

Red Covid - PTSD: President Trump Spread Disease

In 2021, Republican leadership were first in line to get vaccinated, but their followers disproportionately died due to disinformation.

“If you are vaccinated, fully vaccinated, the chance of you getting seriously ill or dying from COVID is effectively zero. If you look at the people that are being admitted to hospitals, over 95 percent of them are either not fully vaccinated or not vaccinated at all. And so these vaccines are saving lives. They are reducing mortality.”

— Gov. **Ron DeSantis**, July 2021

Lindsey Graham, a Republican senator from South Carolina—who had received two doses of vaccine—suffered a short-lived COVID infection with mild sinusitis.

“I am very glad I was vaccinated,” he said, “because without vaccination I am certain I would not feel as well as I do now. My symptoms would be far worse.”

— Dr. Paul Offit, Labels Matter: Breakthrough Infections, January 2, 2024

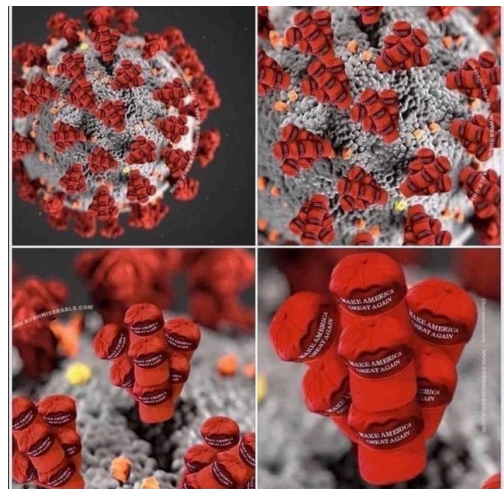
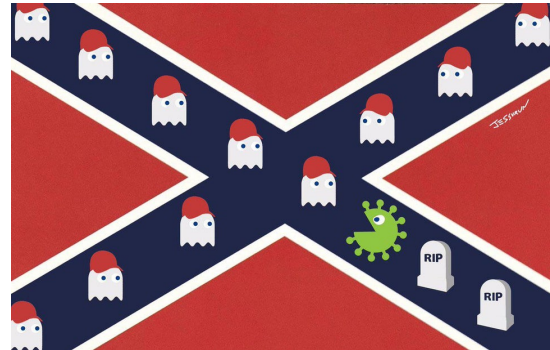
“As to freedom, it is cherished, it is hard to come by, it is hard to hang on to. But freedom without responsibility is chaos, so to those who push the idea that freedom would allow an individual to do anything, anywhere, at any time, I reject. Your freedom ends where my ability to raise my family safely begins. So I would urge every American to vaccinate their children and I would reject any effort to stop vaccinations until someone can show me a scientific reason to do so.”

— Senator **Lindsey Graham**

“the vaccine works but some people aren’t taking it. The ones that get very sick and go to the hospital are the ones that don’t take the vaccine. But, it’s still their choice. And if you take the vaccine you’re protected. Look, the results of the vaccine are very good. And, if you do get it, it’s a very minor form. People aren’t dying if they take their vaccine.”

— **Donald Trump**, December 22, 2021

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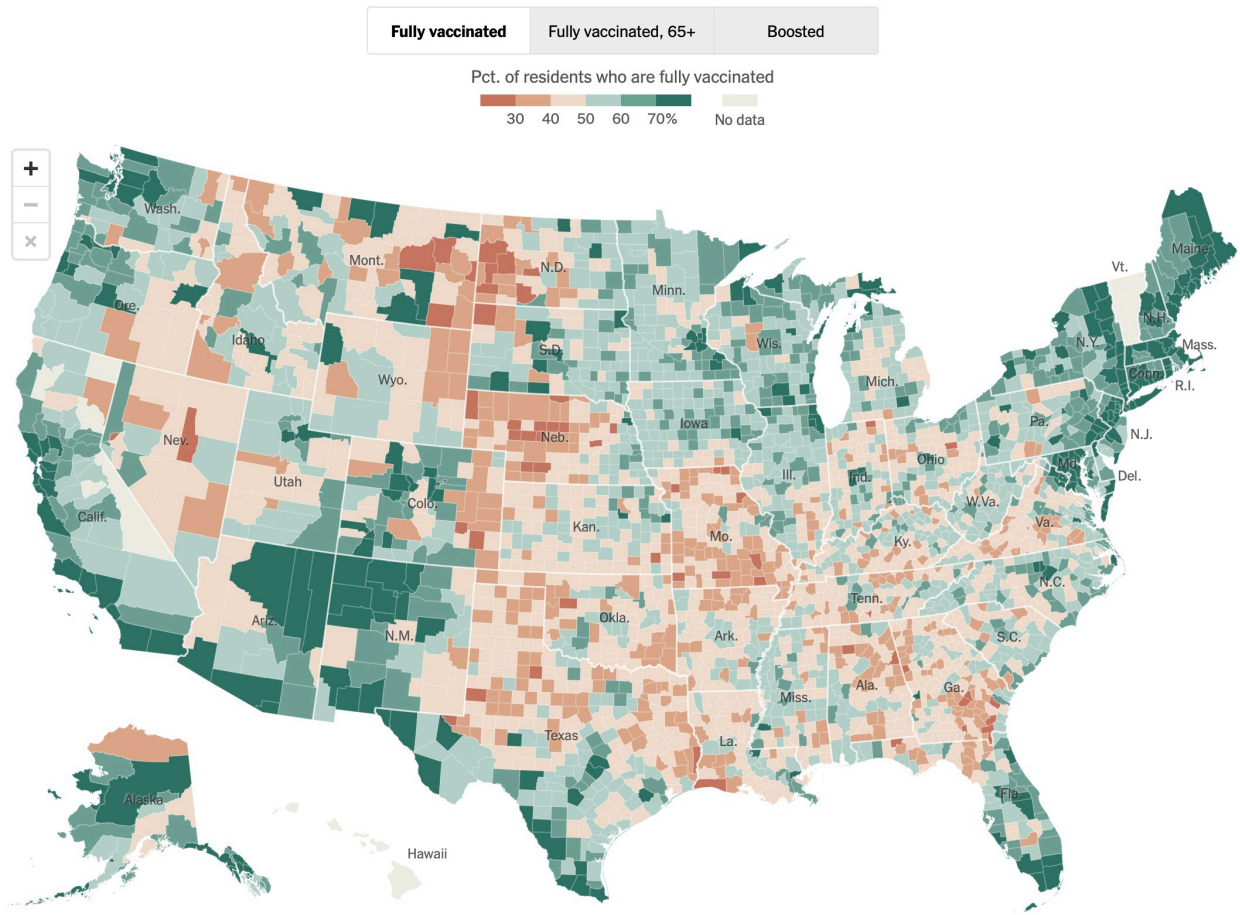


Neil deGrasse Tyson
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Vaccine hesitancy, which was much higher among Republican voters than Democrats during COVID, led to disproportionate deaths among conservatives, and may have cost them the mid-term elections in close races.

“The demagogue is one who preaches doctrines he knows to be untrue to men he knows to be idiots.”
— H. L. Mencken

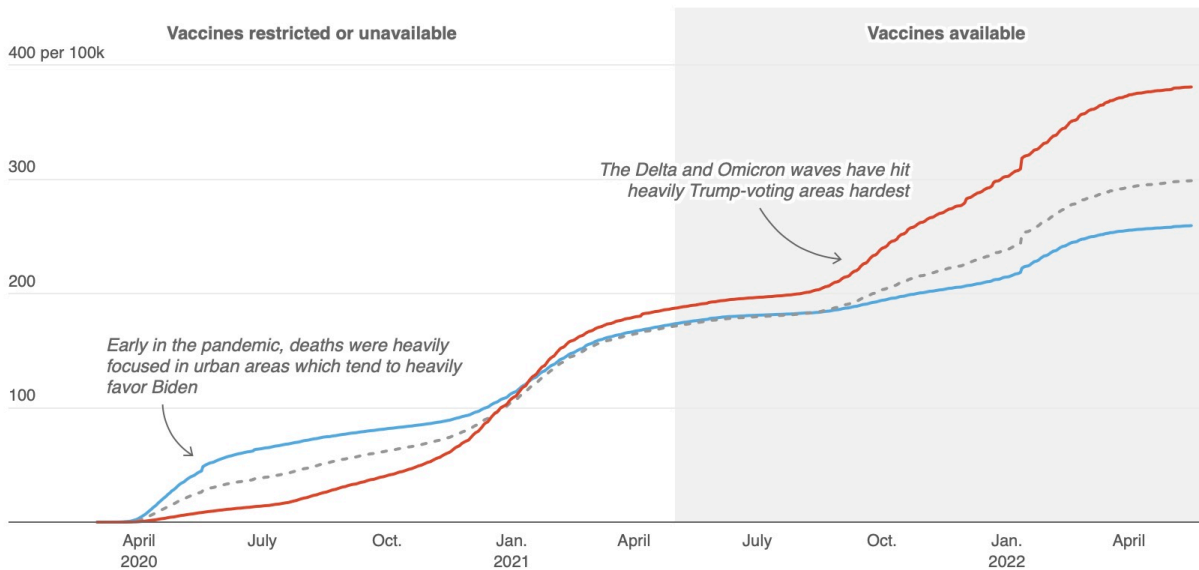
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Death rates from COVID-19 in Trump-voting counties remain far above heavily Biden counties since the beginning of 2021.

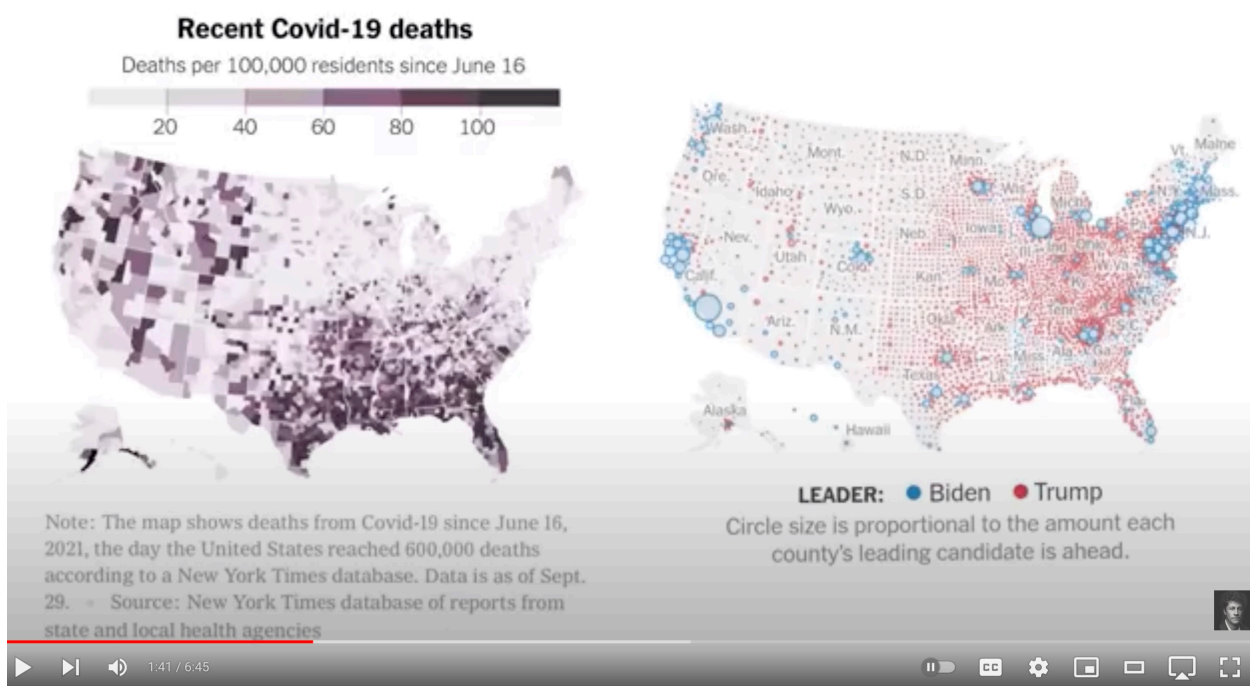
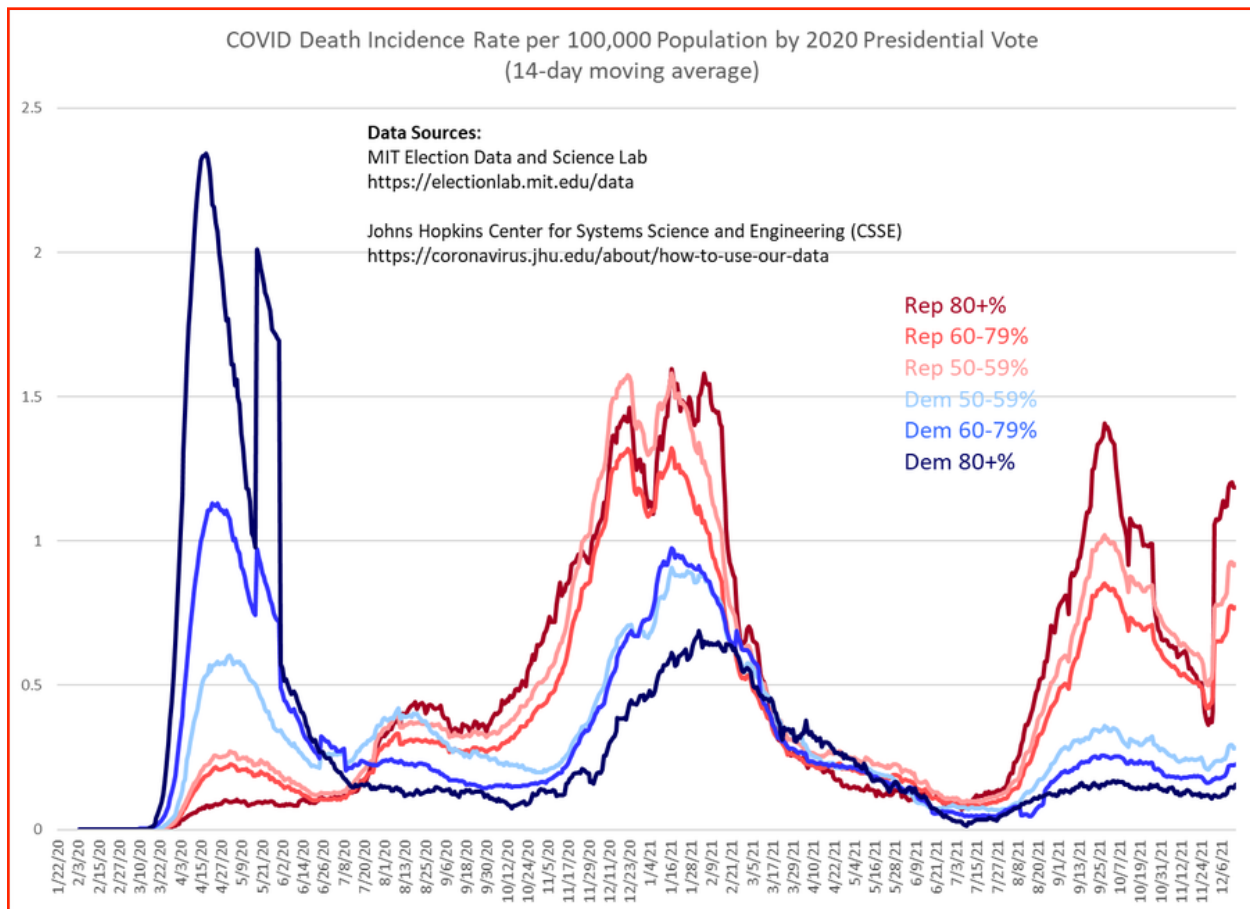
— Average of heavily Biden counties — Average of heavily Trump counties - - Overall average



Notes

Death rates are cumulative COVID-related deaths since January 2020. Averages are weighted by county population. The overall average represents the average of the 3,014 counties included in the analysis. "Heavily Trump" indicates a county that voted for Trump at 60% or more. "Heavily Biden" indicates a county that voted for Trump at 40% or less. Data is as of May 18, 2022.

