



Fifteen Days to Flatten America

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The most important lesson of “Fifteen days to flatten the curve!” occurred on the 16th, when governors kept lockdown measures going.

No state limited its lockdown measures to [a mere 15 days](#).

The public rationale for the lockdowns had been to save hospitals from being swamped with COVID patients — though the Army Corps of Engineers had built emergency COVID care centers near pandemic hot spots around the country, which were [unceremoniously dismantled](#), without having been used, even as governors continued their hysterics.

And tyrannies.

Out west in Washington, [for example](#), Governor Inslee shut down the *whole* state with a March 24, 2020, order, and, on April 3, unilaterally extended it to May 4, despite the fact that most of the state had hardly

experienced the virus yet. On May 29, the stay-at-home order was still in effect, with the governor dictating a county-by-county re-opening order that he fiddled with incoherently *for the next year*.

Across the country, most hospitals suffered from *under-use*.

John Stossel just “celebrated” the four-year anniversary of the lockdowns [with an article](#) titled “‘15 Days To Slow the Spread’: On the Fourth Anniversary, a Reminder to Never Give Politicians That Power Again.” Mr. Stossel provides a concise litany of the idiocy of that brief, if far too long, epoch of . . . what he calls “government incompetence.

But does incompetence exhaust the fault?

At the beginning I had expressed caution, even suggesting a little lenience for our leaders. Then came the enormity of the mass liberticide.

It was President Trump who put out the “guidelines” for shutting down the country; it was Trump who [stuck to his guns](#) on the [efficacy of the lockdown](#) “mitigations.” Trump did so because he was mesmerized, perhaps, by Drs. Fauci and Birx — whom *he* had promoted into the spotlight.

Little did Trump know, however, that Fauci had [funded](#) the [very disease](#) he was allegedly fighting, and that Birx, privately, had pushed lockdowns not in good faith for reasons stated, but with every intention of [pushing](#) “longer and more aggressive interventions.”

Trump? Played, yes; incompetent, sure.

But Birx and Fauci? Malevolent. Evil. Pick the word.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.