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*Compare and contrast the G7 barbecue with how ordinary people are "quarantined".*

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A short video was recently brought to our attention on [twitter](#). It shows a man and woman (off-camera) pulling up to a chainlink fence around a concrete yard and engaging in a brief conversation with a man on the other side.

The man is one of several dozen people walking in slow, counter-clockwise circuits around what appears to be an unused car park. He's polite to the strangers, discussing how tight security is, how many guards there are on each floor, and how often they're allowed outside for this "exercise".

At that point a security guard comes up and tells the man he's not allowed to talk through the fence, and a brief argument ensues. The guard tells the people in the car that they cannot talk to anyone inside the facility without permission from "the office". After moments of insisting the guard desists, likely to report the incident to his supervisor.

The couple in the car and the stranger behind the fence part on friendly terms, with the man remarking that *he paid seventeen-hundred and fifty pounds to stay there*.

Because this isn't a prison or detention facility, it's a "quarantine hotel".

You can watch the video here:

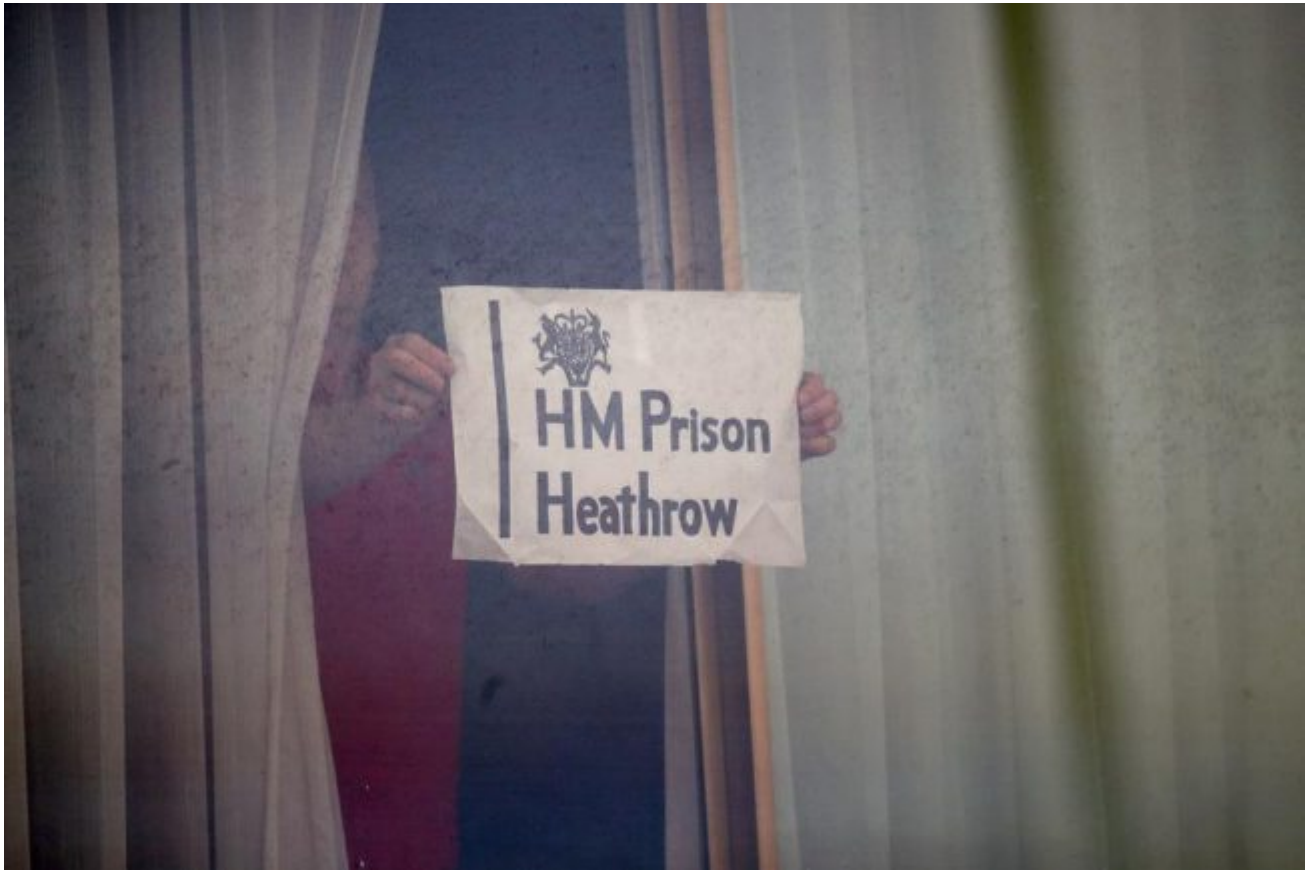
[NOTE: This is a re-upload, with some discussion, from the channel [Hugo Talks Some More](#). The original we have been unable to find, it was likely taken down. (If you're aware of a copy of the original, or who filmed it, do let us know. We'd like to credit the people who did the filming.)]

The quarantine hotels have been in the mainstream media before, with the reporting focusing on them [being expensive](#), having [terrible food](#) and [being dull](#). But this little clip offers something worse than that – a little glimpse of the dehumanising nature of detention. The mission-creep of arbitrary rules, enforced to the letter by people either too ignorant to know better or willingly malign, is an oft-repeated motif in human history. It never bodes well.

It's telling to contrast (as Hugo does at the end of the video) the grey building – with its grey fence and grey yard full of people milling in grey circles – with the recent G7 summit in Cornwall.

Not the official photos of the G7, of course, because those are [all neatly staged and social distanced](#), but the leaked photos of [the G7 barbecue](#).

Quarantine “hotel”:



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Notice the lack of social distancing. Observe the absence of masks (except for the lowly servants, naturally). And, of course, not one of them had to pay to be there at all. In fact, we literally *paid them a salary to do it* – and then paid for the catering, alcohol and accommodation too.

Do these “world leaders” look like people in the middle of a life-threatening pandemic to you? Do they look like people that honestly believe they have a chance of catching a terrible disease?



As one of our editors [wrote last summer](#):

*When the people giving us these orders do not follow them themselves, they are not showing themselves to be “hypocrites”. They are showing themselves to be **liars**. They are admitting **they don’t really believe what they’re saying**.*

Clearly, the rules of the “new normal” only apply to ordinary

people. And that's as sure a sign as any that it's not now – and never was – really about “protecting” anyone. It was always about control.

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