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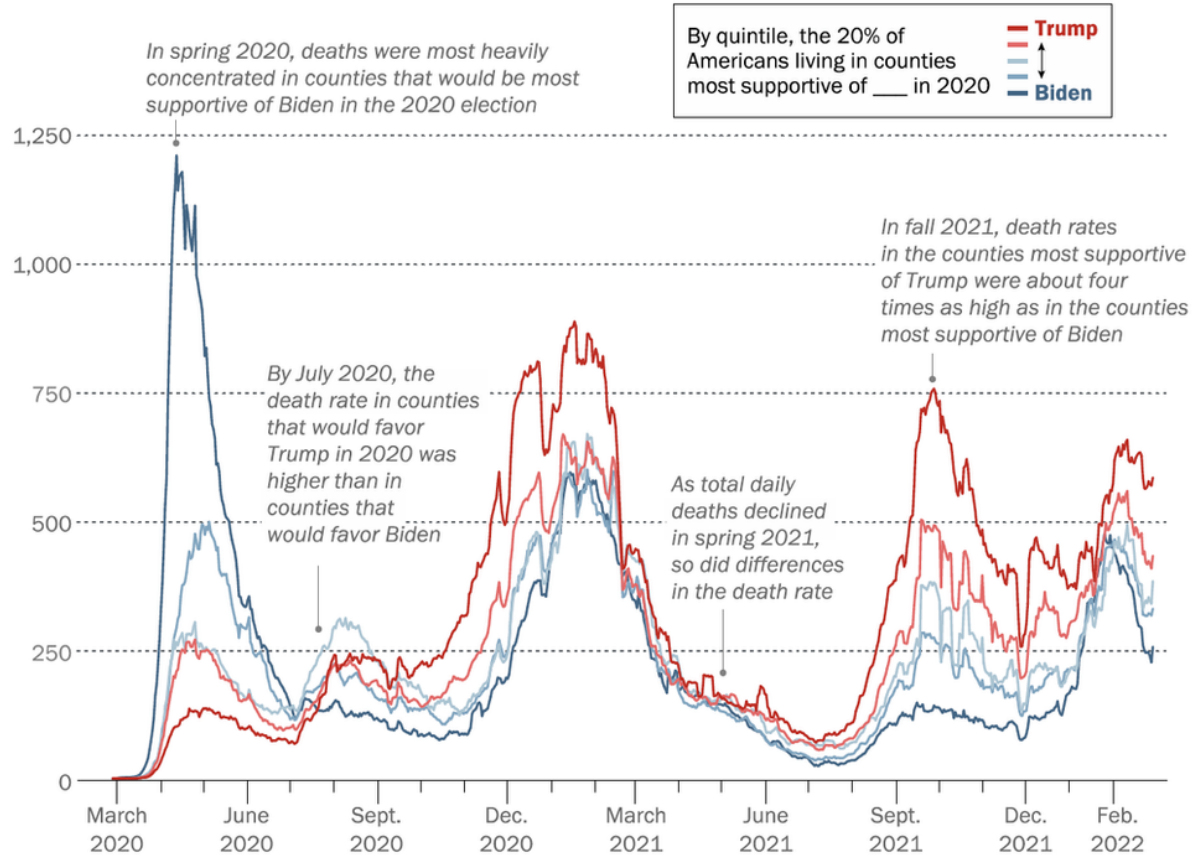
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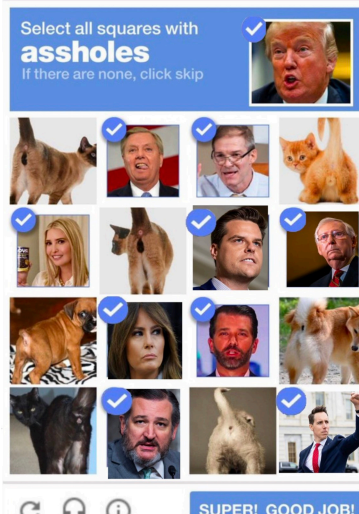
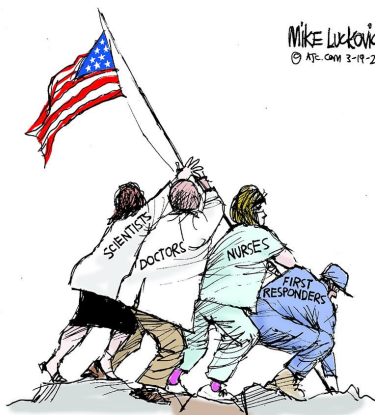
In early phase of pandemic, far more COVID-19 deaths in counties that Biden would go on to win; since then, there have been many more deaths in pro-Trump counties

Number of daily reported coronavirus deaths in groups of counties representing 20% segments of the U.S. population, by support for Trump or Biden



Notes: Counties are grouped into quintiles by the share of the two-party general election vote won by Trump and by Biden. Each quintile represents 20% of the total U.S. population, excluding Alaska, where election results are not reported at the county level. Source: Pew Research Center analysis of COVID-19 data collected by The New York Times as of Feb. 28, 2022. See methodology for details.

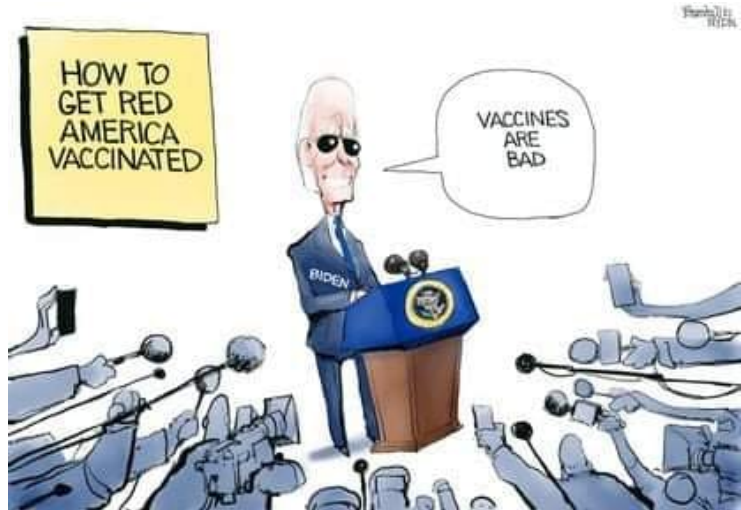
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Although Covid-19 spreads mostly via the mouth and nose, scientists now conclude that the greatest risk comes from assholes.



“Everyone had to prove they were fully vaccinated and boosted. So if you are at home watching this and you wonder how to do that, just contact your favorite Fox News reporter. They’re all here, vaccinated and boosted, all of them.”



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Breitbart Writer Insanely Blames Libs for 'Manipulating' Trump Fans Into Dying of Vaccine Refusal

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JOHN NOLTE
Editor At Large, Breitbart.com

Breitbart News writer **John Nolte** argued Monday that **Howard Stern** and the left are using reverse psychology to trick Republicans into dying of Covid.

Stern, Nolte argues, has mocked unvaccinated radio hosts who died of Covid because he and the rest of the liberal media are "deliberately looking to manipulate Trump supporters into not getting vaccinated" — so that they die.

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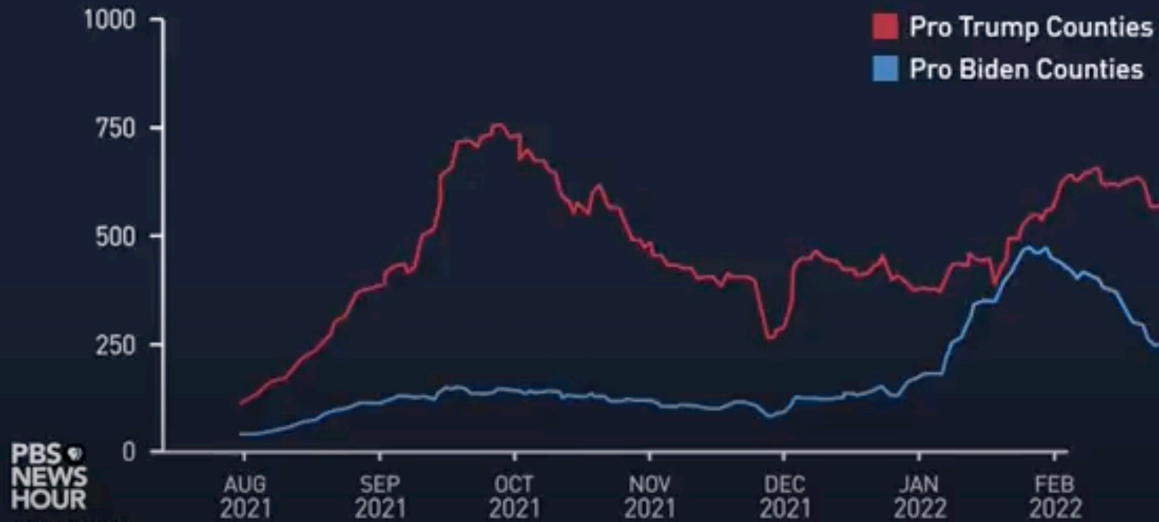
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PARTISAN BREAKDOWN IN COVID DEATHS

