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A brother once said “common sense isn’t”, but later failed to use common sense in being a toady for a vicious witch who sacrificed her own son’s education financing to get at people who had called her out for obsessive compulsive nasty behaviour.

ANALYSIS & ‘MODELLING’

Common sense for someone who wants to be a ‘scientist’ would ensure enough accurate data is available before trying to analyze – I suggest there never will be enough for your attempts, because not everyone will ever be tested for antibodies. (And you can’t ethically ‘control for’ all significant variables, I doubt even the unethical Communist Chinese regime can achieve that scientific control.)

Common sense would ensure the key mechanisms in formulas for ‘modelling’ are known. How can you imagine all of them – did you expect utter incompetence in care residences? Did you consider care aides working in more than one care residence when peak demand times of day are the same in all? Have you estimated the vulnerable people not in residences? Have you ‘ground truthed’ your modelling? (Reality prevails not theory.) I say you can’t, as you do not have enough data and may not be able to forecast all variables. <https://community.oilprice.com/topic/14737-coronavirus-hype-biggest-political-hoax-in-history/> “I’ve never seen a model of the diseases I’ve dealt with where the worst-case actually came out,” [said](#) Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases “They always overshoot.” The B.C. government’s exaggeration is costing lives.

Common sense would look into the points made by experienced data modellers, statisticians, and medical researchers, such as Douglas Altman who cautioned strongly for quality in medical research and people I’ve pointed you to earlier. I see ‘modelling’ as a fool’s game of academics, it may be useful to help understand a problem but not for prediction.

Common sense would check how representative data for a specific analysis is, not accepting ‘research’ that only considered one individual the researchers did not actually talk to (they’d have learned that she actually had symptoms suggesting infection with COVID-19 or INFLUENZA – they just assumed she was infected again). The supposed ‘scientists’ and publishers are now weaseling on that fiasco. Similarly claims about certain treatments and medicines to avoid have flipped – your colleagues act prematurely, media sensationalizes, politicians pander. (CBS News, of ‘blogger in pyjamas’ infamy – arrogant ‘argument from authority’ instead of researching for facts and applying logic, has not learned – recently faked video of testing for COVID-19. Some people never learn.)

LISTEN TO OTHERS

Common sense would ensure looking into divergent recommendations, noting that some experienced epidemiologists advise against ‘lockdowns’ as counter-productive for health. (They advise shielding the most vulnerable but otherwise getting on with life which is never free of risk. I

read that you wrote a research paper several years ago that showed lockdowns were not effective.) Are you just stretching out the agony?

LOOK AT ALL CONSEQUENCES OF ACTIONS

Common sense would look at all consequences of actions, not just those supporting a particular campaign.

People are dying while waiting for supposedly 'elective' surgery, dying for fear of visiting ER, 'deaths of despair' are higher now, etc. People are overworked thus more susceptible to disease.

Poverty will increase in the COVID Depression. Massive government spending will mortgage our children's future, manipulation of money supply may well harm people on fixed retirement income as it did circa the 1970s, by causing high inflation of currency.

Poor people have lost a source of economical clothing – thrift stores (which have lost profit they use to help people, the modest WINS chain makes \$1 million a year), as well as the classic Army and Navy stores in Vancouver BC which Jacqui Cohen is giving up on. Your words on page 14 The Province of May 10, 2020 do not reflect full appreciation of that.

And a great many people have lost some of their one scarce resource – time alive, now waiting in line or having to shop around more (do you like 'bread lines'?). Yes it cuts both ways but you should be looking at all factors. You should put boots on and get out among real people.

With what feeds you at risk: freedom. <http://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/civil-liberties-need-to-be-monitored-amidst-pandemic-experts-say/ar-BB12qDC3?li=AAggXBV&ocid=LENOVODHP17>.

Your parents may remember Pierre Trudeau lying to justify invoking the War Measures Act despite experienced members of the Cabinet recommending not to. Politicians take the lazy way out of obsessive measures and deviousness instead of thinking things through.

