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### Required Face Coverings to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

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223 studies show masks do not reduce the spread of COVID but prolonged use of masks does harm human health. <https://lucas.travel/masksarebad/> The trend in states is away from mask mandates. <https://www.the74million.org/article/new-data-27-states-abandon-universal-masking-in-school-representing-51-of-u-s-students/> Mask requirements are not grounded in sound data. <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/04/commentary-masks-all-covid-19-not-based-sound-data> The response to COVID has largely been to over-react unnecessarily. 99% of reported cases have been asymptomatic or mild. The survivability rate is approaching 100%. This study sums it up: "The existing scientific evidences challenge the safety and efficacy of wearing facemasks as preventive intervention for COVID-19. The data suggest that both medical and non-medical facemasks are ineffective to block human-to-human transmission of viral and infectious disease such SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19, supporting against the usage of facemasks. Wearing facemasks has been demonstrated to have substantial adverse physiological and psychological effects. These include hypoxia, hypercapnia, shortness of breath, increased acidity and toxicity, activation of fear and stress response, rise in stress hormones, immunosuppression, fatigue, headaches, decline in cognitive performance, predisposition for viral and infectious illnesses, chronic stress, anxiety and depression. Long-term consequences of wearing facemasks can cause health deterioration, developing and progression of chronic diseases and premature death."

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7680614/> Mask mandates are an affront to our liberty, to our dignity, and to our health. Government has no business mandating the use of masks.

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