

COVID-19 Retrospective March 2021

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Throughout the grind of the COVID-19 phenomenon, it has become increasingly difficult to assess reality. Conflicting reports and accusations of “fake news” are hurled from both sides. Why the disparity in reporting? It should be uniform, logical and digestible. Examples:

1. 12/13/2020- Johns Hopkins Study Mysteriously Disappears after it Revealed, In Spite of COVID, No More Deaths in 2020 than In Prior Years

Source: Gateway Pundit <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/12/evidence-shows-total-deaths-2020-no-different-prior-years-open-economy-democrats/>

“We reported in late November how an article in a newsletter published at Johns Hopkins University showed that total deaths in the US have not increased dramatically in 2020 when compared to prior years. This article was taken down.”

“(Johns Hopkins) university claimed (later) that the study they took down should be considered with what the WHO and the CDC say on the matter. Therefore, we believe that the only measurement we can use to really see the impact of COVID is overall deaths.” Deaths in the USA over the years... 2010: 2.5M 2011: 2.5M 2012: 2.5M 2013 :2.6M 2014: 2.6M 2015: 2.7M 2016: 2.7M 2017: 2.8M 2018: 2.8M 2019: 2.9M 2020: 2.5M (as of November, 2020)

2. “CDC: 94% of Covid-19 deaths had underlying medical conditions” (9/1/2020) Source:

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/cdc-94percent-of-covid-19-deaths-had-underlying-medical-conditions/ar-BB18wrA7>

“ATLANTA, Ga. (WEYI) - The Centers for Disease Control released information showing how many people who died from COVID-19 had [2.6 avg] comorbidities or underlying conditions...”

“The CDC said: Table 3 shows the types of health conditions and contributing causes mentioned in deaths involving coronavirus disease 2019. For 6% of the deaths, COVID-19 was the only cause mentioned. For deaths with conditions or causes in addition to COVID-19, on average, there were 2.6 additional conditions or causes per death.”

* Influenza and pneumonia * Respiratory failure *Hypertensive disease *Diabetes * Vascular and unspecified dementia * Cardiac Arrest *Heart failure * Renal failure * Intentional and unintentional injury, poisoning and other adverse events * Other medical conditions “According to the CDC 9,683 died in the United States with only having COVID-19 listed on their death certificate.”

The same story was also carried by ABC, NBC, MSN, FOX and Christian Post, but other sources challenged it as “misleading”. Yet on March 24th, 2020, the NVSS (National Vital Statistics System) on the CDC website gave “guidance” as to how COVID-19 should be diagnosed and how “cause of death” on death certificates should be entered: Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvss/coronavirus/Alert-2-New-ICD-code-introduced-for-COVID-19-deaths.pdf>

Who to believe? When uncertain, seek out a wide range of sources and decide for yourselves.

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