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Esther Hopkins
@ELHopkins

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History is repeating itself. In 1918 with the outbreak of the Spanish Flu wartime press censorship helped the spread of the flu. The Spanish Flu has been described as being one of the 'greatest holocausts in medical history'. Newspapers and politicians at the time claimed that...

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Esther Hopkins @ELHopkins · Nov 16

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Replies to @ELHopkins

"so mild as to show that the original virus is becoming attenuated by frequent transmission." During the second wave of the flu, many British politicians and newspapers again suppressed information on its serious risk.



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Esther Hopkins @ELHopkins · Nov 16

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With the outbreak of #COVID19 our government decided to inform the Public that it was a 'mild virus'. We were told that only the 'vulnerable and elderly' were at risk. Yet here we are with high levels of weekly deaths and millions with long covid. History is repeating itself.



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koidukas @KOidukas · 16h

Replying to @ELHopkins and @CleanAirClassrm

The politicians looked up what was done in 1918 and thought - it worked then, it will work this time. They even said - it's only a flu.

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Esther Hopkins @ELHopkins · 16h

Replying to @KOidukas and @CleanAirClassrm

Yes they did and are still making out catching covid is just mild and aren't mentioning long term health risks.

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Mitch Kruse @MROrionTeam1 · 8h

Replying to @ELHopkins

My 11 year old daughter and I watched a documentary on the 1918 flu. She has watched me suffer from long Covid since July 2020. She was completely outraged that it happened again.

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Esther Hopkins @ELHopkins · 8h

Replying to @MROrionTeam1

So sorry that you have long covid. I hope you feel better soon! It is unbelievable that we are going through this all again.

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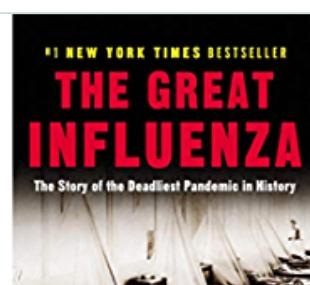
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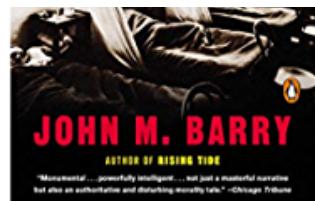


Jessie Jacobson @jessiejacobson · 7h

Replying to @ELHopkins

Reading this book about it was an eye-opening, and, sadly familiar experience. All this has happened before...





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The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History

The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History

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**Esther Hopkins** @ELHopkins · 7h

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Replying to @jessiejacobsong

Thank you!

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**Freeda Riviera** 🚢 @mosaicthinking · 3h

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Replying to @ELHopkins

One of my long deceased great uncles was a merchant mariner. He was on a ship when his wife back home got flu. He never saw her again.

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**Esther Hopkins** @ELHopkins · 2h

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Replying to @mosaicthinking



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**A U S** @Inpcriminals · 2h

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Replying to @ELHopkins

Yep.

In 1918, Philadelphia prematurely ended its quarantine from the Spanish Flu to throw a parade in order to boost morale for the war effort. Some 200,000 people lined the streets on that late-September day. Within 72 hours,

every bed in Philadelphia's 31 hospitals was filled and the city ended up with 4,500 people dying from the flu or its complications within a matter of days. What is that proverb? "Those who cannot learn from the past are condemned to repeat it..."



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Esther Hopkins @ELHopkins · 2h

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Replies to @Inpcriminals

Terrible, what a great photo!

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Mindy @DrSPORTY76 · 15h

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Replies to @ELHopkins

History certainly is repeating itself. One of the reasons why I decided from the outset to have some scepticism in govt advice.

Also interesting to read about schools in 1918. Parents were said to have 'fluphobia' if they kept kids home, as if it wasn't rational to avoid it 😬.

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Mindy @DrSPORTY76 · 15h

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Replies to @DrSPORTY76 and @ELHopkins

Here's the link - posted it before but perhaps it'll be of interest to someone:





cnn.com

Here's what happened when students went to school during the 1918 ...
This isn't the first time leaders have struggled with deciding whether to keep schools open in a pandemic.

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Sassy Speaks 🇨🇦 🐕 @speaks_sassy · 10h

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Replying to @ELHopkins

People think there's a dark nefarious reason for suppressing information when it's really very simple: \$\$\$

People no longer want to read about Covid so it's no covered in media.
Politicians don't want people to alter their behaviour because they need the economy to keep going.

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Cory Lahey @TheCoryLahey · 9h

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Replying to @speaks_sassy and @ELHopkins

People no longer want to read about COVID because corporations did a full court press to tell people to stop caring about COVID.

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Joyous1 @JMcanerin · 9h

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Replying to @ELHopkins

I hated social studies. I hated it worse when people said "so we don't

repeat the mistakes. Even in gr 10 I could understand that the adults couldn't understand history enough to not repeat the bad things because they learned how to excuse/exempt why they did and do what they do.

