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The fight for America's soul escalates by the day.

Much of the planet appears on the verge of a new set of restrictions and lockdowns. Spain, the U.K., and some American states are already clamping back down, an unwelcome sequel to the blockbuster bomb from last spring.

Like Hollywood, which seems to refuse to learn any lessons about insulting its audience, the medical/political establishment seems hell-bent upon ignoring any lessons learned from the first lockdown- faltering economies, explosive nursing home mortality rates, mass childhood anxiety and depression, increasing deaths of despair. All of it again unaccounted for and unacknowledged by 'experts' and 'officials' planning round two.

Fortunately, Team Science and Team Humanity now have a seat at the table in this debate as it plays out on the global stage. Record protests are now happening regularly in several European countries, with little sign of respite.

While CNN is busy "reporting" to its bleating acolytes that things will never go back to normal and we've all just got to shrug and accept it, the science is far far far from settled. It's clear to nearly everyone that lockdowns caused undue harm. That must be why outlets like CNN have switched to pure pro-new normal psychological operations, reminiscent of Tokyo Rose during World War II.

As the controversial camps spar over science and professional recommendations, ABC News reports that the CDC is slowing its pace for releasing new coronavirus health guidance. The agency hasn't updated its position since September 24th.

Meanwhile, CDC director Robert Redfield and White House coronavirus Task Force member Dr. Scott Atlas keeps appearing in competing public Q&As to transmit the truest, most up-todate science surrounding the coronavirus. For readers keeping score, Dr. Atlas is in the lead.

Perhaps the biggest news in the world was the announcement that President Trump and the First Lady both tested positive for COVID late Thursday. Though the public has been told the President's symptoms are mild (so far), questions remain about the upcoming presidential debates with Joe Biden. The President tested positive, presumably on October 1st. The debate is scheduled for October 15th. His self-imposed White House quarantine will be over on debate day.

'Out of an abundance of caution' the President was taken to Walter Reed Medical Center on Friday night, according to <u>a</u> <u>memo</u> issued to reporters that same day. The President's physician, Navy Cmdr. Dr. Sean Conley wrote:

"Following PCR-confirmation of the President's diagnosis, as a precautionary measure, he received a single 8-gram dose of Regeneron's polyclonal antibody cocktail...In addition to the polyclonal antibodies, the President has been taking zinc, vitamin D, famotidine, melatonin and a daily aspirin."

The President then made a short video appearance from Walter Reed Hospital to update the nation yet showing some signs of illness. On Saturday, Dr. Conley released <u>a memo</u> stating the President had made 'substantial progress' and was 'fever free and off supplemental oxygen.'He also completed his second does of Remdesivir yet Dr. Conley warned the President was 'not out of the woods yet.'

Questions still remain about the President's PCR test. Independent journalist Jon Rappoport<u>asked on Twitter</u> "How many cycles was your PCR test set to?"

Meanwhile, a <u>Summit News article</u> published Friday titled, 'Could Trump's Coronavirus Test Be a False Positive?' points out that even the New York Times has cast widespread doubt on the testing accuracy.

"In three sets of testing data that include cycle thresholds, compiled by officials in Massachusetts, New York and Nevada, up to 90 percent of people testing positive carried barely any virus," the NYT reported.

Widespread testing has led to impacts at the population level, driving everything from reopenings to lockdowns depending on how state and local governments interpret the results, it's the vaccine that everyone is watching.

WIth the world's eyes on the coronavirus vaccine development, more people have come forward, admitting adverse reactions in the experimental COVID vaccine group.

AstraZeneca's vaccine has been the focus since neurological issues were flagged in its September Phase 3 trials. European regulators are set to announce a review of AstraZeneca's vaccine as soon as this week, according to <u>Bloomberg</u>. The U.S. trials, however, are still on hold as the FDA has announced a broadened investigation into the suspected adverse reaction of a participant in AstraZeneca's vaccine trial.

It is now widely reported that Moderna and Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine trial participants are experiencing high fever, body aches, headaches and exhaustion, among other symptoms, after receiving the shots. In interviews, five participants – three in Moderna's study and two in Pfizer's late-stage trials – said they experienced discomfort.

Closely mirroring the coordinated American vaccine push during the measles panic of 2019, medical journals are now prepositioning talking points and strategies to mandate the still-experimental and questionable COVID vaccine. One coronavirus vaccine trial participant, testing <u>Pfizer's</u> candidate, woke up with chills, shaking so hard he cracked a tooth after taking the second dose, reports CNBC.

An unwelcome development for many this past week has been the discredited New England Medical Journal (NEJM) beginning to bang the drum of mandatory COVID vaccination.

The NEJM makes the case that the mandate may only need to cover the "elderly, health professionals working in high-risk situations or working with high-risk patients (e.g., nursing home residents and patients with severe respiratory symptoms), and persons with certain underlying medical conditions may be high-priority groups."

Yet the slippery slope of vaccine mandates already has a distasteful history in the U.S. with 2019's measles outbreak. During that time, health officials' used the increased measles cases as a trojan horse to mandate the MMR in some states. However, that operation quickly gave way to bills removing religious exemptions, parental consent and attempts to eliminate a host of other barriers to full vaccine schedules.

Draconian developments on the medical freedom front are quickly threatening to change the shape of the USA. If they take a turn for the worse (the President's health diminishes, vaccine mandates are pushed and implemented, a second lockdown), each has the ability to plunge this nation into a chaotic spiral that may result in unknown upheaval.

Like rapt moviegoers, the world is on the edge of its seat as we enter October. Expect surprises. Hopefully, a few good ones.