CARE & RISK & PREVENTION BY COMMUNICATION

Common sense would be not polluting your lungs with tobacco smoke or the typical 'vaping' stuff. (How far should 'society' go to help such people? One homeless binner on the West Shore burns up half a month rent in chain smoking, he won't listen. He may die from INFLUENZA or COVID-19 or the next strong virus that spreads – his choice (he already has what sounds like a smoker's cough). He keeps himself up well for being homeless and spends afternoons in libraries after mornings earning money by collecting refundables – except now the refund depot on the West Shore is closed, but is addicted to nicotine.)

With the BC government continuing to peddle booze so people can ruin their health at home by bad nutrition and falls.

Common sense would realize that exercise is good, but fear-mongering by politicians, whose nature is to jump in front of an apparent trend and pretend they are leading, has dissuaded many people from it. (You had to remind people of the obvious – note that political blathering and fear-mongering, and your taking up bandwidth with statistics, works against people grasping essentials of actual actions they should or shouldn't take.)

Common sense would try to ensure people understand factors of risk and transmission. That takes clear communication of basics. Then subtleties like diabetes (not as clear as people might think) and causes of coughing (a credible doctor advises that some medicine to reduce blood pressure can

cause coughing, but I don't know if it is dry or wet – perhaps depends on presence of phlegm which may be more common now because of tree pollens). Allergies are a question, I suggest only of concern if affecting breathing passages (reactions depend on the allergen and the individual body), but obviously asthma is high risk. (People prone to allergies and asthma have precautions they know how to take.)

COMPETENCE OF GOVERNMENT HEALTH OPERATIONS

Common sense would ensure lists of symptoms are accurate – Island Health's aren't, BC CDC's aren't. Who is supervising them? (Do PR people ever check with medical people before publishing? Not in B.C., B.C. Hydro fed anti-smart meter activism and Jordan River Diversion Dam concerns by failing to.)

Would common sense be to fire the CEO and 'medical officers' of Fraser Health who refuse to follow your order to stop care aides from working in more than one facility. And of Island Health who blocked use of homemade masks for medical people in lower risk activities (how can it be that no mask is better than something – have you asked Island Health that?).

Who do you hold responsible for failing to prepare for predicted pandemics, after several in the past few decades (such as SARS and the swine flu)? PPE was not stocked, for example.

Common sense would look at a person's past behaviour before supporting them – Pandering Hypocritical Leninist John Horgan FAILs that criteria. (Recall he deliberately props up fraudulent taxi cartel which lies that it is 'safe', and he channeled killer Lenin to rebuff concerned property owners on Highway 14. Now he's quoted as saying he exaggerates from what you say, in order to maintain fear of SARS-cov2.) With failed modeller Andrew Weaver and syncopant Andrew Wilkinson behaving like talking heads filling bandwidth.

Could be worse in this context perhaps, Doug 'The Mouth' Ford ranted that he had to protect children, never mind that COVID-19 does not strongly affect young children, unlike INFLUENZA. (It's people of vulnerable health conditions who should be protected, children could infect grandparents or in some cases parents – one has isolated himself from his wife and children as they are vulnerable because of health conditions, while he continues working.)

With drama teacher Trudeau Jr. trying to appeal to both sides, he's shallow and untrustworthy (ask Jody).

Meanwhile, a poll shows a majority or greater support lifting restrictions (The Province newspaper of May 10, 2020).

REFERENCES

In the past I've given you some Internet links to articles by experienced epidemiologists, I can provide more as well as many on 'economic' effects (economics being life).

And
<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10219885581521944&set=gm.2710187559212963&type=3&theater>. 😊

PS: 'The whole aim of practical politics,' wrote H.L. Mencken, 'is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary'.

PPS: With control freaks everywhere: <http://www.keithsketchley.com/control.htm>, and ignorant constipated bureaucrats: <http://www.keithsketchley.com/inhumres.htm>. And people who don't listen – Glen Clark set BC Ferries back a decade by not listening to advice against use of fast ferries near shores. Are you listening?

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need protection against coercion by those who err.***
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