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## Buttigieg: More Lockdowns “On the Table” if Biden Becomes President

If Mayor Pete has his way, all America will be *gagged* under masks and coronavirus restrictions.

Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, and a surrogate for Joe Biden’s campaign, told CNN’s *State of the Union* on Sunday that if the Democrat nominee wins, a nationwide coronavirus lockdown would be “on the table.”

Anchor Jake Tapper asked, “Let’s turn to the pandemic. New coronavirus cases at a record high nationwide, including in your home state of Indiana. Some countries in Europe, such as the U.K. and France and Germany, are actually reinstating lockdowns. If Joe Biden wins, should another lockdown be on the table?”



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“Well, hopefully, it doesn’t come to that because we will see swift action coordinating with and supporting public health authorities telling us what we can do without requiring any kind of mandates, but everything has to be on the table in order to keep Americans safe,” Buttigieg responded, going on to double down on the push for everyone to wear a mask in public and arguing that concerns about COVID-19 should take precedence over economic concerns:

We should never have got to this point. It should never have been allowed to get this bad. But what we know is even something as simple as inexpensive as wearing a mask, if everybody does it, dramatically changes what’s possible. Also, lockdown or no, I have been talking to a lot of small business owners, especially here in the Midwest, who are saying when they are able to open, customers aren’t going to come unless they know they are safe. This is one of many reasons why the first rule of virus economics is to beat the virus or else you won’t have an economy. And that’s got to be the focus.

The former mayor and failed presidential candidate has been highly critical of the Trump administration’s response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

On Friday, he [criticized](#) Donald Trump, Jr., who had noted that the media in recent months has placed a greater spotlight on coronavirus cases than on deaths because the death count reveals a virus no more threatening than the seasonal flu.

“This is what happens when you’re so out of touch that you just don’t care anymore,” Buttigieg said. “I mean, tell that to the thousand families who are going to be grieving a loss today. Tell that to any of the Americans who are confronting what is literally the worst mass casualty event in this country since



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World War II.”

But Mayor Pete’s rhetoric is just that. After all, 291,557 Americans died in the Second World War. By contrast, the CDC has come out and revealed that, despite earlier inflated numbers, fewer than 10,000 Americans have [actually died from COVID-19 alone](#).

And while the revisionists in the media have rushed to downplay influenza in previous years in order to make the coronavirus outbreak look like an unprecedented plague, a look at pre-COVID-19 reporting shows that the death toll for the flu has far surpassed the 10,000 figure in some years.

In 2017, for instance, [80,000 Americans](#) died of the flu. Where were the lockdowns and mandatory masks?

Furthermore, the global number of flu cases has “surprisingly” [plummeted by 98 percent](#) since this “pandemic” began.

In Australia, for instance, just 14 positive flu cases were recorded in April, compared to 367 during the same month in 2019 — a drop of 96 percent. And by June, which is typically the peak of the season, there were zero cases. In fact, Australia has not reported a positive flu case to the WHO since July.

Another example is Chile, where just 12 flu cases were detected in the entire country between April and October. By contrast, the South American nation experienced 7,000 flu cases during the same period in 2019.

As expected, the “experts” have an explanation for this phenomenon: The theory of “viral interference,” which says that the coronavirus is blocking people from getting infected with the flu.

There’s a simpler explanation: COVID-19 is merely a strain of the flu that may be slightly but not significantly more deadly than the typical strain.

But that explanation would be wholly inconvenient to big government proponents such as Joe Biden and Pete Buttigieg, who see virus fears as a pretext for more unconstitutional federal overreach.



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