

Canadian Expert's Research Finds Lockdown Harms Are 10 Times Greater than Benefits

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***Dr. Ari Joffe** is a specialist in pediatric infectious diseases at the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton and a Clinical Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at University of Alberta. He has written a paper titled [COVID-19: Rethinking the Lockdown Groupthink](#) that finds the harms of lockdowns are 10 times greater than their benefits.*

*The below Q&A is an exchange between Joffe and **Anthony Furey**.*

Anthony Furey: You were a strong proponent of lockdowns initially but have since changed your mind. Why is that?

Dr. Ari Joffe:

Emerging data has shown a staggering amount of so-called 'collateral damage' due to the lockdowns. This can be predicted to adversely affect many millions of people globally with food insecurity [82-132 million more people], severe poverty [70 million more people], maternal and under age-5 mortality from interrupted healthcare [1.7 million more people], infectious diseases deaths from interrupted services [millions of people with Tuberculosis, Malaria, and HIV], school closures for children [affecting children's future earning potential and lifespan], interrupted vaccination campaigns for millions of children, and intimate partner violence for millions of women. In high-income countries adverse effects also occur from delayed and interrupted healthcare, unemployment, loneliness, deteriorating mental health, increased opioid crisis deaths, and more.

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I believe that we need to take an "effortful pause" and reconsider the information available to us. We need to calibrate our response to the true risk, make rational cost-benefit analyses of the trade-offs, and end the lockdown groupthink.

We need to better educate ourselves on the risks and trade-offs involved, and alleviate unreasonable fear with accurate information. We need to focus on cost-benefit analysis -

repeated or prolonged lockdowns cannot be based on COVID-19 numbers alone.

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