

# COVID-19: President Trump Tested Positive - A Reelection Campaign Bonanza?

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*May President Trump and his wife recover fast, fully and for good from their nasty corona disease. After being airlifted four days ago to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and after receiving high-quality professional medical care, both were released tonight. Mr. Trump will be able to conduct business as usual again from the Presidential Mansion, alias White House. Will the couple wear masks when in public?*

When leaving the hospital, Mr. Trump reassured the American public not to be afraid of covid. He said, they have developed wonderful medication that are able to cure covid. Though a promotion for the pharma-industry, the No-Fear-Card is important in countering the scare-mongering media from THE national authority. May it stick, as Fear is Corona's real killer.

The show began in the early morning hours of 2 October, when both, Mr. Trump and his wife, Melania, were tested positive for covid-19, but at least at first, apparently asymptomatic. On 3 October, the NYT times first reports slight symptoms. As they apparently became more severe, the couple was flown to the Walter Reed Medical Center, where, according to hourly reporting by NYT and the main media, officials said he would stay for several days. Then aides said the President was experiencing coughing, congestion and fever, symptoms that worsened throughout the day. – You could hear the crescendo in the sounds of drama.

On 4 October the NYT says that the President's conditions worsened throughout Friday. But Mr. Trump's medical team refused to provide critical details. Suspense! Suspense! – In other reports, several new medications were allegedly "tested" on Mr. Trump. As if the President of the United States was a Guinea Pig for the "covid pandemic".

On 5 October – all over the news: President Trump, as a big surprise in the morning, leaves temporarily the Medical Center, masked, enters an armored black SUV and is driven around, to greet the crowds.



A screenshot from a CBC video

The NYT comments “The president made a surprise outing from his hospital bed in an effort to show his improvement, but the murky and shifting narrative of his illness was rewritten again with grim new details.” The paper continues the dramatic confusion, “Many of the measures cited by his doctors are reserved for patients severely affected by the coronavirus”.

Other reports around the globe criticize Trump of being his usual reckless self, no consideration for whom he might infect. Others are a bit more concerned with the President’s own health, saying he might make his covid-infection worse by not observing full isolation and instead greeting his supporters. After all, he is the President and should be back to work soonest.

Then, the wizards of health come to the fore, speculating Mr. Trump may have been receiving inappropriate medication, or pharma-products that had not fully been tested before – or even worse, medicine that might do harm to elderly patients. And so on. No end. – Sad, but also a tiny little bit hilariously funny. No stone remained unturned on the President’s corona-infection. – All this could be a Great Propaganda reelection stint.

Let’s stop and reflect for a moment. – Isn’t there perhaps also a *cui bono* side to Mr. Trump’s corona infection? For example, a double campaign side – a popularity booster and at the same time a covid fear-and-confidence promoter. After the hellish first debate with Joe Biden, the President needs a popularity lift; and the majority of Americans being sick and tired of mask wearing and social distancing (like the people in the rest of the world) needs to (re)gain trust that masks are the norm. The President wears them.

Also, according to a recent poll, more than half of Americans would not take a vaccination even if they were paid US\$ 100 per jab. The fear level needs to rise. Simultaneously the “case” statistics need to rise, and they need to be reported to the public every hour on the hour. What better tool or argument to change the people’s covid- perception, or covid-adversity, than with a covid-sick President?

It cannot be overlooked that the propaganda machine is in full swing. During his hospitalization, the President appeared briefly on TV, thanks all and everybody who wished him well. Indeed, he is so grateful to the American people, having received good wishes from friends and foes alike, from both sides of the political divide, i.e. across the party lines. Well wishes came from around the world, from adversaries, as well as friends. The country,

if not the world, is uniting behind President Trump. What could be better, less than 30 days before the election?

Earlier in the “pandemic” the President played down the overall covid *masquerade*, realizing that it was ruining the US (and world) economy. Then, higher forces must have told him to change tune. He suddenly propagated a new vaccine being rolled out before the elections.