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Greyt Gal @GalGreyt · 7h

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Replying to @JMcanerin and @ELHopkins

Yeah, it's not understanding *history* that's key. It's understanding human behavior—and that will never change.



Greyt Gal @GalGreyt · Nov 2, 2020

Replying to @JYSexton

I have come to the conclusion that we learn *about* history but never *from* it.

Yes, we gain knowledge & perhaps some insight. But, ultimately, human behavior remains *exactly* the same.

I never would've said that had I not witnessed these last four years unfold as they did.

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CarolRarol @CarolRarol · 9h

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Replying to @ELHopkins

They certainly don't want to talk about this...



medicine.wustl.edu

Repeat COVID-19 infections increase risk of organ failure, death | Was...

Researchers recommend masks, vaccines, vigilance to prevent reinfection

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Leonie Hill @LHillWalking · 6h

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Replying to @CarolRarol @codetholdory and @ELHopkins

This was so avoidable if only mitigations had been continued and brought in earlier

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Mad as hell in Calgary @lyn_murray · 3h

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Replying to @ELHopkins

And yet many people went to work, developed a fever mid-morning and were dead later the same day.

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Esther Hopkins @ELHopkins · 2h

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Replying to @lyn_murray



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Colette O'Neill ❤️ @ColetteOneill63 · 1h

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Replying to @ELHopkins

My Great Aunt died of Spanish Flu aged 17. Her name was Catherine O'Reilly.

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Esther Hopkins @ELHopkins · 1h

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Replying to @ColetteOneill63

Sorry to hear that, she was so young.

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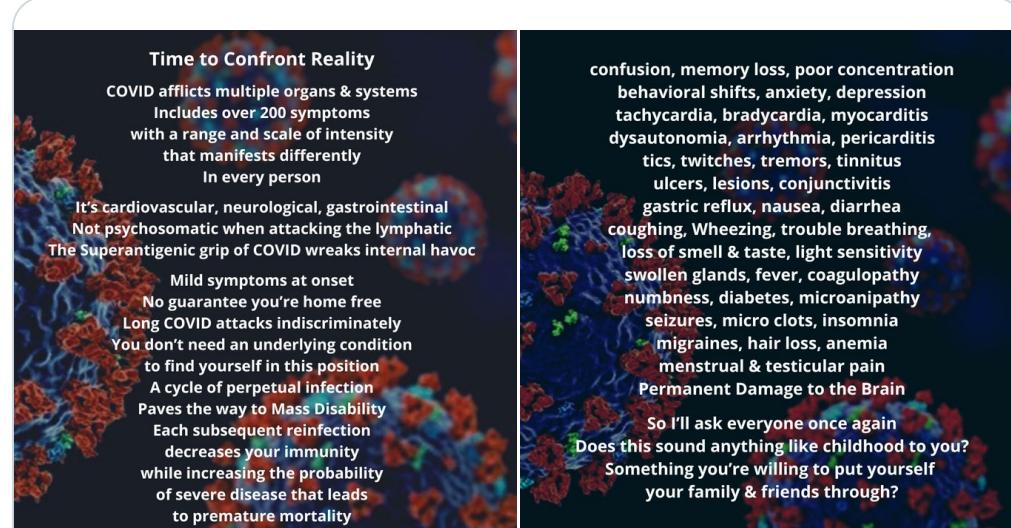


Eastwood101 @MarieTattersall · 7h

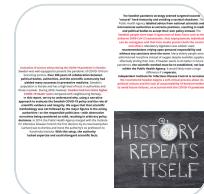
Replying to @ELHopkins and @kim_crawley

The consequences are Higher this time around
COVID has the capacity to change Everything
Our health & wealth are tied to together
We're playing Long Haul Roulette
with our lives & collective future
Who is protecting 2 million children?

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Eastwood101 @MarieTattersall · May 20



Replying to @Dannyboyish and @realsassysally

Well, if history has taught us anything, political and corporate interests tend to merge, no trickle down effect. We have only to glance back towards 1918, or see how Sweden has failed to know, public health is a sloppy 2nd at best...

twitter.com/MarieTattersal...

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Sueec 😢😢😢 @sue_ecampbell · 6h

Replying to @MarieTattersall @ELHopkins and @kim_crawley

Depressingly true

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pam defranc @padef · 7h

Replying to @ELHopkins

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Reading The Great Influenza, and exactly this!



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**Sphagnum Moss** @moss_sphagnum · 6h

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Replies to @ELHopkins

Yes history repeated itself, yet...there are [#SpanishFlu](#) design solutions from the 1920s that inspire today because they still work [#covid19](#) [#RSV](#) [#flu](#) [#ventilation](#)

**Sphagnum Moss** @moss_sphagnum · Jun 16

I had a chance to go to this @VSOOrchestra Orpheum Theatre built after the Spanish Flu to be *pandemic proof* and WOW. This ventilating system is FULLY OPERATIONAL. Huge crowd 1/n [twitter.com/moss_sphagnum/...](https://twitter.com/moss_sphagnum/)

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**The Earlham Review** @EarlhamThe · 5h

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As I understand it, we call the Spanish Flu as such because the Spanish press were, unlike in other countries, free to report on the outbreak, leading people to associate the flu with Spain.