Source: Pew Research Center, March 2022



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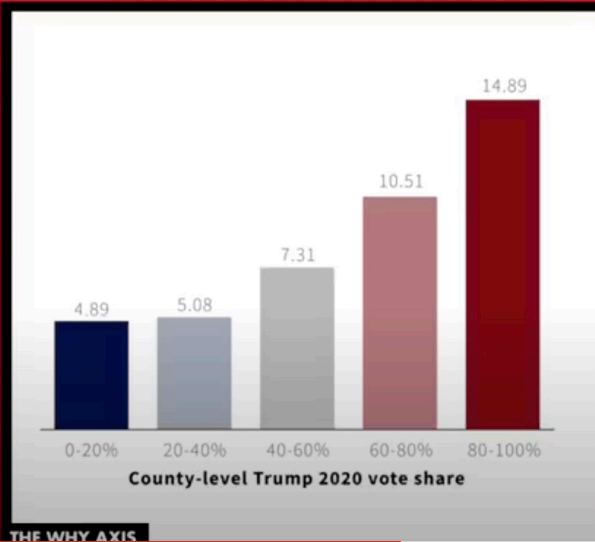
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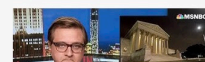
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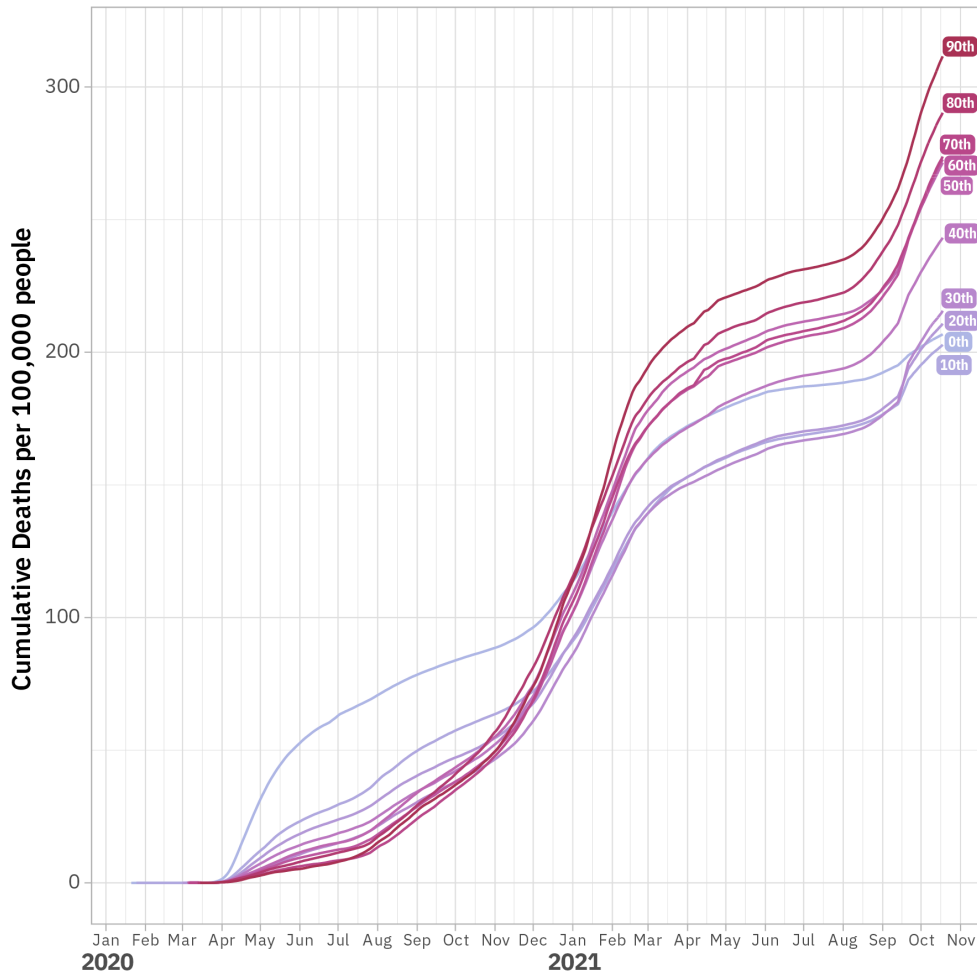
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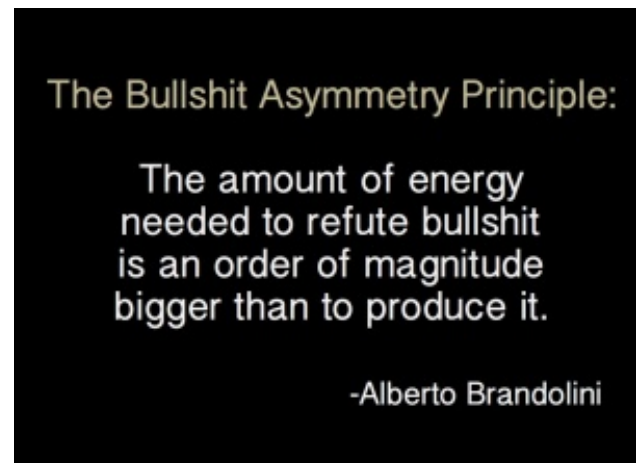
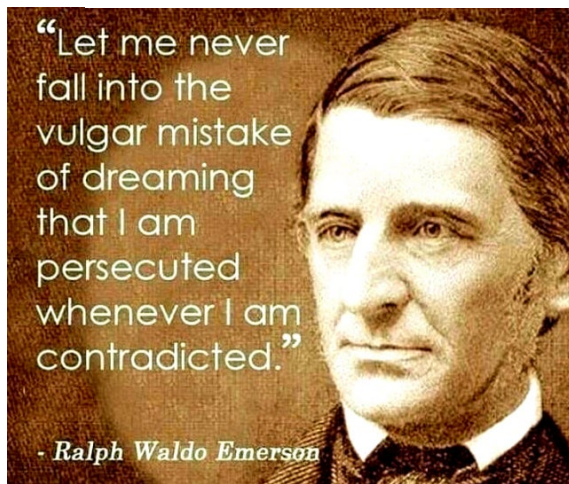
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COVID-19's Partisan Trajectory

U.S. county-level COVID deaths aggregated by percentiles of the Republican two-party vote share in the 2020 presidential election.



Data: The New York Times, US Census Bureau. Graph: Kieran Healy / @kjhealy.





BREAKING NEWS:

An anti-vaccine "Christian prophecy" radio host dies of COVID in Tennessee.

Jimmy DeYoung Sr. promoted the IDIOTIC conspiracy theories that the Pfizer vaccine makes women sterile, that vaccines are a plot for "government control," and that "almost no one" who gets COVID dies from it. He called the vaccine only a "supposed solution" and "not truly a vaccine."

SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU BELIEVE AND SPREAD LIES?

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BREAKING NEWS:



This was Kelly Canon, a pro-Trump Republican activist from Arlington, Texas. She was a prominent anti-vaccine activist, and recently attended an anti-vaccine conference organized by a local "Christian" organization. A few weeks ago, she celebrated getting a religious exemption from her job's vaccine mandate, posting on Facebook "No jabby-jabby for me! Praise GOD!"

SHE DIED OF COVID LAST NIGHT, AFTER TWO WEEKS GASPING FOR AIR IN THE HOSPITAL.

GET VACCINATED, FOLKS.

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Staunch anti-mask "freedom fighter" Caleb Wallace, who demanded "end of Covid tyranny" has died at age 30. He self treated himself with ivermectin. He had proclaimed #COVID19 is "perfectly fine to live with." He leaves behind 3 kids & a pregnant wife.



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Texas anti-mask 'Freedom Defender' Caleb Wallace dies at 30
An anti-mask advocate is dead of COVID-19.

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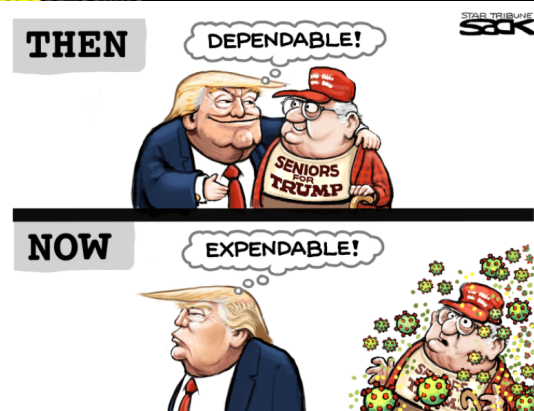
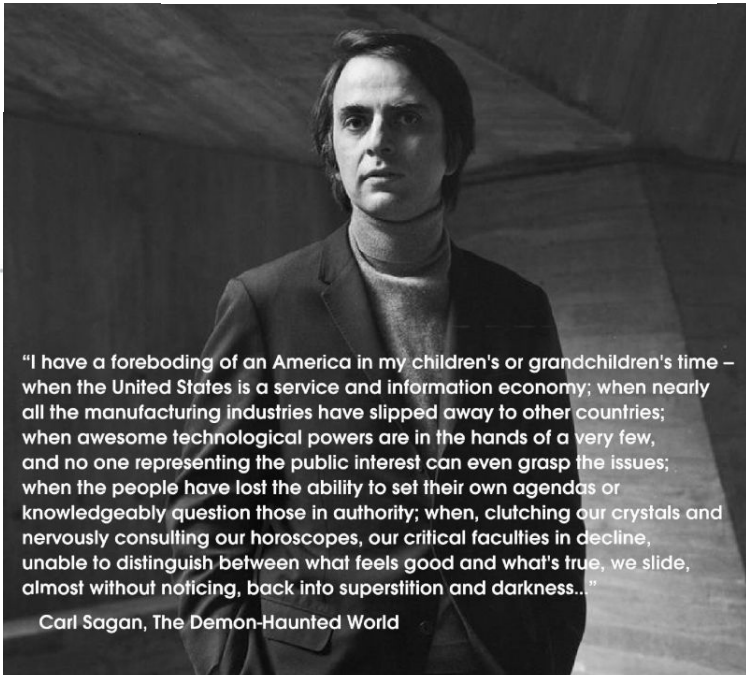




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Our covid ICU is like a twilight zone full of unvaxxed covid pts on life support & their unvaxxed families doing Reiki, placing healing stones and demanding we check their vitamin levels.

I can't believe this is the place we are at in this pandemic.

"I have a foreboding of an America in my children's or grandchildren's time – when the United States is a service and information economy; when nearly all the manufacturing industries have slipped away to other countries; when awesome technological powers are in the hands of a very few, and no one representing the public interest can even grasp the issues; when the people have lost the ability to set their own agendas or knowledgeably question those in authority; when, clutching our crystals and nervously consulting our horoscopes, our critical faculties in decline, unable to distinguish between what feels good and what's true, we slide, almost without noticing, back into superstition and darkness..."

Carl Sagan, The Demon-Haunted World

COVID ANTI-VAXXERS WHO "OWNED THE LIBS" PERMANENTLY

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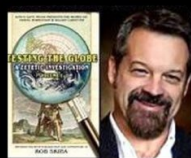


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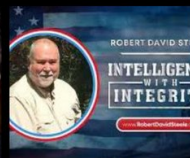


Cindy Johansen
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FREEDOM CRUSADERS



Rod Skiba
Evangelical Flat-earther, TX



Robert David Steele
Conspiracy author & former CIA agent



Veronica Wolski
Anti-mask menace & QAnon karen, IL



Dusty & Tristan Graham
"Alabama Pickers" YouTube couple, AL



Denise Lyonnais
"Truffles the Clown" The Villages, FL



Caleb Wallace
Anti-mask "Freedom Defender", TX



William Topel
Patriot against mask tyranny, AK



Brian Cross
Limo service owner & Jan 6 Rally-goer, CO



Doug Pothul
Anti-vaxxer Jiu Jitsu warrior, FL



Damon Thibodeaux
Released from Death Row (15 yrs), FL



Stanley J Wilson
Antivaxxer ambulance EMT, OK



Kristen Lowery
"Moms for Liberty" free thinker, CA



René & Daniel Chavez
Anti-Fauci crusader, WV



David Noll
Atty & antivaxxer school board trustee, TX



Russ & Shelly Dizdar
Anti-anti-Christ spiritual warriors, OH



John Andrew Shuck
Conspiracy theorist librarian, MT



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Anti-vaxxer orthopaedic surgeon, CA



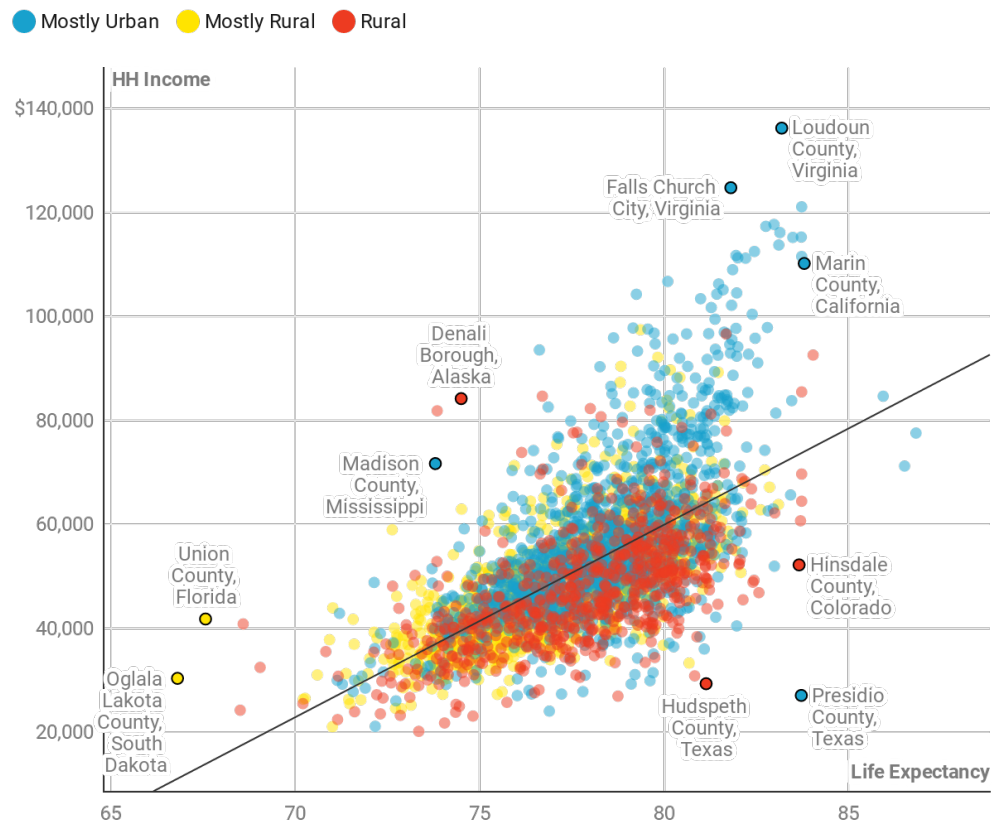
Dr. Christopher M Foley
Anti-masker Ivermectin advocate, MN



Dr. Steve Beito
Podiatrist anti-vax foot-soldier, TX

The only member of Congress who died from Covid was Luke Letlow, Republican of Louisiana. He was elected in Nov. 2020 but not yet sworn in when he got Covid and died. He got medical care at the best hospital in his state. He had looked forward to being vaccinated, but contracted Covid before he could be. His widow took his seat instead. **He was 41 years old.**

Income and Life Expectancy in America

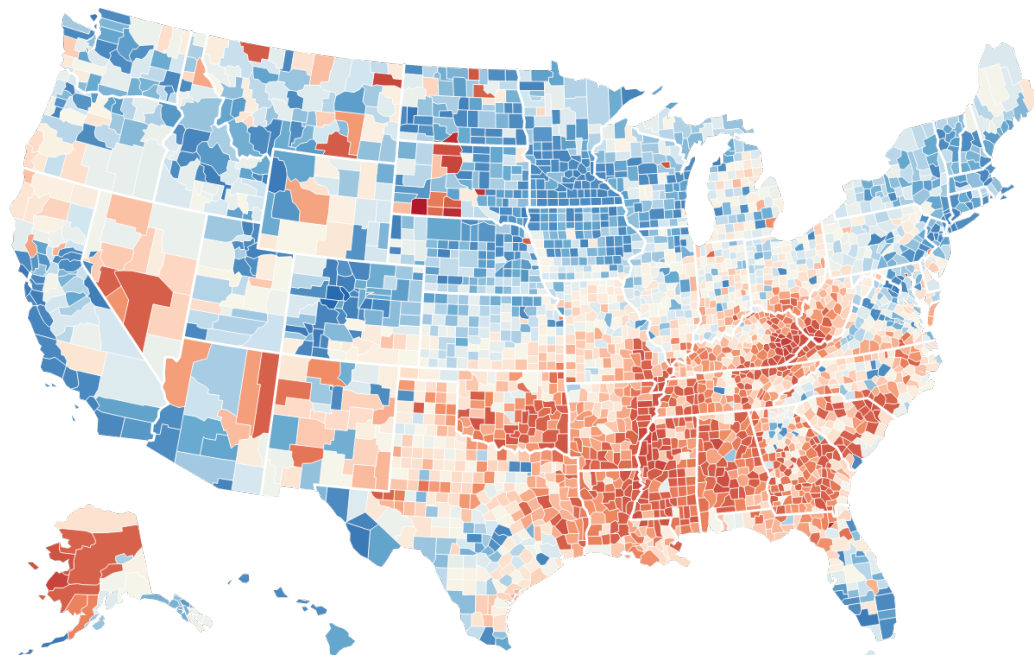


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Life Expectancy in America

Average age at death



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Research

Once COVID Vaccines Were Introduced, More Republicans Died Than Democrats

A new Yale study looks at excess deaths by partisan affiliation in two states during the pandemic. Once vaccines were introduced in the spring of 2021, Yale SOM's Paul Goldsmith-Pinkham and his co-authors found, the rate of deaths among Republicans and Democrats began to diverge.



