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In the Name of Science

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When you hear someone in a public forum declare that they “are following the science,” you know you have just heard a lie. The speaker has seen some data collected from unproven sources and has naively believed the untested conclusion of a “scientist.” This is an opinion. It makes a good start to a hypothesis. Science did not make a conclusion. People with questionable motives did.

Science is one of those CYA (cover your ass) industries. It does not make a decision until ALL doubts of a hypothesis can be dispelled. Science is not the first responder to the unknown maladies. It is the last word, after meticulous testing.

Of course, sometimes the opinion can be correct, based on observation, experience, and anecdotal evidence. Mothers and grandmothers all gave their sick children chicken noodle soup for thousands of years before scientists, through controlled testing, declared that chicken noodle soup did indeed help patients recover from colds and flu.

But science demands the scientific method. Wikipedia.com says:

"The scientific method is an empirical method of acquiring knowledge that has characterized the development of science since at least the 17th century. It involves careful observation, applying rigorous skepticism about what is observed, given that cognitive assumptions can distort how one interprets the observation. It involves formulating hypotheses (optionally using induction), based on such observations; experimental and measurement-based testing of deductions drawn from the hypotheses; and refinement (or elimination) of the hypotheses based on the experimental findings."

Sciencing.com explains:

"The five components of the scientific method are: observations, questions, hypothesis, methods and results. Following the scientific method procedure not only ensures that the experiment can be repeated by other researchers, but also that the results garnered can be accepted."

Science demands "rigorous skepticism" of observations, questions, and controlled testing in with repeatable results before determining a conclusion. Fake science-followers usually omit in their science the heavy, intrinsic use and acceptance of skepticism. They attack anyone who dares question "science." They have no method to their testing nor their madness. They skip from observations to misconstrued conclusions that fit their agenda. Fake science-followers demand unquestioned obedience to their opinion. Fake-science followers want to control public opinion, using "science" as authority that cannot be questioned.

Numbers of coronavirus cases and deaths did not decrease as a result of shutdowns, and they did not increase with no shutdown. Science does not support shutdowns. Yet politicians continue to invoke science to shut down our lives as a matter of life and death for everyone's grandmother, except theirs, presumably because of their elite super powers.

[Gavin Newsome](#), "following the science," declared a shutdown of bars and restaurants, and then had dinner (and \$1,200 worth of wine) with lobbyists and family, a group of 12, at his favorite restaurant, The French Laundry.

[Nancy Pelosi](#), "following the science," shut down hair salons and nail salons, then proceeded to make an appointment and go mask-less to get her hair done, because she is a public figure, i.e., she is more important than the commoners.

[Governor Whitmer](#) of Michigan, “following the science,” shut down Michigan with orders to stay at home, and specifically banned travel to lake homes. Her husband was recorded asking a dock builder to put his dock in so that he could get his boat in the water next weekend. He added that he was the husband of the governor, “if that helps.”

[Teacher unions](#), “following the science,” have demanded that schools stay closed in California, yet they teach illegal aliens at the border, with 10% positive COVID testing, in classrooms. The science and danger of COVID appears to correspond with the degree it aligns with their political agenda.

Beware of politicians in “science” clothing. Policies based on this “following the science” have interfered with our freedom and rights more than any war, terrorist attack, or economic disaster in the history of the United States.

When someone says they are “just following the science,” question them. Question where they got their data. Was it a controlled, uniform collection? Question how they came to their conclusion. Was it a repeatable, controlled test with measurables and a controlled population?

Now apply this to everybody using this mantra to talk about COVID-19, masks, school closings, and lockdowns. Apply skepticism. That’s what science would do.

Or you can ignore them because it is most likely that they are using the phrase to demand a pretense of authority for nefarious political purposes.

As Joe Biden says, “Stop it! Stop it!”.

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