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The CDC routinely cited a mask study from Bangladesh as "proof" that masks are effective at reducing covid transmission. The raw data from the study was released recently & re-analysis showed the effect of masks in preventing transmission was so small its virtually statistically insignificant. Ive included the re-analysis. Also worth noting that the majority of school mask studies in the US omitted a control group thus skewing results in favor of masks. We also have data (Florida) comparing schools that masked vs masked optional & saw virtually no difference. Perhaps the most glaring, obvious data came from Hawaii: At one point they had a 98% mask compliance rate & were the 2nd most vaccinated state. They still managed to have an uncontrollable spike in cases. Japan at one point had 97% mask compliance rate. They still had an uncontrollable spike in cases.

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