<https://insights.som.yale.edu/insights/once-covid-vaccines-were-introduced-more-republicans-died-than-democrats>

Once COVID Vaccines Were Introduced, More Republicans Died Than Democrats

Written by Susie Allen November 15, 2022

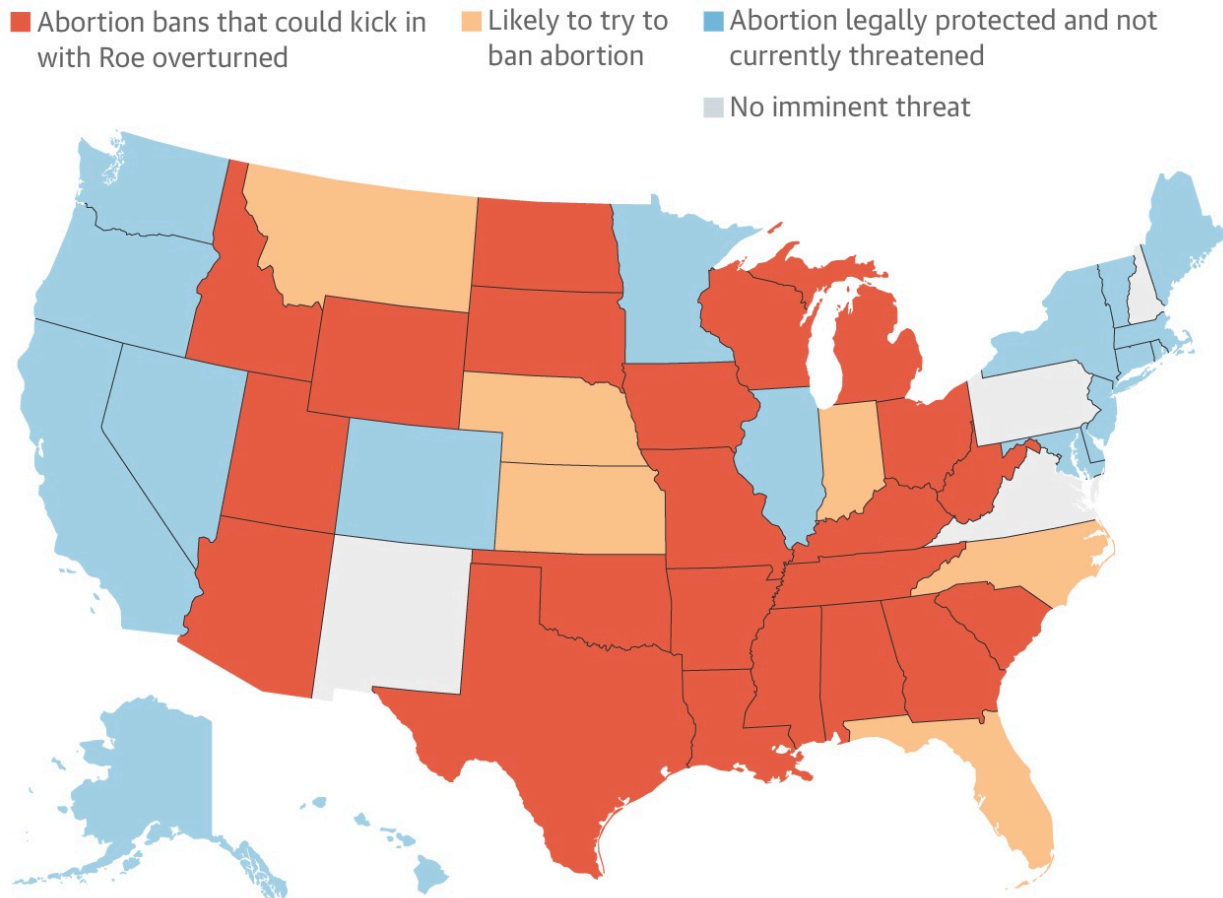
Since the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, public health officials have warned that some of us are at higher risk of severe outcomes from the virus, due to factors such as age or preexisting medical conditions. New research from Yale SOM points to another factor that puts people at greater risk of dying from COVID-19: party affiliation. The study finds that excess deaths during the pandemic were 76% higher among Republicans than Democrats in two states, Ohio and Florida. What's more, the partisan gap in death rates increased significantly after vaccines were introduced.

The research was conducted by Yale SOM's Paul Goldsmith-Pinkham and Jacob Wallace and Jason L. Schwartz of the Yale School of Public Health.



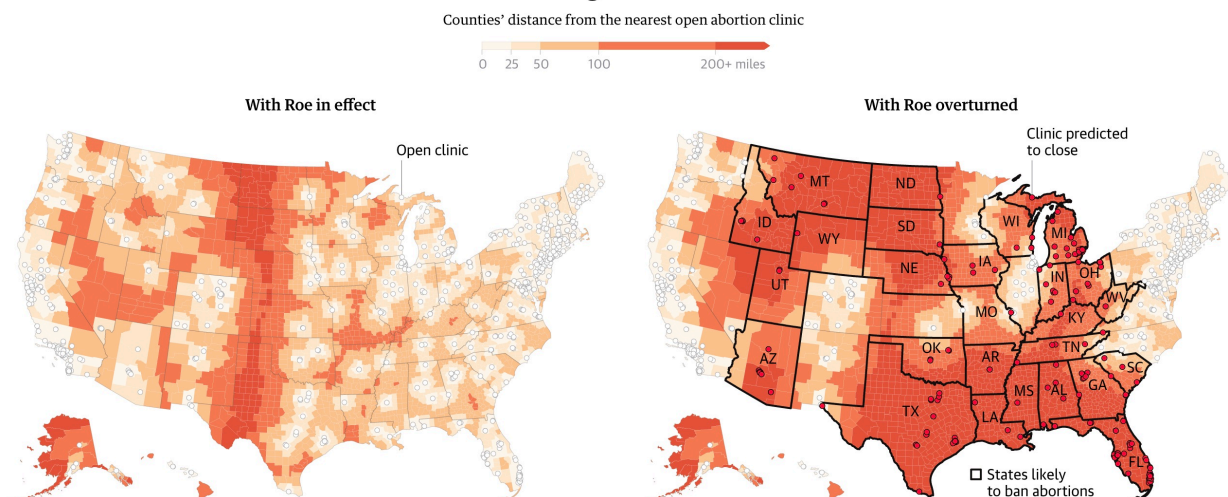
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The laws that could kick in include ones passed before Roe, after Roe and ones that “trigger” now that Roe is reversed

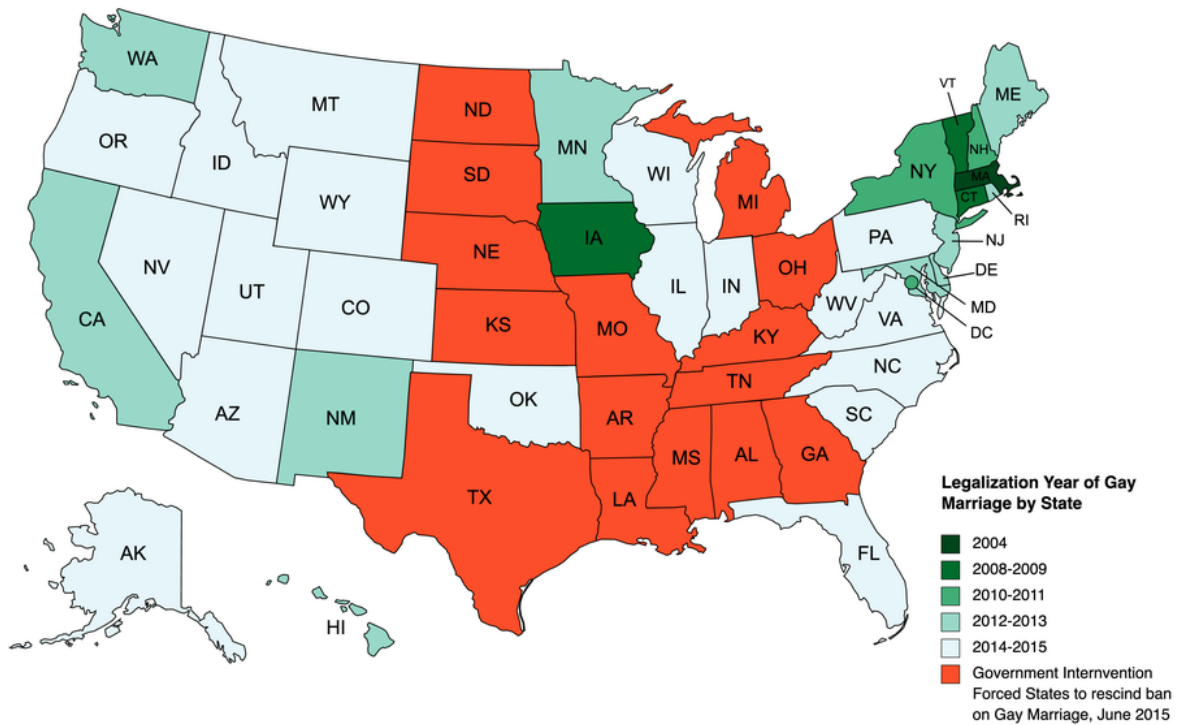


Guardian graphic. Source: Guttmacher Institute, National Abortion Rights Action League, Center for Reproductive Rights. Laws banning abortion after six weeks are included because that is before many people know they are pregnant. North Carolina has a pre-Roe ban but Guttmacher writes that it may not be “implemented quickly” and Kansas will have a referendum vote on whether abortion is protected in the state.

How abortion deserts will grow with Roe v Wade overturned

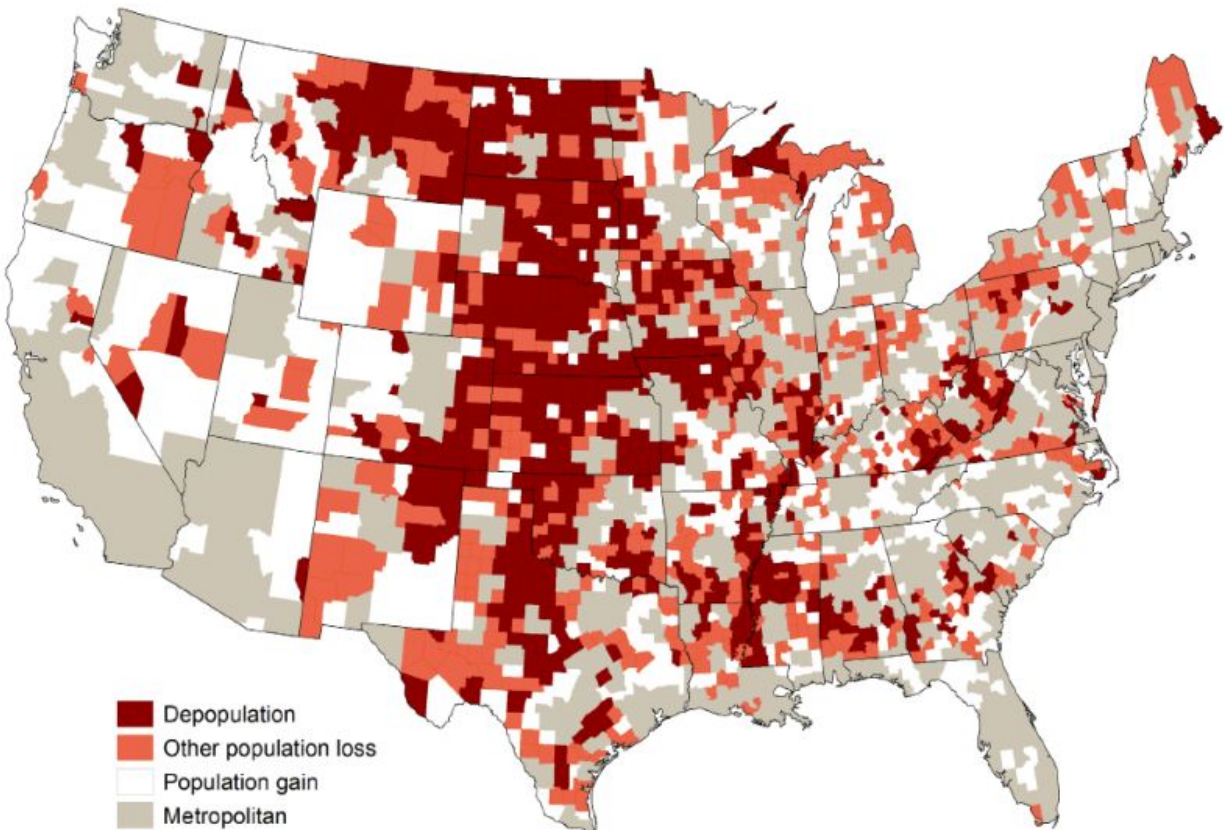


Guardian graphic. Sources: Clinic locations from the Myers Abortion Facility Database, predicted state bans from the Guttmacher Institute. Distance is calculated from the center of each county to the nearest open clinic.

