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"You Murderous Hypocrites": Outrage Ensues After the Atlantic Suggests 'Amnesty' for Pandemic Authoritarians

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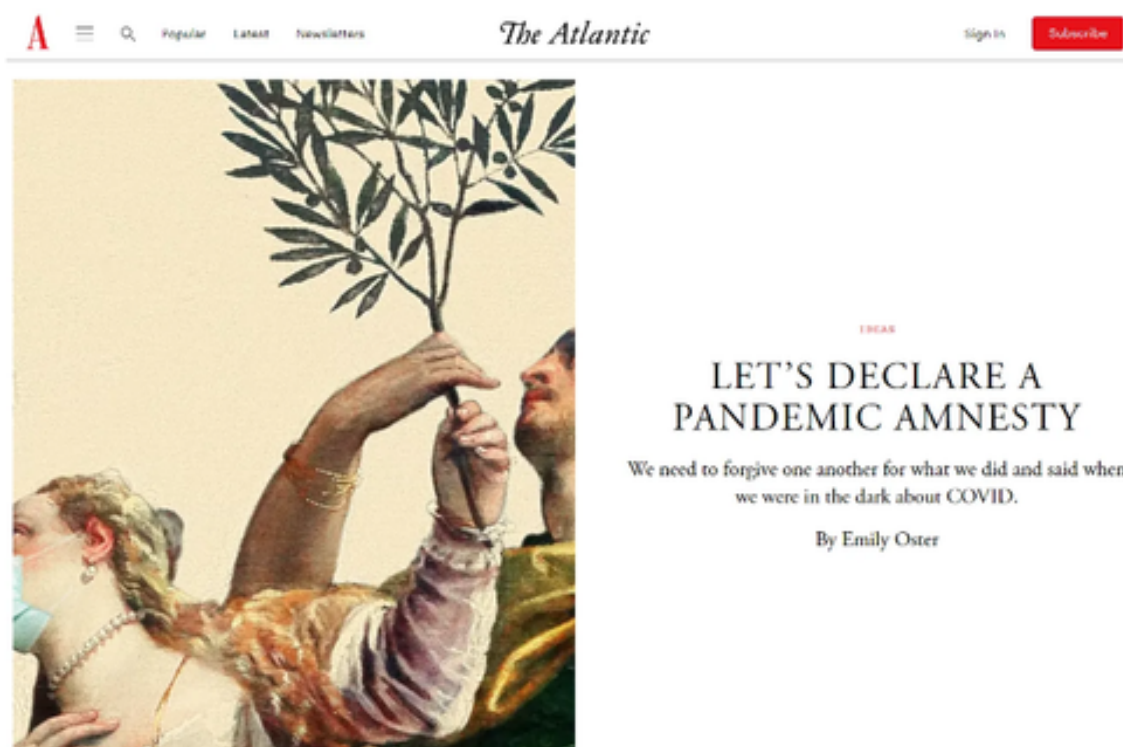Global Research, November 03, 2022

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*The Atlantic has come under fire for suggesting that all the terrible pandemic-era decisions over lockdowns, school closures, masking, and **punishing an entire class of people** who questioned the efficacy and wisdom of taking a rushed, experimental vaccine – for a virus with a 99% survival rate in most, **should all be water under the bridge.***

"**We need to forgive one another for what we did and said when we were in**

the dark about COVID," writes Brown Professor Emily Oster – a [huge lockdown proponent](#), who now pleads from mercy from the once-shunned.

"Let's acknowledge that **we made complicated choices in the face of deep uncertainty**, and then try to work together to build back and move forward," she continues.

Except, they weren't "in the dark" about Covid. There were numerous sources pointing out the actual science that ran contrary to the mandate claims, and they were deliberately silenced by a [vast media campaign](#). Evidence suggests that media platforms [worked in tandem](#) with Big Tech, the CDC and the Biden Administration. **It was not a simple matter of overreaction, there was collusion to remove all counter-information.**

Nice try, Emily.

As the [*Daily Sceptic*](#)'s Michael P. Senger puts it: "**There's a lot wrong here. First, no, you don't get to advocate policies that do extraordinary harm to others, against their wishes, then say, "We didn't know any better at the time!"**Ignorance doesn't work as an excuse when the policies involved abrogating your fellow citizens' rights under an indefinite state of emergency, while [censoring](#) and cancelling those who weren't as ignorant. The inevitable result would be a society in which ignorance and obedience to the opinion of the mob would be the only safe position."

And look at that ratio:

ProfEmilyOster @ @ProfEmilyOster · Oct 31
My latest in @TheAtlantic

theatlantic.com
Let's Declare a Pandemic Amnesty
We need to forgive one another for what we did and said when we were in the dark about COVID.

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In one [epic Twitter thread](#), Claremont Institute Senior Fellow Matthew J. Peterson (@docMJP) excoriates Oster's entire premise;

Hey—sorry you lost your job b/c of the vax that doesn't work and your

grandmother died alone and you couldn't have a funeral and your brother's business was needlessly destroyed and your kids have weird heart problems—**but let's just admit we were all wrong and call a truce, eh?**

It's too bad we shut the entire economy down & took on tyrannical powers that have never been used before in this country—looking back, you should have been able to go to church and use public parks while we let people riot in the streets—but **it was a confusing time for everyone.**

Hey I'm sorry we scared the hell out of you & lied for years & persecuted & censored anyone who disagreed but there was an election going on & we really wanted to beat Donald Trump so it was important to radically politicize the science even if it destroyed your children's lives.

