



Un-Masking the Maskers

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While we turned to face masks as easy-to-practice tools early in the fight against the novel coronavirus, folks at the Centers for Disease Control were . . . lying about said technology.

“In a recently obtained letter ([pdf](#)) sent in November 2021 to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),” [writes](#) Megan Redshaw in *The Epoch Times*, “top epidemiologist Michael Osterholm, director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota, and seven colleagues informed the agency it was promoting flawed data and excluding data that did not reinforce their narrative.”

By over-stating the effectiveness of masks, the CDC “would ‘damage the credibility of science,’ endanger public

trust by ‘misrepresenting the evidence,’ and give the public ‘false expectations’ masking would protect them from the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19.”

While Osterholm and others expressed alarm that the CDC’s selection of study citations was more conclusion-oriented than process- (science-) oriented — “focus[ing] on the strengths of studies that support its conclusions while ignoring their shortcomings of study design” — we the patients (and doctors) were continually distracted from best practices during a pandemic.

Meanwhile, millions died.

The scientists’ letter was uncovered via a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process initiated by The Functional Government Initiative, which in making it public [stated](#), “The story of official masking guidance should trouble the American public. Recall that Dr. Fauci at first said there was no need for masks. Then cloth masks were all that stood between you and COVID. But as evidence against cloth masks appeared. . . .”

Well, the rest is history: Big Government Science masking the truth.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.