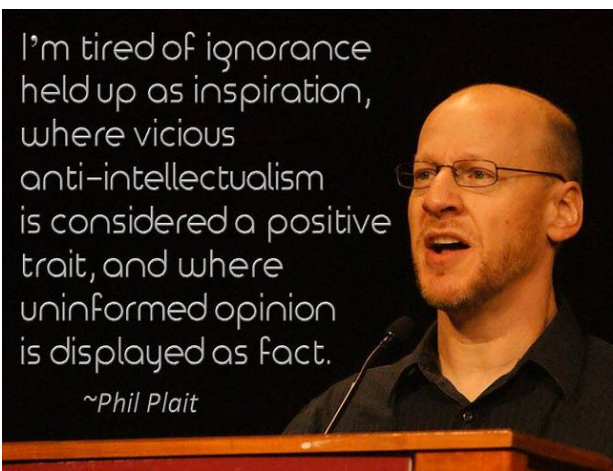
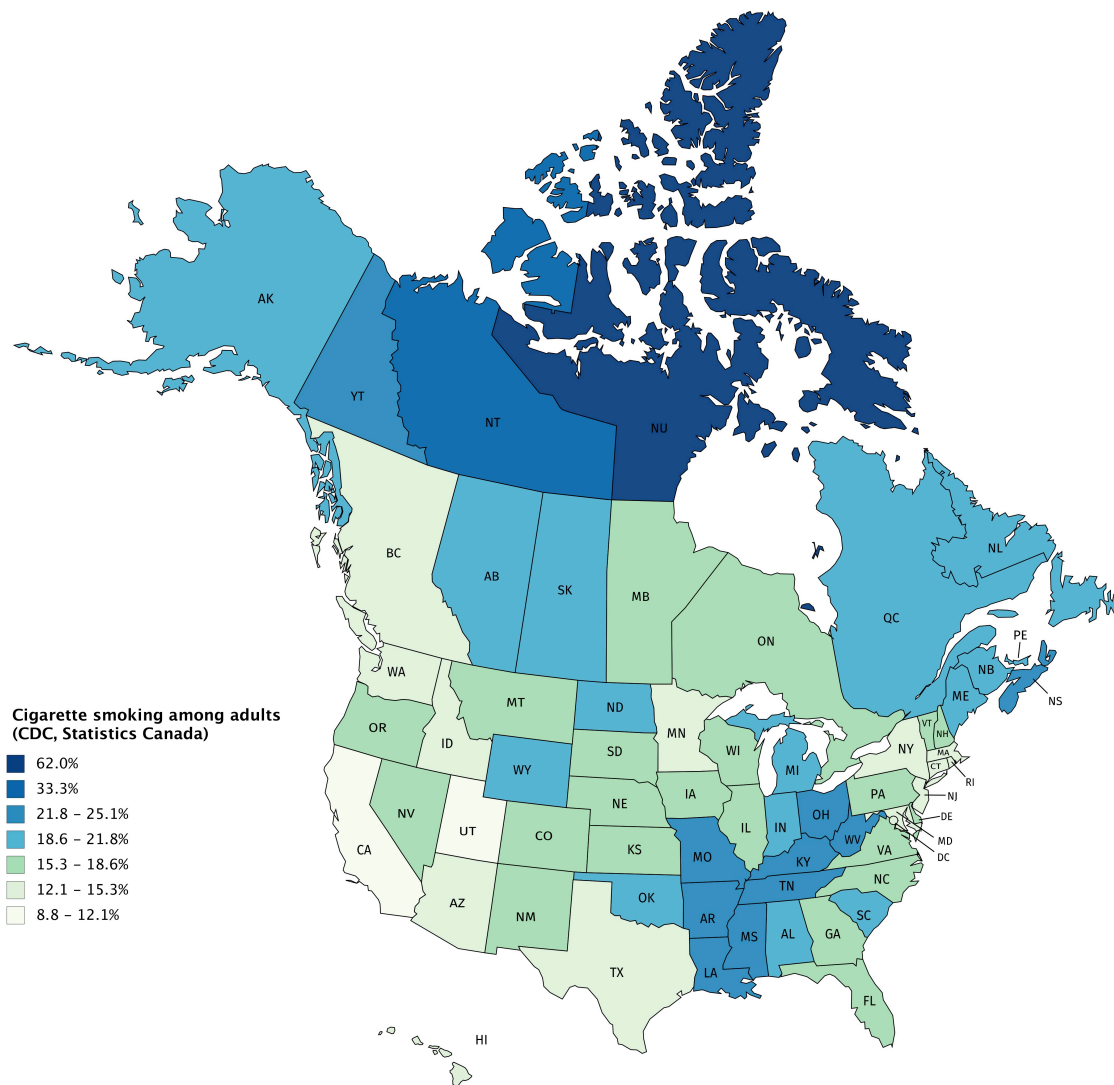


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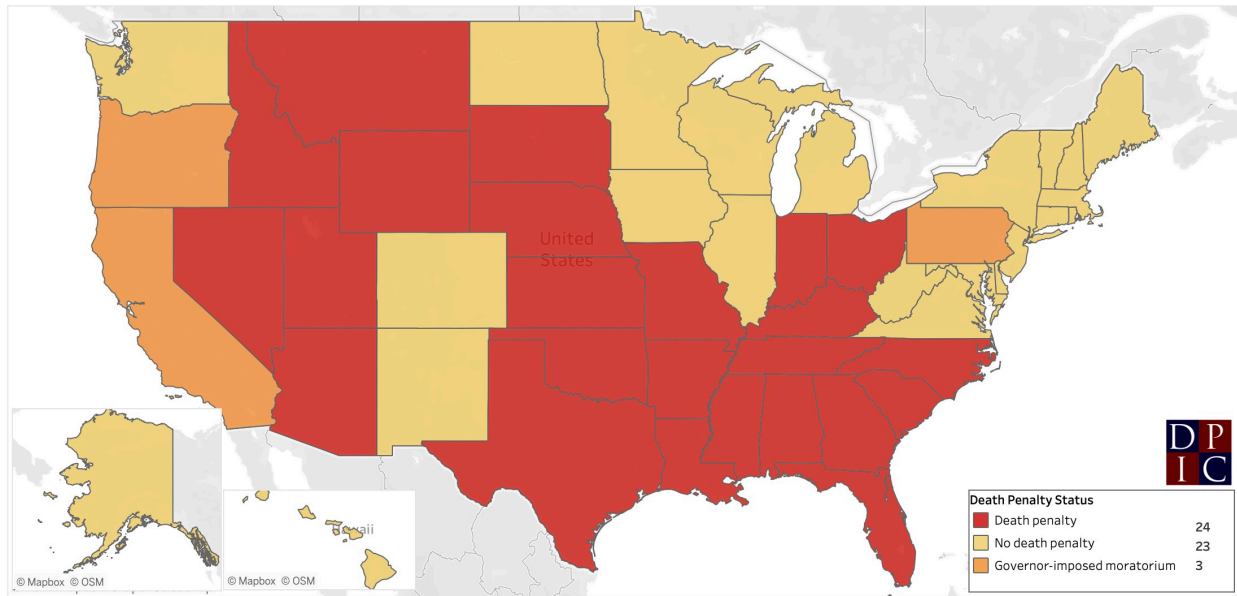
FIGURE 3. DEPOPULATION IN NONMETROPOLITAN AMERICA



Source: Census Bureau, Census of 1990 to 2010.



States with and without the death penalty – 2021



Age-adjusted firearm deaths, by restrictive and permissive gun laws (per 100,000)

