Europe, with leaders beginning to accept that we have to live with SARS-CoV-2 and “treat it like the flu”; in particular, he mentioned the U.K.’s elimination of virtually all COVID regulations.

After Torres presented the boilerplate COVIDian claim about how we’re returning to normal because of Joe Biden’s “vaccination” campaign, Weiss pointed out that her once complete devotion to COVID ritual was history.

“I’m done. I’m done with COVID. I went so hard with COVID,” she said. “I sprayed the Pringles cans that I bought at the grocery store, stripped my clothes off because I thought COVID would be on my clothes. I watched *Tiger King*; I got to the end of Spotify. We all did it, right?”

At this point Maher, shaking his head, interjected, “No, we didn’t all do it.” Though Maher is liberal and accepted one dose of an mRNA therapy agent (MTA, a.k.a. COVID “vaccine”) — explaining in the past that he “took one for the team” — he maintains that the China virus response is overblown.

Weiss then resumed, saying, “And then we were told, you get the vaccine. You get the vaccine and you get back to normal. And, we haven’t gotten back to normal, and it’s ridiculous at this point. I know that so many of my liberal and progressive friends are with me on this, and they do not want to say it out loud because they are scared to be called anti-vax or to be called science denial, or to be, you know, smeared as a Trumper.”

This is yet more evidence that, as I [wrote recently](#), “the vax-attacks phalanx is starting to crack.” A few prominent establishment figures have [begun to admit](#) that our current COVID approach is misguided and that we need to change course. And at some point this phenomenon *may* reach critical mass, the silent anti-COVIDians may speak up, and the current leaks in the dam of delusion may become a full-blown rupture.

Weiss still had more to say, however. “I’m sorry, if you believe the science, you will look at the data that



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we did not have two years ago, and you will find out that cloth masks do not do anything,” she continued. “You will realize that you can show your vaccine passport at a restaurant and still be asymptomatic and carrying Omicron.”

Note here that *The New American* and other honest news sources have been reporting for almost the “pandemic’s” *entire duration* that mask mandates are ineffective and, in fact, counterproductive. Moreover, while Maher had, as mentioned earlier, treated the conclusion that we’ll just have to live with COVID as a new revelation, certain experts have thus informed for *two years*. In particular, I’ve repeatedly cited [an article](#) at the liberal *Atlantic* that made this point in *February 2020*.

Weiss then issued her money line, stating that the China virus fiasco “is going to be remembered by the younger generation as a catastrophic moral crime.” Supporting this assertion, she mentioned how a Flint, Michigan, school recently announced there would be virtual learning indefinitely, and, touching on psychological damage done to kids, said there has been a 51-percent increase in self-harm among young girls.

“That is why we need to end the lockdowns and declare it a pandemic of bureaucracy,” she stated. (Video below.)

I’ll reiterate that while it’s good (and necessary) that the mainstream Johnny-come-latelys are finally coming, they’re singing from others’ hymnal. Just consider some *New American* headlines from COVID Year One:

- [“Study: Lockdowns Save NO Lives. Are Politicians Destroying the Economy for NOTHING?”](#) — April 23, 2020
- [“JP Morgan Study: COVID Lockdowns INEFFECTIVE; Millions of Livelihoods Being Destroyed for NOTHING”](#) — May 25, 2020
- [“Taboo Question: Are Face Masks Spreading the Coronavirus?”](#) — July 29, 2020
- [“Swedish Top Scientist Warns Against Relying on Masks to Stop COVID-19”](#) — August , 2020
- [“What Fate Awaits the COVID Kids, a Generation Raised in Isolation and Fear?”](#) — December , 2020

As for COVID policy being a “moral crime,” Weiss is correct. But how it will be remembered is a different matter, as the victors write the history.

Another issue is that it’s “easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled,” as the apocryphal saying goes, and this helps explain continued rank-and-file COVIDian devotion. This said, COVID-delusion-dissipation critical mass may be reached and, when people finally do realize they’ve been fooled, watch out!

And coming to mind here is the 1975 film *The Man Who Would be King*, in which two wealth-seeking 19th-century Englishmen successfully seize power in a primitive Eastern land. Their triumph is facilitated by the fact that one of them, through a twist of fate, ends up being taken as a god. Yet after the people see him bleed due to a reluctant bride’s unfortunate bite, their rule ends — rapidly and tragically. (Video below. Warning: contains spoilers.)

Ambitious men who play god play a dangerous game, and “lies have short legs.” Then again, people also have short memories. So only time will tell how much farther the COVID Con can run.



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