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**Sara Gedda** @SaraGedda2 · 1h

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Replies to @EarlhamThe and @ELHopkins
Rebecca solders from America had been on the ships and brought it to Spain during WW1. Ironically it started in the USA.



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**moneek** @monicalamb · 5h

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Replying to @ELHopkins

#CovidIsNotOver



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**Martha Lucia Garcia** @MLGG2 · 5h

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Replying to @ELHopkins and @victimadvoc8

If someone had told me in 2019 that a pandemic was going to be managed by politicians/bureaucrats without medical or epidemiological training, I'd have said: "follow the money!" @BBCWorld @CNN @canadanurses @OntarioHealthC @OnCall4ON @PublicHealthON @COVIDSciOntario @NightShiftMD



**Kathleen Yatsko** @KCYatsko · 54m

Replying to @MLGG2 @ELHopkins and 9 others



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**Marian Gladstone** @GladstoneMarian · 4h

Replying to @ELHopkins

Flu 1918. Estimates of death range between 17-50 million, possibly 100 million. Approximately one third of world population infected. As with #Covid contact between people major cause of infection.

#MaskUP always.

#Covid NOT over. #Covid airborne.

#GeneralElectionNow



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**arcnus** @arcnus · 4h

Replying to @ELHopkins and @potcalling

It's all about \$\$ for the Haves. The Have Nots are always expendable whether it's by illness or bullets/war. That's the pattern for all time. It never changes. The Have Nots keep mindlessly following the playbook of the Haves instead of resisting bc they dream to be a Have



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**Miyanaire** @miyanaire_ · 3h

Replying to @ELHopkins

I'll just stay inside I guess



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**Lee Altenberg, Ph.D.** @AltenbergLee · 3h

Replying to @ELHopkins

Clearly "wartime press censorship" is not the source of pandemic disinformation now. So what would we call it?



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C. Sheppard @CSheppard6 · 2h

Replying to @AltenbergLee and @ELHopkins
Conservatives ideology?



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janet @banter44 · 2h

Replying to @ELHopkins
Yes this has been obvious from the beginning with all the same fights - mask haters, virus deniers, etc. same exact thing.



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Greg @gregor_latimer · 2h

Replying to @ELHopkins
See also



Debra Caplan @debra_caplan · May 17

Early on in the Covid pandemic, there were lots of articles about how the 1918 flu disappeared from our collective memory and the historical record. Alfred Crosby famously called it "America's Forgotten Pandemic" in his 1989 book.

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ccchicky @ccchicky · 1h

Replying to @ELHopkins
@weabooding



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Bea Wooding @weabooding@mastodon.nz @weabooding · 1h

Replying to @ccchicky and @ELHopkins

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Jax ⚡ Philosopher Queen @Diamond_Jax · 36m

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Replying to @ELHopkins and @DoctorCiocio

There were also conspiracy theories that the Germans were behind the spread in America. Nothing here ever changes except which group we hate and scapegoat.



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wabbit011235813 @wabbit011235813 · 1h

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Replying to @micah_arsham @ELHopkins and @MelpomeneMel

It's also messed up that so many people who clearly understand the danger have given over to "normal". I didn't see despair giving over to denial.



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Erin Conroy @chargrille@progressives.social @chargrille · 2h

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Replying to @ELHopkins

It's definitely repeating itself. Eugenicism was very popular among the ruling class in the early 20th century as well as, apparently, in the 21st century.



Erin Conroy @chargrille@progressives.social @chargrille · 2h

Replying to @rdone and @mjnblack

Definitely puts an even more sinister spin on why Musk went around telling the masses that COVID wouldn't affect their children's health.

Eugenacists like it when the "lower orders" kids die, or are made too weak to compete with their own spawn.



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Ray Beyond Hurt @RayBeyondHurt1 · 17h

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Replies to @ELHopkins

The US was at fault for this pandemic to

**Numuves** @numuves · 2h

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Replies to @ELHopkins

It's not even a "spanish" flu so it's a bit weird that you would perpetuate that disinformation

**Jelly, Archie, Ralphie, Fido, old guy and weeds** @OldDogHotel · 2h

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Replies to @ELHopkins

That's really too bad, 'cause our pres at the time may have been infected traveling to the Treaty of Versailles. The results of that conference aided the growth of the NAZIs a few years later.



qz.com

Was the rise of Nazism a side effect of the 1918 flu pandemic?

Woodrow Wilson was sick during the Paris talks which resulted in harsh punishment on Germany



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