

# Is the Face Mask Epidemic “Bringing on the Dumbing Down of Society?”

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*“The mask is just as detrimental to society as vaccinations,” says Rose Davidson in [a viral video](#). “One is more physical and more immediate in its damage. And then the mask is a more slow, creeping, incremental bringing on of the dumbing down of society and ultimate compliance.”*

I agree with Davidson that the mask dictate appears to be a clever step towards “ultimate compliance;” but is it really “bringing on the dumbing down of society?” Rather I suspect that blind submission to unscientific masking policies is a *product*, rather than a cause, of the dumbing down of society.

John Taylor Gatto was a recipient of the New York State Teacher of the Year Award. In his book, [Dumbing Us Down: The Hidden Curriculum of Compulsory Schooling](#), he apologetically writes:

“Good students wait for a teacher to tell them what to do. This is the most important lesson of them all: we must wait, for other people, better trained than ourselves, to make the meanings of our lives. The expert makes all the important choices; only I, the teacher, can determine what my kids must study, or rather, only the people who pay me can make those decisions, which I then enforce.... Curiosity has no important place in my work, only conformity.”

Bestselling medical writer Dr. Vernon Coleman made a similar argument in a [recent article](#):

“[Mask wearers] have never been properly educated; they are content to believe what they are told or what they read on a lavatory wall... The education process devised by the United Nations over the last few decades has been designed to enforce a belief in collectivism. And that is what has happened.”

I think this is important to keep in mind when dealing with the people who believe mask wearing is saving lives. After all, someone with a stethoscope on the news told them so. Most people (including doctors, I suspect) have never actually *read* a [single study](#) (no less [these seven](#)) on the effectiveness of mask wearing.

Next post, I’ll talk about how we might be able to use this mask farce to bring on the *smartening up* of society.

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