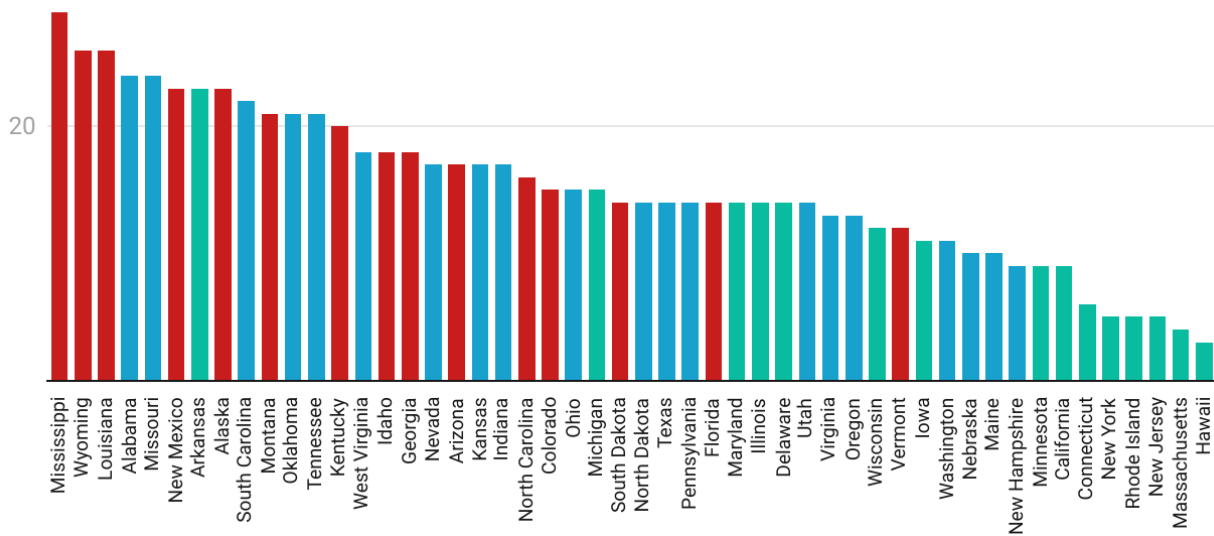
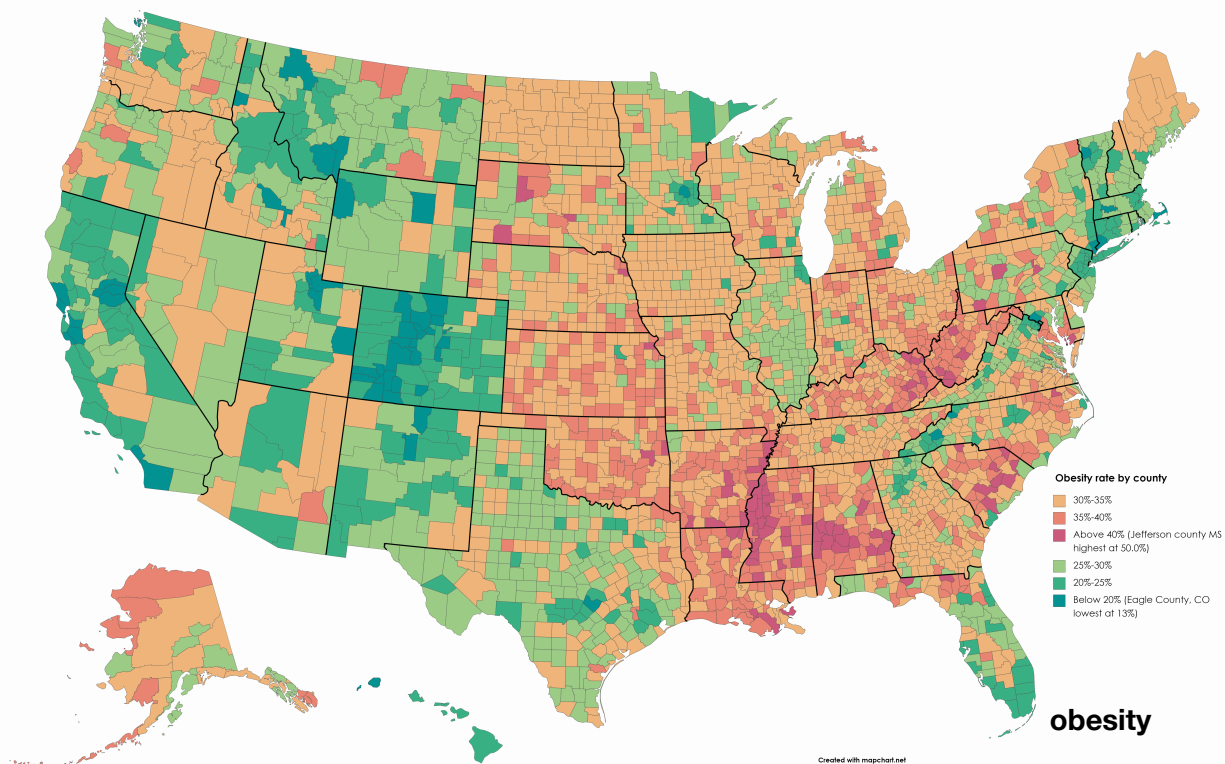
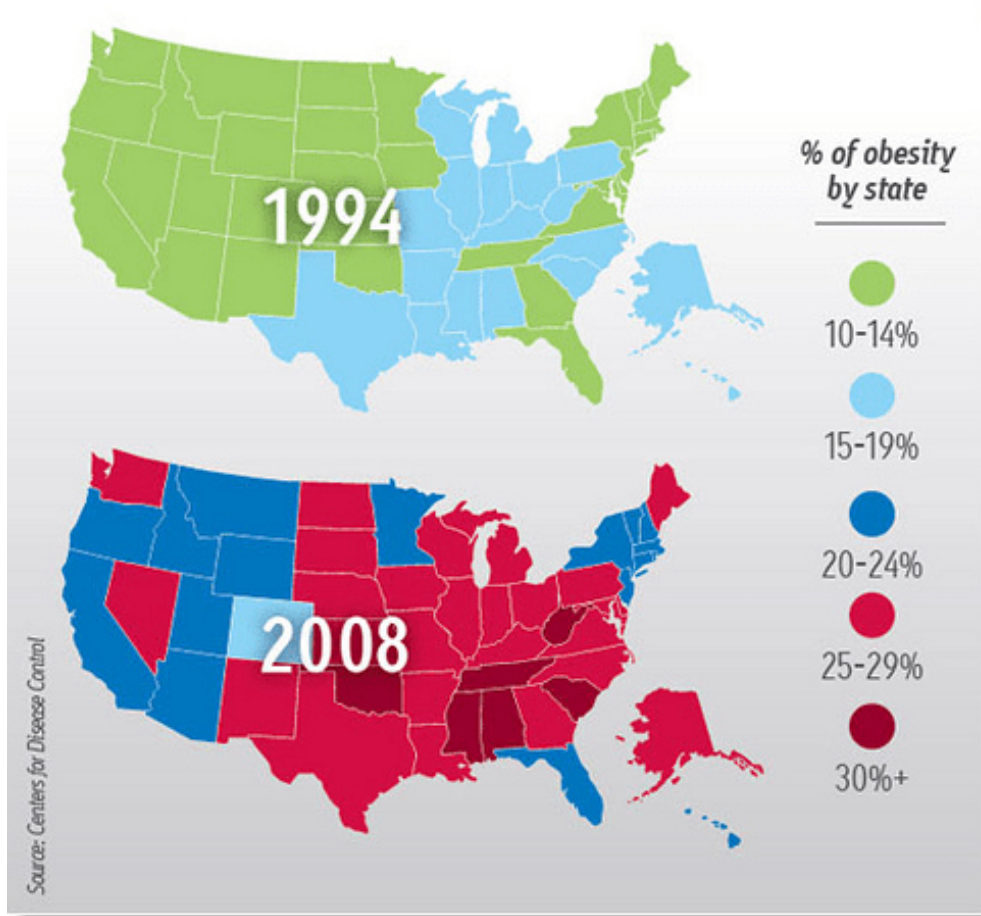
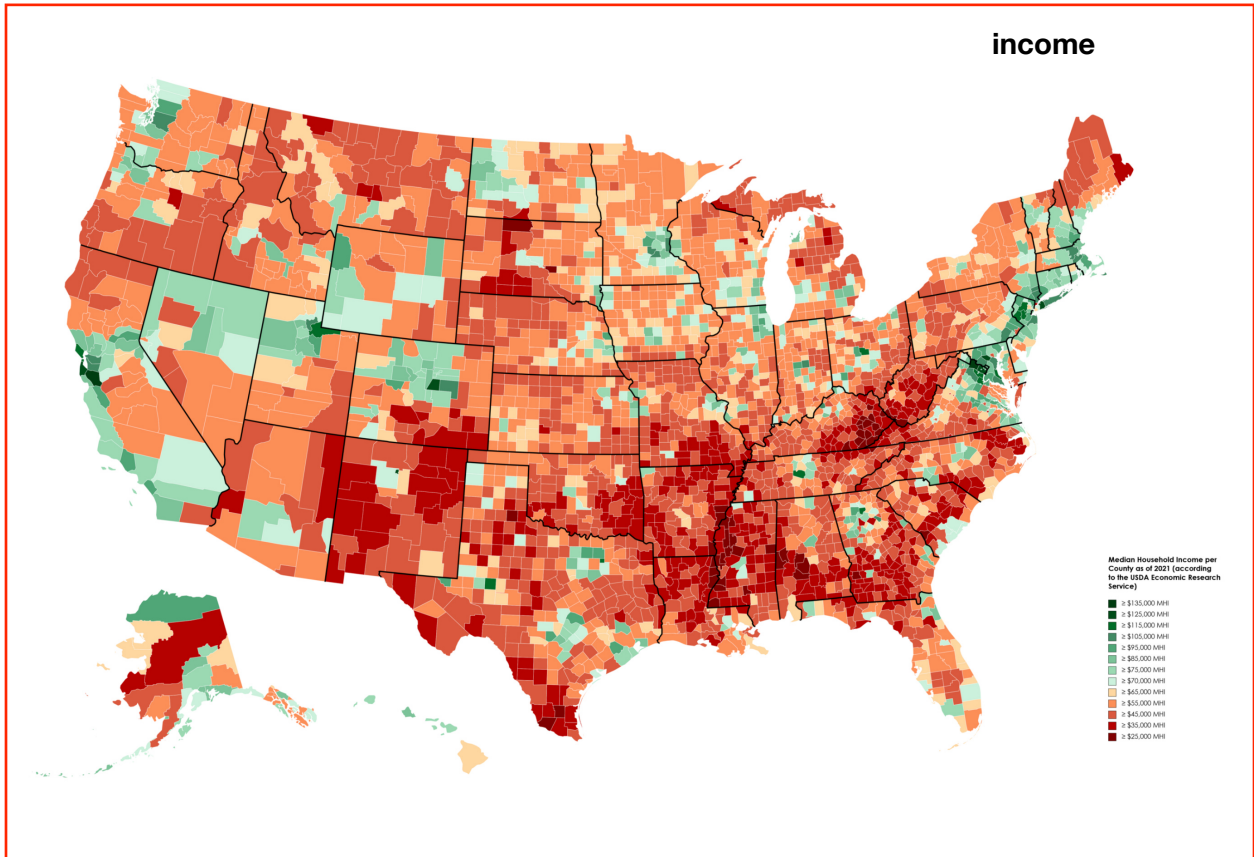
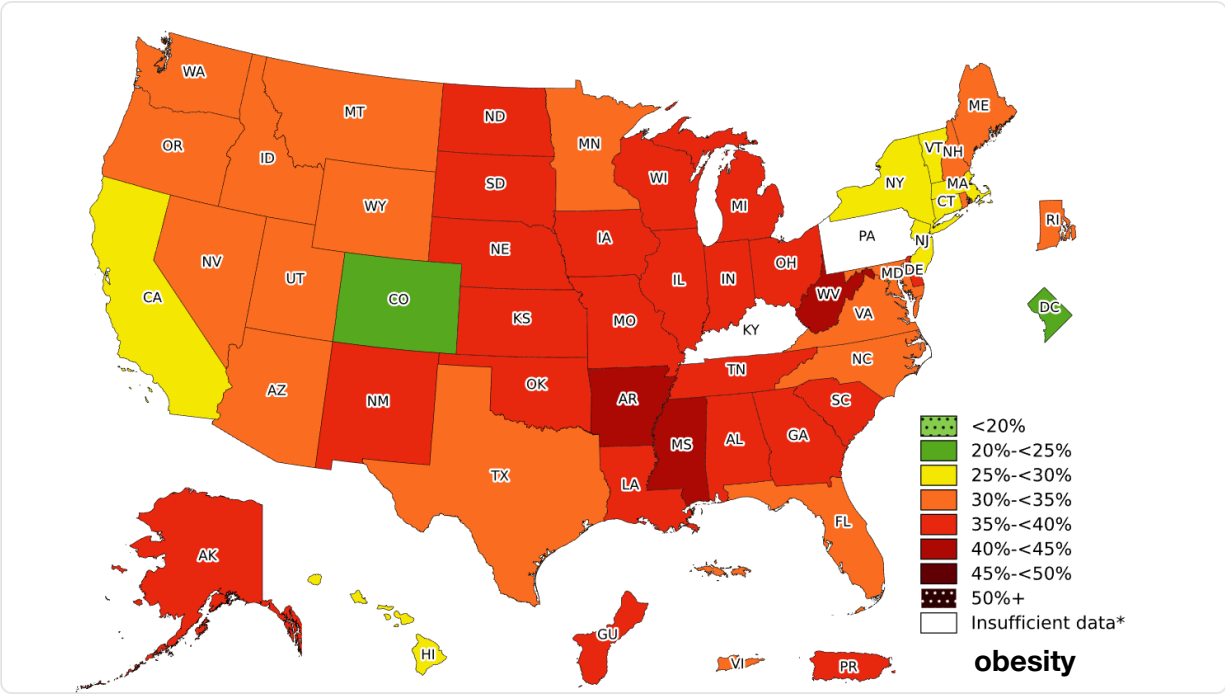


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"One of the saddest lessons of history is this: If we've been bamboozled long enough, we tend to reject any evidence of the bamboozle. We're no longer interested in finding out the truth. The bamboozle has captured us. It's simply too painful to acknowledge, even to ourselves, that we've been taken. Once you give a charlatan power over you, you almost never get it back."

- Carl Sagan,
The Demon-Haunted World

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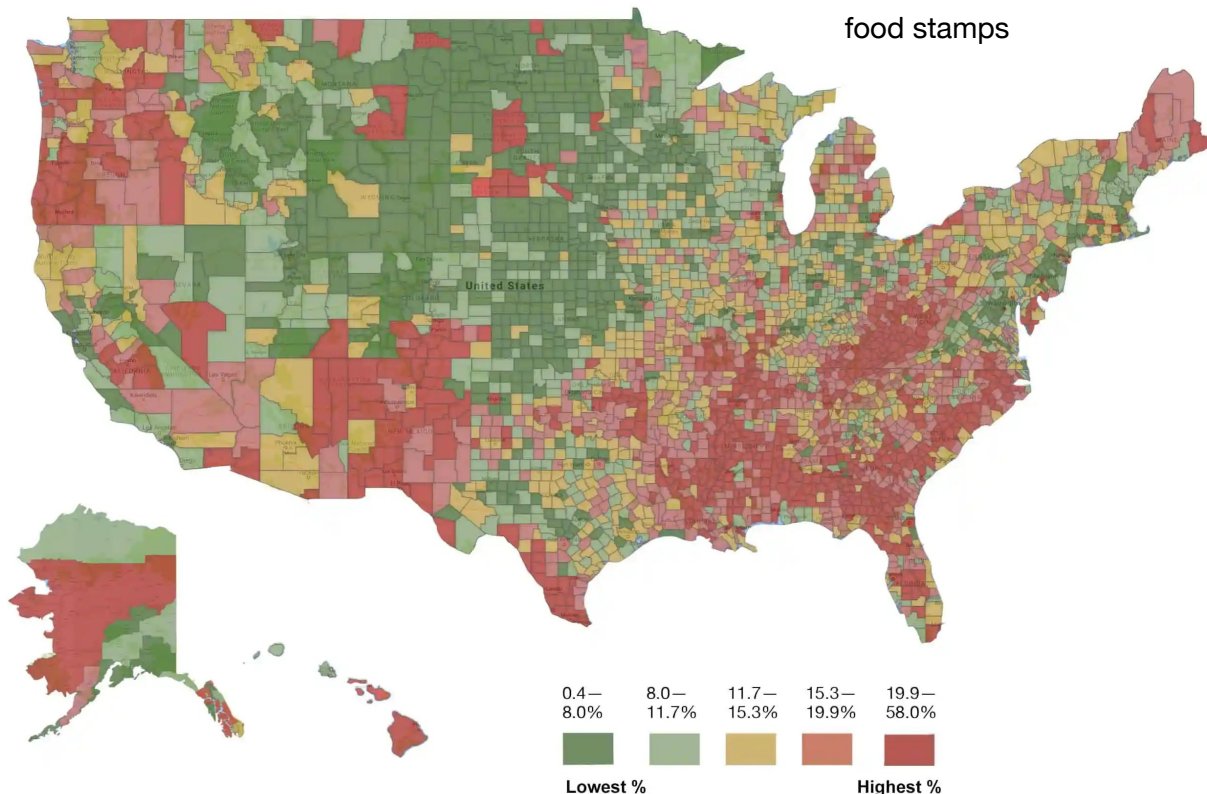


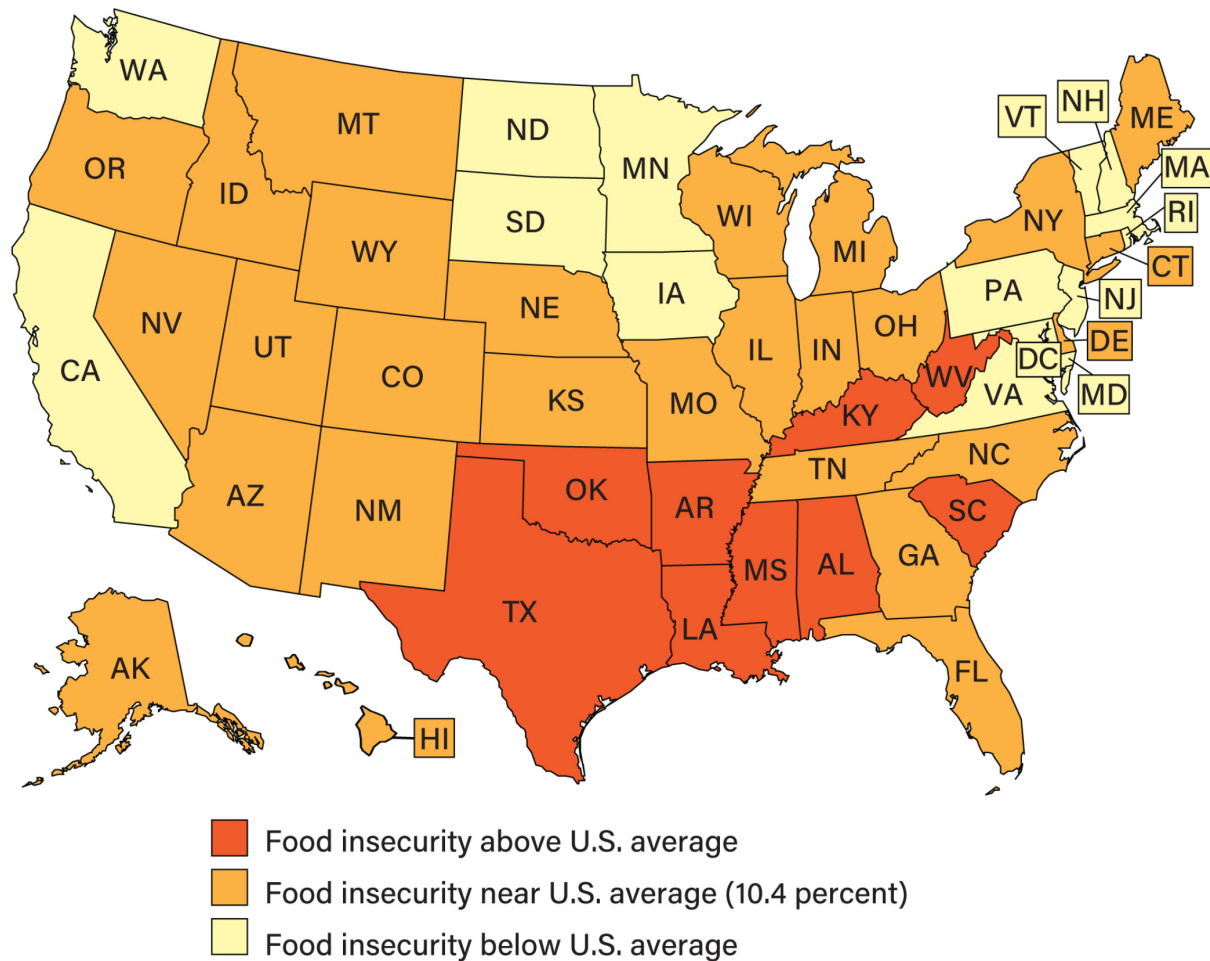
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"A Cult of Ignorance", Newsweek, January 1980