OK, yes we said unvaccinated people should die & not get healthcare while never questioning Big Pharma once but we are compassionate people which is why even though we shut down the entire economy we also bankrupted the nation & caused inflation. You're welcome! Let's be friends.

As *QTR's Fringe Finance* notes, **Oster's plea** for the decency that her ilk failed to offer up to most Americans during the throws of the pandemic **comes at a point where the Covid narrative has been all but lost by the Democrats and the mainstream media**.

There have been several recent large wins for the unvaccinated who had the constitution and backbone to stand up for themselves throughout a year of being constantly berated and ferociously scorned as second class citizens.

A majority of the media and Democrats had demanded that these people be removed from society and generally subject to scorn and ridicule. Now, in a moment that many of us knew would eventually be coming, apologies are being made around the world for how the unvaccinated were treated.

As Fox News wrote last week:

> "The premier of Alberta, Canada, said she is working on a plan to pardon residents who were fined or arrested over breaking coronavirus protocols, **and apologized to unvaccinated Canadians who faced 'discrimination.'**"

In New York, a Supreme Court judge recently reinstated all employees who were fired from their jobs for being unvaccinated:

> The court found Monday that "being vaccinated does not prevent an individual from contracting or transmitting COVID-19." New York City Mayor Eric Adams claimed earlier this year that his administration would not rehire employees who had been fired over their vaccination status.

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The problem was not people's ignorance of the facts**, it was the organized antagonism and censorship against anyone presenting data that was contradictory to the mandate agenda**. This is setting aside proclamations like those from the LA Times, which

argued that mocking the deaths of "anti-vaxxers" might be [necessary and justified](#). After two years of this type of arrogant nonsense it's hard to imagine people will be willing to pretend as if all is well.

The active effort to shut down any opposing data is the root crime, though, and no, it can never be forgotten or forgiven.

People are **livid**...

> They were tossing terminally Ill people off of organ transplant lists and now call for mercy https://t.co/yRBRo5POVW
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> — F. Billy McMorris (@FBillMcMorris) [November 1, 2022](#)

Arizona Gubernatorial candidate Kari Lake (R) wants investigations.

> [.@KariLake](#): "I want to have a commission to investigate Covid and how it was handled in this state. And hand up any civil, or criminal charges that need to be made. Because we're not just got to forget what happened when our lives were turned upside down." [pic.twitter.com/mzsFZn6Nv6](#)
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> — Kari Lake (@KariLake) [October 31, 2022](#)

> This is where I spent the last 7 months with my mother before she died alone on December 3rd, 2020. You murderous hypocrites have nothing but my undying contempt. Rot in Hell. [pic.twitter.com/ZcZ9qoaDwZ](#)
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> — Rollo Tomassi (@RationalMale) [October 31, 2022](#)

> Resharing this. Because "let's forgive", right? Nope.[pic.twitter.com/XVTLErPNd2](#)
>
> — Dr. Sydney Watson (@SydneyLWatson) [October 31, 2022](#)

As *QTR* further notes, many Americans whipped themselves up into such a terrified hypnotic frenzy that they found themselves clinging to big government to impose their will, advocating for the same draconian and fascist-sounding policies they always claim to be fighting against.

For example, Ramussen [reported](#) in January 2022 that Democratic voters supported the following Covid policy ideas (my annotations in **bold,** Rasmussen in normal text):

- **Fines for the unvaccinated:** Fifty-eight percent (58%) of voters would oppose a proposal for federal or state governments to fine Americans who choose not to get a COVID-19 vaccine.
- **House arrest:** Fifty-nine percent (59%) of Democratic voters would favor a government policy requiring that citizens remain confined to their homes at all

times, except for emergencies, if they refuse to get a COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Imprisonment for questioning the vaccine:** Nearly half (48%) of Democratic voters think federal and state governments should be able to fine or imprison individuals who publicly question the efficacy of the existing COVID-19 vaccines on social media, television, radio, or in online or digital publications.
- **Forced quarantine:** Forty-five percent (45%) of Democrats would favor governments requiring citizens to temporarily live in designated facilities or locations if they refuse to get a COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Stripping people of their children:** Twenty-nine percent (29%) of Democratic voters would support temporarily removing parents' custody of their children if parents refuse to take the COVID-19 vaccine. That's much more than twice the level of support in the rest of the electorate – seven percent (7%) of Republicans and 11% of unaffiliated voters – for such a policy.

> Emily Oster: let's just forget this happened. pic.twitter.com/fL8BhvQTVp
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> — John Haar (@john_at_swan) October 31, 2022

Unsurprisingly, American Federation of Teachers chief Randi Weingarten, who 'flunked the pandemic' by pushing for school shutdowns as long as she possibly could before parents revolted, is a big fan of amnesty.

> "I've decided that I should be on the pardon list, if that is still in the works" pic.twitter.com/pNXoHk1d39
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> — Seth Mandel (@SethAMandel) October 31, 2022

One cannot help but notice that the timing of the Atlantic's appeal for passive forgetfulness coincides with the swiftly approaching midterm elections, in which polls suggest a much greater chance of a conservative upset than Democrats previously expected. Though the Atlantic doesn't admit it, there is a growing political backlash to the last two years of meaningless lockdowns and mandates, and Democrats were instrumental in the implementation of both. A large swath of the population sees one party as the cause of much of their covid era strife.

Perhaps the mainstream media is suddenly realizing that they may have to face some payback for their covid zealotry? "**We didn't know! We were just following orders!**" It all sounds rather familiar.

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