In fact, on 16 September, the Trump administration released its plans to vaccinate everyone in a short time. *“Three potential vaccines are currently in Stage 3 trials in the United States and could be ready in weeks.”* And President Trump added, *“The military is lined up and ready to distribute this vaccine to the public.”* This means, *“whether you want it or not. Health workers and other vulnerable people – the over 65 – are number one priority.”*

Then come the prophets with speculation and fear-provoking scenarios on cue with such ‘military delivery’ remarks: *“Refusing vaccination may result in hefty penalties, like job refusals, or no access to grocery stores without a vaccine certificate.”* Isn’t this so scary? – They scare you into getting a jab for a non-dangerous virus, at least nothing more serious than a common flu, in Antony Fauci’s own words.

Now, with a sick President – and mounting “case” statistics, isn’t the next step, a tighter fist around people’s liberties, more restrictions, more police crackdowns, more confinements, more reasons for quarantines – and new rules for mask wearing? – All that resulting in more disastrous economic breakdowns, bankruptcies and countless-but-countless unemployment and misery.

The so-called Second Wave is in full preparation and is hitting already much of the (western) world. However, Denmark and New Zealand just reported lifting all covid restrictions immediately, as no covid infections were reported for ten days or more. How is that possible? Have they just cured the covid-statistics fast mutation-virus?

While rules in the US still vary between States, differences are becoming fewer and fewer. Work from home again – meaning, stay away from colleagues and friends. It’s dangerous for your health. Exactly – isolation is damaging your psyche, brings depression, lowers the immune system, and makes you vulnerable for all kinds of diseases, not just covid – and ultimately, loneliness may lead to suicide.

Doesn’t this covid-show look and sound like *déjà-vu*? Remember the UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson? When he “fell ill” to the corona virus on 6 April, Downing Street said that *Boris Johnson had been admitted to St. Thomas Hospital “for more tests”,* ten days after allegedly testing positive for *coronavirus*. He later was admitted to an emergency ward.

Two days later, on 8 April, BBC reported that the PM was being kept in St Thomas’ Hospital in London “for close monitoring”; he was clinically stable. The comparison between Boris Johnson and Donald Trump are stark. In the same breath BBC reported, the *“number of people to die with the virus in UK hospitals has increased by a record 938 in a day.”*

Downing Street said Mr. Johnson was not working but could contact those he needed to. And simultaneously, BBC reports the number of people to die with the virus in UK hospitals has increased by a record 938 in a day”- continuing “the total death toll now stands at 7,097”. The reference to Mr. Johnson’s disease, immediately followed by fear numbers of new cases and new deaths, is just remarkable.

Therefore, in Great Britain at that time, a review of new lockdown rules would go into effect, as the public must “stick with” strict health measures during what was a “critical time”. The fear-card is omni-present, and omni-potent. For sure, new repressive covid-measures were implemented almost immediately. With Boris Johnson covid-sick, they were easier accepted, the authorities predicted.

In the UK the case and death figures rose drastically in the ensuing weeks, making the UK suddenly the most covid-hit country in Europe, surpassing even Spain. All weird. Because by now it's known, “case” and “infection” rates, even death rates, are largely manipulated to play into the fear factor and into justifying more restrictive and civil liberties oppressing measures by the authorities. But nobody questions the authorities. Ever. Not in the UK, not in any of the EU or non-EU countries. What (health) authorities say is sacrosanct – and what WHO says is sacro-sacrosanct. No questions asked.

In the US these official figures are already the highest in the world. But the CDC has started questioning them, suggesting that no more than about 6% of all deaths are real covid-deaths. The primary cause of all the others – by now about 200,000 – are from different diseases, or from covid-co-morbidities.

Is Mr. Trump replaying Mr. Johnson's playbook? Just to give the authorities more covid-power – and at the same time boost his popularity for the reelection campaign? All is possible. The coming weeks will tell. But – it's a good thing, we don't have to worry about Mr. Trump. He is in good hands – the best – he will recover and be ready to stand his ground on 3 November 2020 against Joe Biden.

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