

Lockdowns Harms Impossible to Cover Up

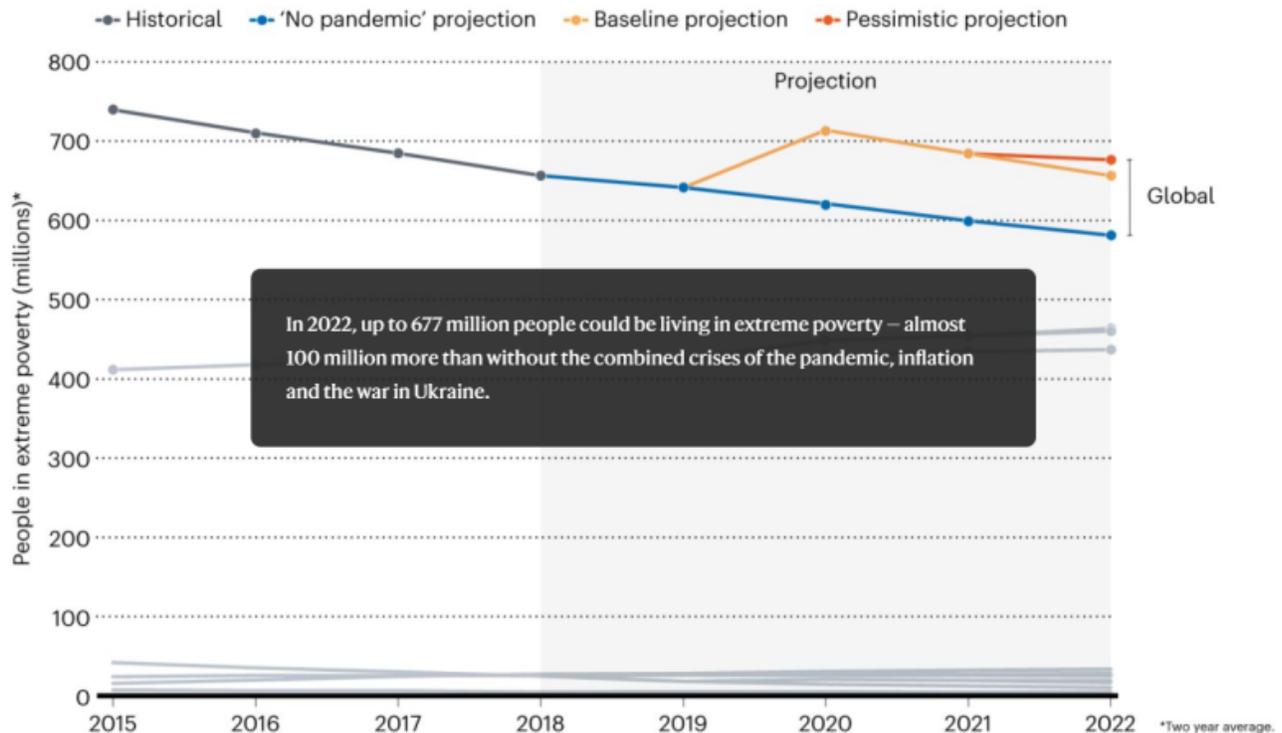
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According to a recent study by the World Bank, [published in the journal Nature](#), lockdowns and the response to Covid-19 have pushed an additional 75 million people into extreme poverty, living on less than US \$1.90 a day.



In the typical Walter Duranty style that's become a kind of twisted journalistic norm since March 2020, the World Bank and Nature of course blame this on “the pandemic” rather than lockdowns. I remain baffled as to how seemingly well-meaning people are able to sleep at night repeating such nonsense—are they somehow blind to the role of their own sycophancy in perpetuating these policies?

Nonetheless, there are signs that the political mainstream is starting to realize lockdowns were a disaster. Today, the Wall Street Journal published an excellent piece titled The Revenge of the Locked-Down Voters, noting the growing political backlash against lockdown politicians from voters at the lower end of the income scale.

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The political backlash is coming from below. The long suppression of national economies has primarily hurt individuals at the lower end of the income scale, and where countries hold real elections, incumbents are getting axed.

In the U.S., the revenge of the locked-down voters is likely to return conservatives to power this year and in 2024. Republicans should run on just five words: We will do the opposite.

This comes shortly after the New York Times quietly acknowledged a study showing that Covid lockdowns and mandates led to over 170,000 excess deaths among young Americans.

OPINION | Lockdowns Protected Older People. But at What Cost to the Health of Young Adults?

Covid-19 has killed mostly old people. But since the pandemic began, the rate of death from all causes for younger adults has risen by a bigger percentage than has the rate of death from all causes for old people.

Likewise, today the Daily Telegraph, the UK's centre-right newspaper of record, published an excellent piece titled Basket-case Britain is the definitive proof lockdown was an epic mistake.



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Basket-case Britain is the definitive proof lockdown was an epic mistake

The strikes, inflation, decay and incompetence: all are direct costs of the decision to shut down society

And, as in America, this comes shortly after the London Times, the UK's centre-left newspaper of record, published a cautiously-introspective piece on its support for lockdowns.

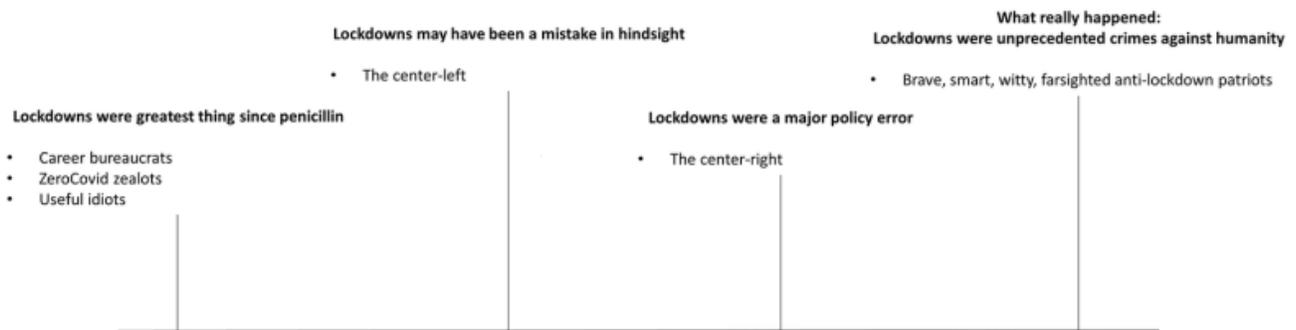


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I totally backed the lockdown (and quite enjoyed it). But was I just a mug?

These are promising indications that the political mainstream, especially on the right, is coming around to the fact that lockdowns were a policy catastrophe more quickly than some might have worried.

Map of Opinion on Lockdowns – June 2022



Still, there's much more to be done. Currently, the mainstream left and right are starting to realize lockdowns were a big mistake, while many career bureaucrats are still stuck pretending lockdowns were the greatest medical breakthrough since penicillin. There really needs to be a bipartisan consensus that lockdowns were an unprecedented policy catastrophe before we can start to see justice and have undue foreign and financial influence taken seriously.

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