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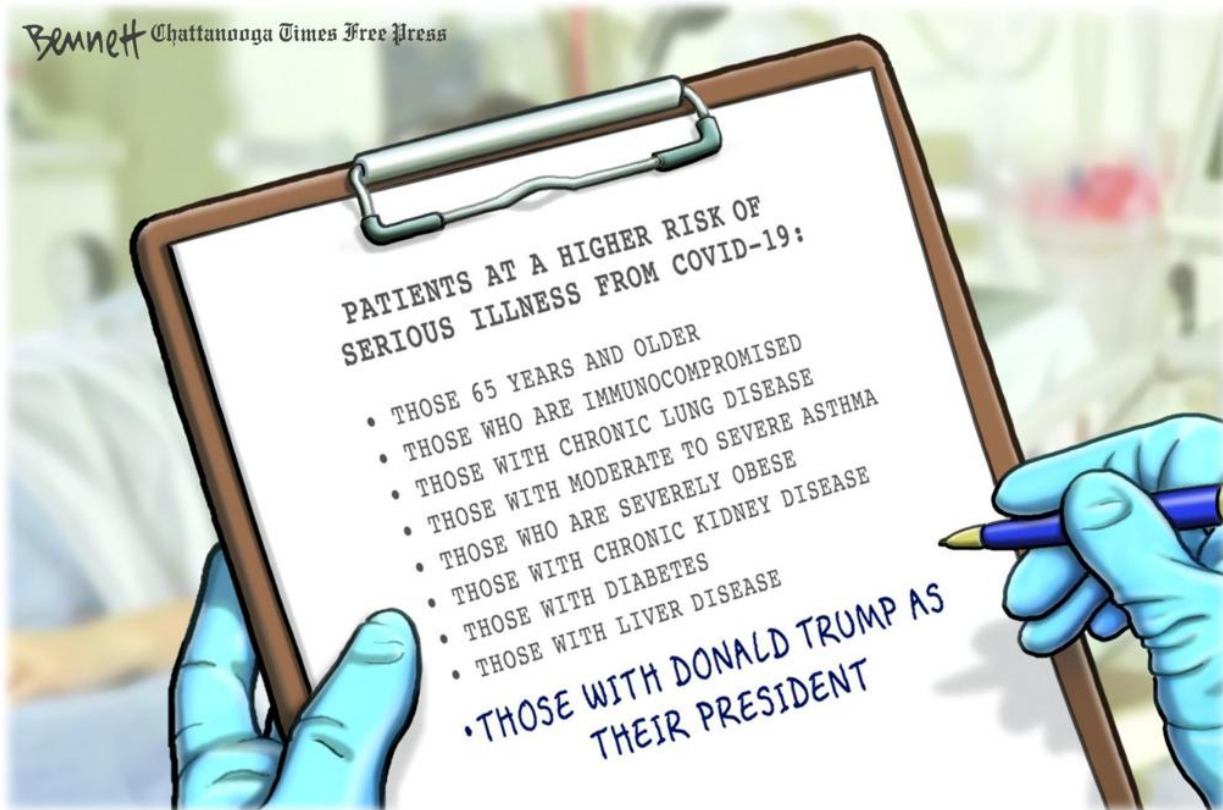




there was a shift at the end of 2020 as to where and who the covid deaths were happening. At the end of 2020, Covid became the number one cause of death in the USA, more than heart disease, cancer, etc. This lasted a couple months until the impacts of vaccination took over, which drove down severe sickness and deaths - especially since the most vulnerable were vaccinated first (nursing home residents and medical staff).

This was also when the deaths shifted from liberal communities to conservative communities, and the gap has only widened since then.

In 2020, New York state had the worst covid death rate. Now, the top 13 states are all Republican run, mostly in the south (although the great plains might as well be considered Dixie, culturally) and it would be more than 13 if states that undercounted deaths were counted accurately - Florida is the most egregious example but not the only one. This shows a profound lack of empathy by millions in those states - that they didn't care about people in liberal New York (like their forebears felt about AIDS victims a generation ago), so when the disease spread and made it to their locales they were so invested in the denial they couldn't admit making a mistake. I've lost count of the number of stories I've heard where patients tell their nurses and doctors they couldn't



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Trump says US will have 'substantially under' 100,000 deaths from coronavirus, lower than initial estimates

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possibly be dying of a hoax ... I feel sad for those that misled, but also sad for the medical staff and the communities losing their caregivers who quit under that level of stress. It's a stair step lower toward collapse, totally preventable but psychologically inevitable given the ravages of the Moron-a-virus and Covidiocracy.

The excess deaths started up in March 2020, when no one was vaccinated against covid. The spikes of excess deaths since then precisely correlate with spikes of covid waves, not the introduction of vaccines. Currently, the excess deaths are concentrated in counties, states, countries that have had lower vaccination rates either due to unavailability or refusals. Russia and China, for example, have had enormous excess deaths from uncounted covid and both use locally developed vaccines that are not that effective. A number of poor countries with low levels of modern medicine have had (a total of) millions of excess deaths — and have not been able to vaccinate all of their people as well as rich countries. “Vaccine apartheid.” That is a real scandal, but not one that Anti-Va focuses upon.



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Looking at health data on the CDC website after someone on reddit brought this up: Florida, which claims 2,252 Covid-19 deaths as of today, has seen over 5,000 deaths coded as pneumonia during the pandemic. In the last 7 years during the same time-frame, under 1,000 people on average die from pneumonia in Florida. Kentucky's official death toll is 391 while at the same time seeing over 900 more pneumonia deaths than expected. Also from the courier journal's article:

Indiana: 1,832 COVID-19 deaths; 2,149 pneumonia deaths (five-year average: 384)

Illinois: 4,856 COVID-19 deaths; 3,986 pneumonia deaths (five-year average: 782)

Tennessee: 336 COVID-19 deaths; 1,704 pneumonia deaths (five-year average: 611)

Ohio: 1,969 COVID-19 deaths; 2,327 pneumonia deaths (five-year average: 820)

Virginia: 1,208 COVID-19 deaths; 1,394 pneumonia deaths (five-year average: 451)

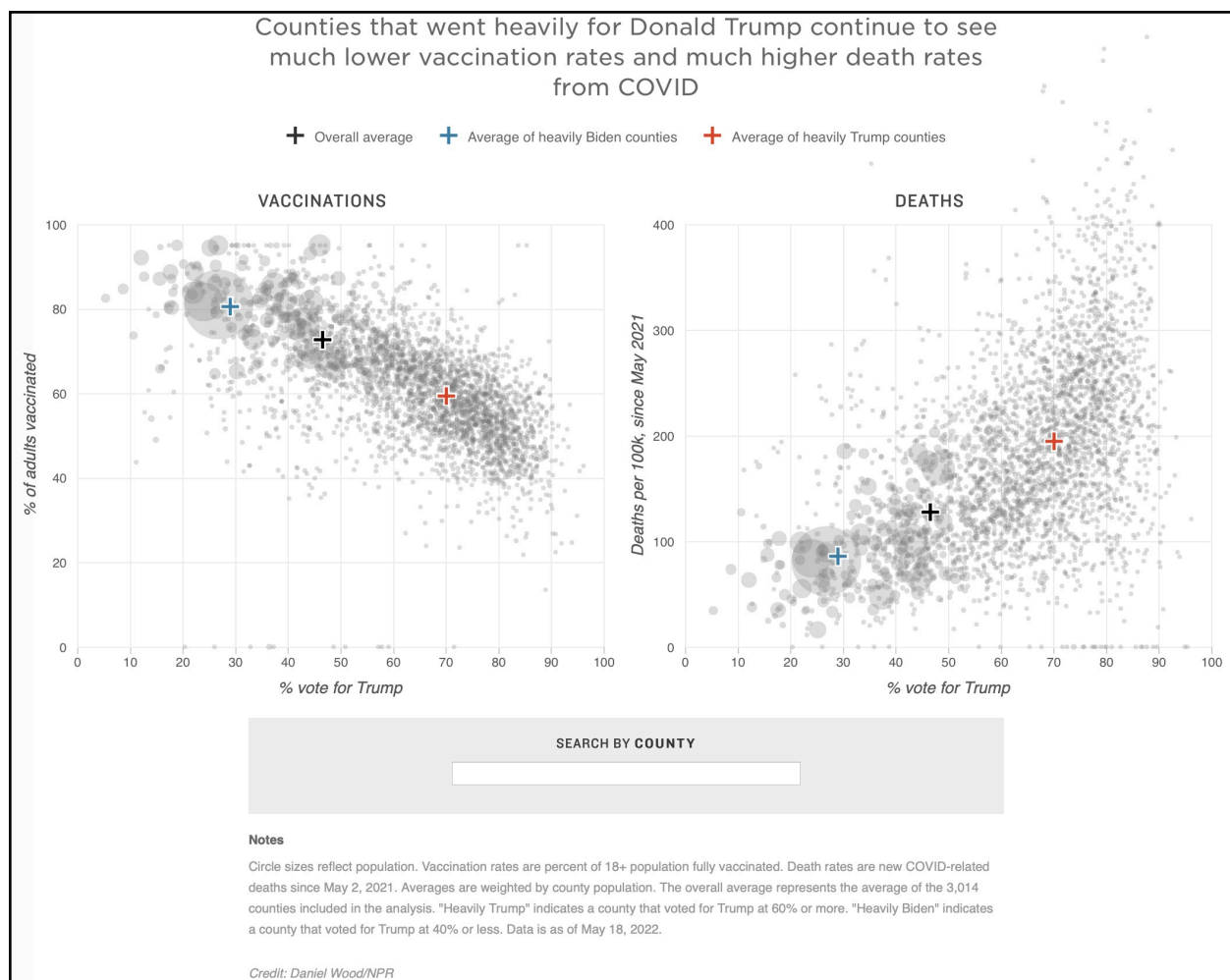
West Virginia: 72 COVID-19 deaths; 438 pneumonia deaths (five-year average: 117)



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from May 2020 - renaming Covid deaths as non-Covid pneumonia, mostly in Red states





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Excess Death Rates for Republican and Democratic Registered Voters in Florida and Ohio During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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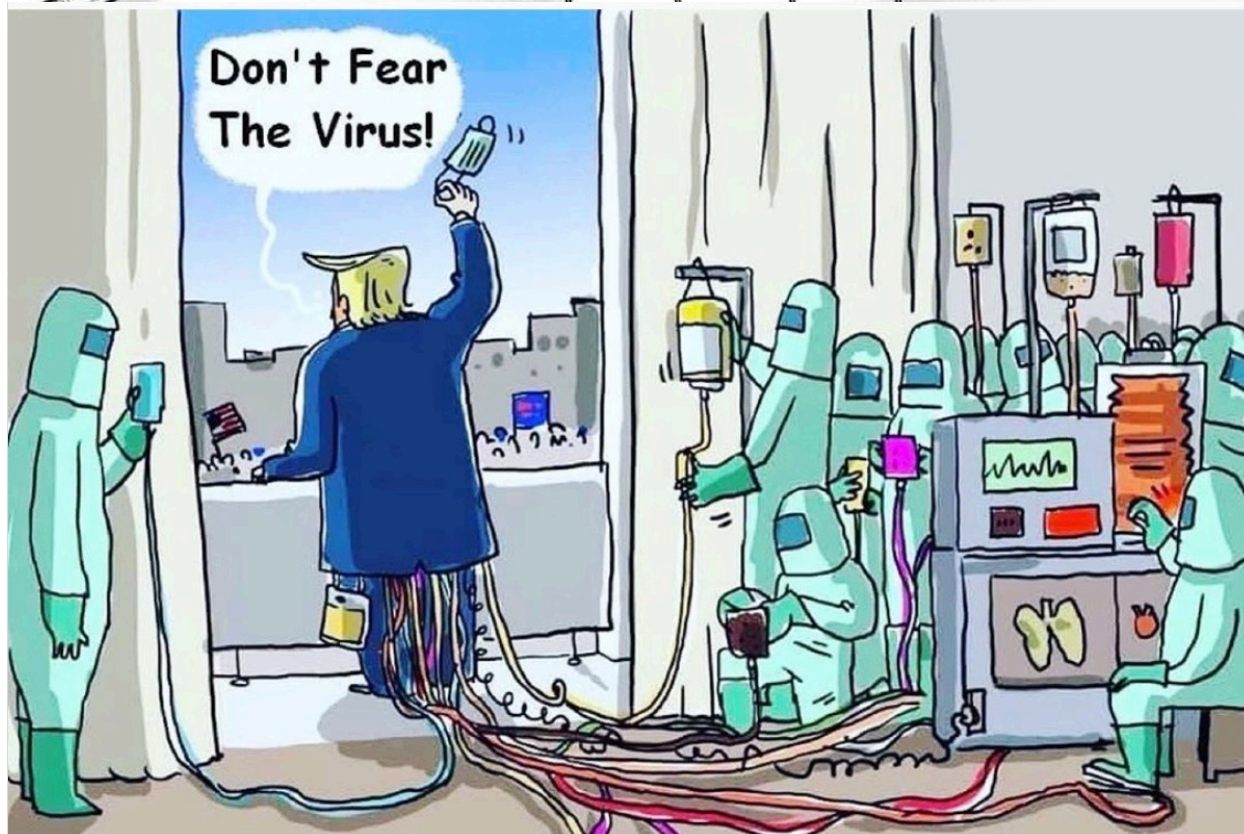
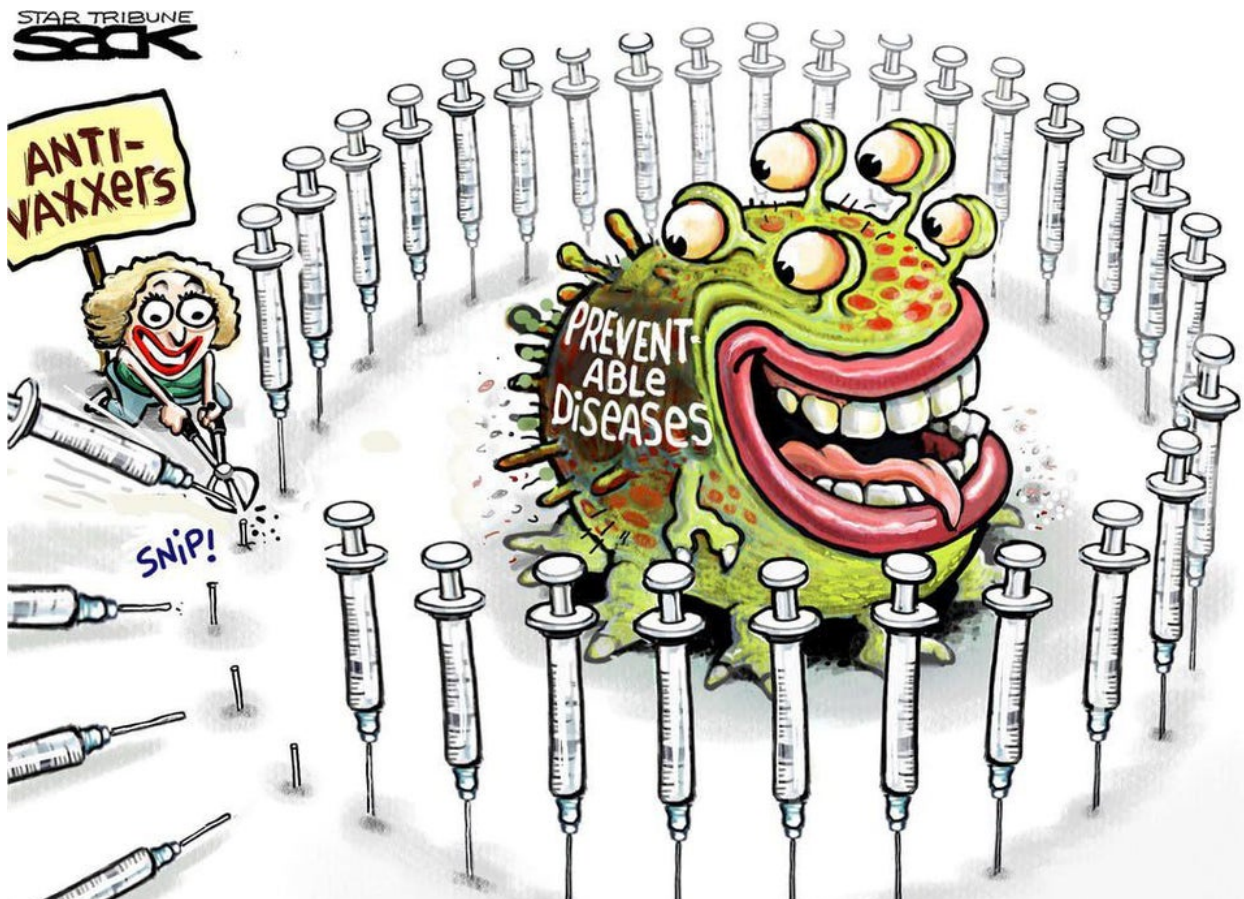
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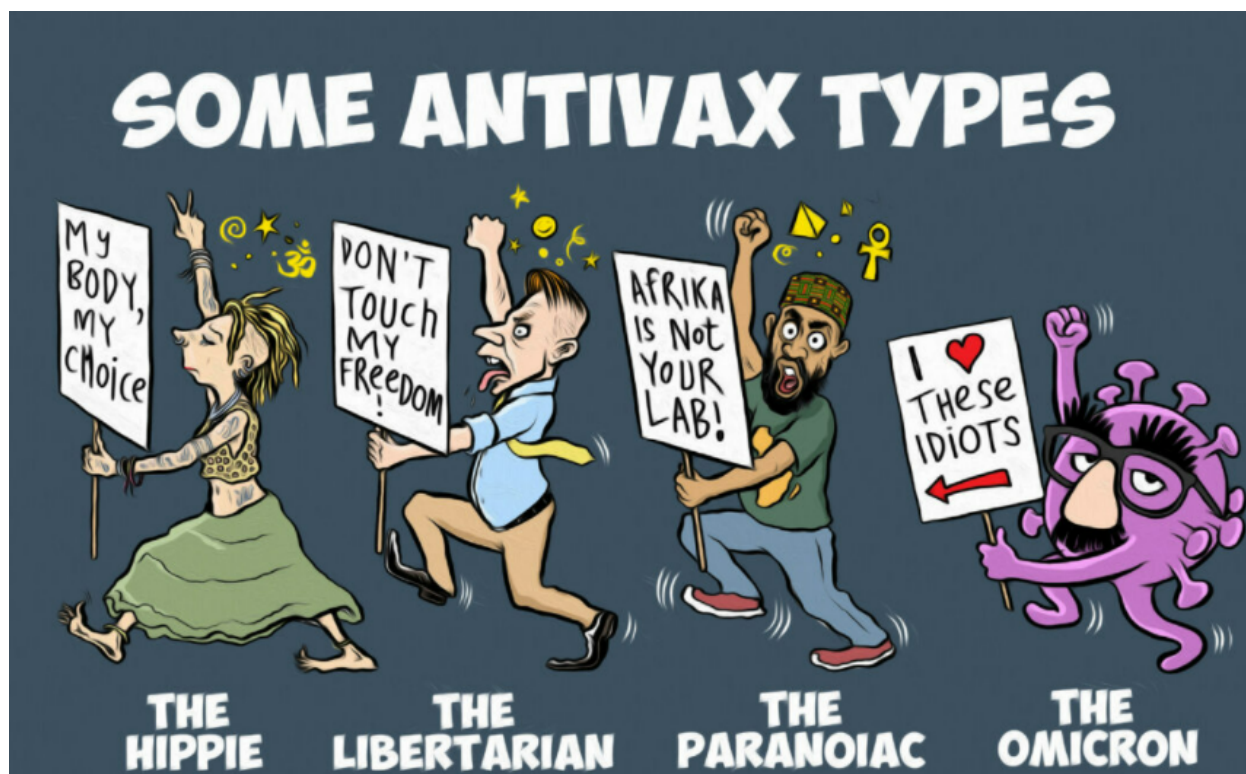
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Abstract

Importance There is evidence that Republican-leaning counties have had higher COVID-19 death rates than Democratic-leaning counties and similar evidence of an association between political party affiliation and attitudes regarding COVID-19 vaccination; further data on these rates may be useful.

Objective To assess political party affiliation and mortality rates for individuals during the initial 22 months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Design, Setting, and Participants A cross-sectional comparison of excess mortality between registered Republican and Democratic voters between March 2020 and December 2021 adjusted for age and state of voter registration was conducted. Voter

and mortality data from Florida and Ohio in 2017 linked to mortality records for January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2021, were used in data analysis.

Exposures Political party affiliation.

Main Outcomes and Measures Excess weekly deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic adjusted for age, county, party affiliation, and seasonality.

Results Between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2021, there were 538 159 individuals in Ohio and Florida who died at age 25 years or older in the study sample. The median age at death was 78 years (IQR, 71-89 years). Overall, the excess death rate for Republican voters was 2.8 percentage points, or 15%, higher than the excess death rate for Democratic voters (95% prediction interval [PI], 1.6-3.7 percentage points). After May 1, 2021, when vaccines were available to all adults, the excess death rate gap between Republican and Democratic voters widened from -0.9 percentage point (95% PI, -2.5 to 0.3 percentage points) to 7.7 percentage points (95% PI, 6.0-9.3 percentage points) in the adjusted analysis; the excess death rate among Republican voters was 43% higher than the excess death rate among Democratic voters. The gap in excess death rates between Republican and Democratic voters was larger in counties with lower vaccination rates and was primarily noted in voters residing in Ohio.

Conclusions and Relevance In this cross-sectional study, an association was observed between political party affiliation and excess deaths in Ohio and Florida after COVID-19 vaccines were available to all adults. These findings suggest that differences in vaccination attitudes and reported uptake between Republican and Democratic voters may have been factors in the severity and trajectory of the pandemic in the US.

<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2022/12/08/republicans-2022-election-results-coronavirus-00072565>

A working paper by Yale researchers recently released by the National Bureau of Economic Research found that far more Republicans are likely dying of Covid than Democrats.

According to the study, which used data from Florida and Ohio counties, registered Republicans and Democrats died of Covid in equal numbers in 2020, but once vaccines became widely available in summer 2021, the number of Republican excess deaths nearly doubled those of Democrats. The disparity grew even wider during the winter of 2021.

Amid skepticism by Trump and other conservative elites, fewer Republicans chose to be vaccinated or to wear masks in public spaces, and the consequences have sometimes been fatal.

These "selection effects" — Republican death rates and Democrats' more even geographic distribution — may

ANTI-VAXXER

To demonstrate my commitment to my freedoms and to compensate for the extra burden I am putting on the U.S. medical system,

I hereby decline medical treatment for COVID-19-related medical conditions.

Witness Signature and Date

Patient Signature and Date

Witness Printed Name

Patient Printed Name

Please keep in your wallet with your ID and/or insurance card. Please let your loved ones know to present it on your behalf if you are incapacitated.

help swing other extraordinarily tight electoral districts and states, particularly when turnout increases in 2024.

Republicans' long Covid may well endure.

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says:

December 17, 2022 at 11:00 am

It's misleading to put all the blame for COVID deaths on Trump. There's a much broader right-wing movement at work here. There were two big political factors in US COVID deaths — COVID denialism at first when the wave overwhelmed hospitals and GOP pols resisted mitigation measures, and then, the whole Redhat antivax thing, which was even more deadly than the first. Trump was only involved in that early minimization — having gone along with Warp Speed leaving him not fully pro-vax but more vax-neutral. The big mover

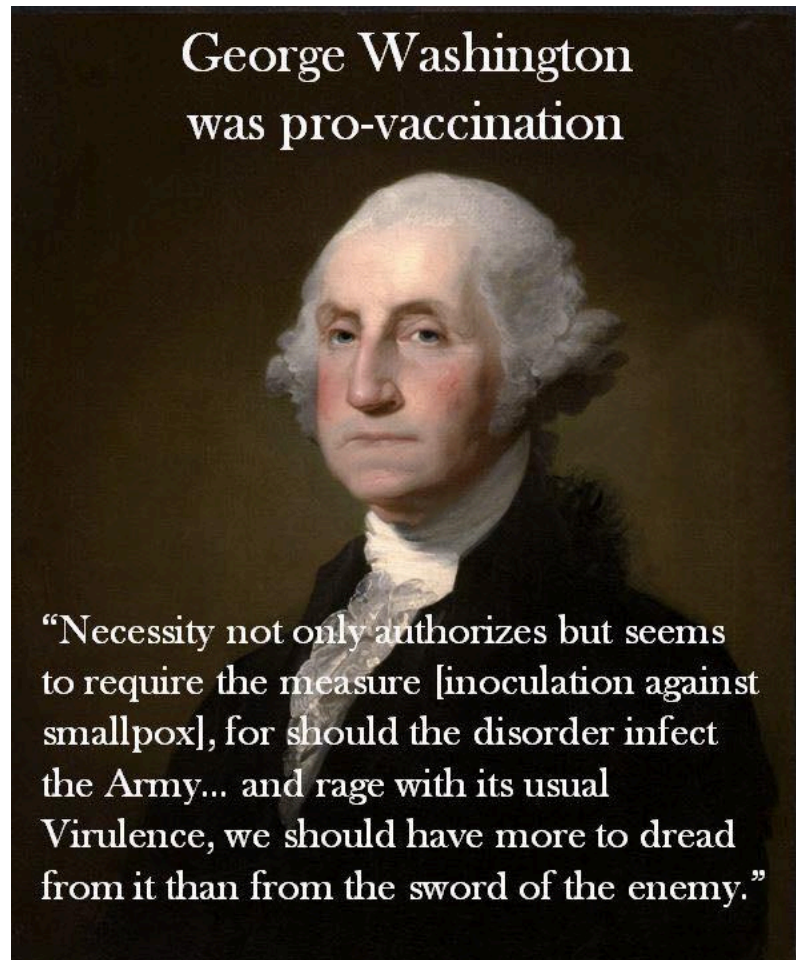
on the antivax front was absolutely Tucker Carlson, with various other 'new digital media' figures following his lead. Leading to the appearance of Trump on stage with Bill O'Reilly and both of them getting booed when stating they'd been vaxed.

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says:

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Oh, it's definitely more of a broader right wing project. Remember, for instance, that despite his antivax history dating back to at least 2007 Trump saw the release of COVID-19 vaccines as an important development that could save his failing reelection run and pressured the FDA to grant them emergency use approval before the election. Also, note that resistance to vaccine mandates and COVID-19 vaccine conspiracies are associated with the far right not just in the US, but all over the world



Herman Cain Award

Presidential candidate Herman Cain made the fatal mistake of attending Donald Trump's June 2020 campaign event in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He attended maskless, caught covid, and died in hospital after about a month. The rally was held near the location of the 1919 pogrom against Tulsa's African American neighborhood. Insensitive is an understatement for Trump's event.

www.reddit.com/r/HermanCainAward/ is a site focused on loudmouth anti-vaxxers who die of covid disease. A sequel to the Darwin Awards, perhaps. It's not intended to gloat or celebrate anyone's demise (although some commenters do that), but to highlight those mistakes to encourage vaccinations in the hesitant and other measures to prevent infection.

