

Do you agree or disagree with the Great Barrington Declaration (GBD) that urges an end to COVID-19 lockdown measures?

Agree – 61.7%	Disagree – 35.1%	Other – 3.1%
<i>“The lockdowns are hurting more than they are protecting with loss of jobs, distant learning, being two of the biggest factors and those alone having long term side effects that reach out into other areas of social and economic areas. Protect the elderly and vulnerable with underlying conditions and let’s see what happens. Can’t be worse.”</i>	<i>“How can you completely isolate people at risk? This is not a feasible option”</i>	<i>“Selective Lockdown - I believe that the majority of young and healthy individuals may not develop severe symptoms; but if they do not adhere to public health recommendations, they can still spread the virus”</i>
<i>“Major shutdowns make the cure worse than the disease. Yes, some people will get very sick and even die however many, many more will be able to work & take care of their families.”</i>	<i>“Tasteless and written with severe bias”</i>	<i>“We need a plan to safely end lockdowns - There is still many unknowns about this virus - I think it is still difficult to define who should be in the group of "increased risk" and who is not. Many people that are not elderly and were not defined with pre-existing conditions became critically ill and/or died from this virus (per data shared from CDC/FDA).”</i>
<i>“Our society is being manipulated by certain officials and the mainstream news media in order to control us. They want to shut the economy down for political reasons.”</i>	<i>“If we have alternative treatment for this disease that might be okay, but we do not. Young people are dying too. We know so little about the aftermath of this virus. We cannot expose anyone and the young and healthy do not live alone.”</i>	<i>“Received this haiku from a friend: We isolate now So when we gather again No one is missing”</i>
<i>“I agree that lockdown is not an effective way to quell the spread of COVID-19. The real problem, in my opinion, is that many Americans refuse to wear a mask, practice social distancing and limit travel. The Americans who refuse to wear masks are the same ones who disregard lockdown instructions, limiting its effectiveness. I agree it is a good idea to enact a partial lockdown for those at risk, however, those at risk will undoubtedly come in contact with those who are not on lockdown. Just mask!”</i>	<i>“As a swine veterinarian (population medicine), I am well aware of the idea of herd immunity. It works if some animals are less affected (morbidity and mortality). The problem, you”</i>	

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<p><i>“Opening would only work if other public health measures (mask, social distancing, hand hygiene) were universally applied. We are already doing this experiment in many areas of the country, and both cases and deaths are rising. If you don't advocate masking and social distancing in all public places, don't re-open.”</i></p>	<p><i>“I don't trust "medical experts" who may be on the payroll of a political party or are invested heavily in big pharma.”</i></p>	
<p><i>“It's hard to believe that people are buying into this lockdown nonsense. History will tell you, you can't hide from a virus. They won't just disappear. They're only prolonging it and making it worse.”</i></p>	<p><i>“Shame on you for promoting such dangerous ideas. Three scientists does not a quorum make. And running stories like this will only make Covid harder to fight.”</i></p>	
<p><i>“In many people's minds the lockdown has already ended. On the rare and necessary occasions that I step out of my house, I see people going resuming their pre-COVID-19 activities. However, they do need to stay away from older and less healthy people if they choose to ignore the lockdown.”</i></p>	<p><i>“The elderly and those with underlying health conditions will be at higher risk of acquiring Covid-19 if the lockdown restrictions are lifted. The true dichotomy behind GBD proposal is between economy and Covid deaths mostly on those vulnerable populations + excess mortality by other diseases.”</i></p>	
<p><i>“It's time to listen to multiple experts in the field, rather than politicians with an agenda of control over the population.”</i></p>	<p><i>“In countries where public health measures aren't politicized, lockdowns are still being put in place to help quell spread. In the US, where whether or not you wear a mask depends on far more than your desire to stop the spread of COVID, I believe lockdown measures are necessary for COVID. That being said, I completely understand there is a flip side to the coin. One must statistically weigh the options.”</i></p>	
<p><i>“No more deaths than normal”</i></p>	<p><i>“It should more appropriately be name the "Not So Great Declaration". You state that they want to "end the COVID-19 lockdown for those that are in a high risk category". This makes no scientific sense.”</i></p>	

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<i>“If we can effectively protect the vulnerable, then it makes sense. The economical consequences of a total lockdown will certainly negatively impact health, perhaps more so than the pandemic itself.”</i>	<i>“It is not possible to isolate those at risk from those not at risk of severe infections. Also, even mild infections can result in long term adverse outcomes”</i>	
<i>“Lockdowns don't stop the virus spread, but only delay it. And the damage caused by lockdowns is worse than the disease.”</i>	<i>“The vulnerable includes more than the elderly. We also would need to isolate those with underlying conditions such as obesity, asthma, diabetic, immune disorder, etc. Who will be left to try to achieve the 65-70% infection needed for herd immunity? Plus, herd immunity to viral disease has never been achieved without a vaccine. We also do not know if there are long term consequences to being infected or whether immunity lasts. I won't even get started on the near impossible logistics involved.”</i>	
<i>“Risk to healthy individuals under the age of 50 is minimal.”</i>	<i>“I believe that the lockdowns have assisted in lowering COVID numbers.”</i>	
<i>“Despite I am a 73 old woman in very good health, I agree with the GBD , but I would like that old people like me have a special permission to do exercises, like walking, velo cicles in open parks, conservating distance measures and masks near other people.”</i>	<i>“The virus is more damaging than the lockdown. The consequences of getting sick are not understood very well.”</i>	
<i>“Most young people should be able to survive this coronavirus. Just as long as they know not to expose their elderly.”</i>	<i>“Sweden already tried this approach. It's naive and, predictably, it had disastrous results. There is no reason to think that adoption of this approach in the United States would have better results. (Parenthetically, I am a professor of microbiology and my laboratory specializes in airborne infectious diseases.)”</i>	

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<p><i>“The most recent data from Sweden where they followed a similar protocol, has yielded the desired results. It must be plainly emphasized that the most vulnerable citizens must still practice social distancing, wearing face masks, and other precautions. Novel viruses will always cause an inordinate amount of deaths, regardless of the extraordinary measures taken to prevent those deaths. Citizens with compromised health have always been hardest hit...unfortunate, but true.</i></p>	<p><i>“And have they also considered how to prevent younger individuals from spreading the disease to others, like their parents and grandparents?”</i></p>	
<p><i>“I have seen firsthand how the lock downs are affecting healthy people and students as well as impacting our local economy. We've had 7-9 businesses close due to lock downs and will not reopen.”</i></p>	<p><i>“Social distancing is clearly the most effective measure for preventing COVID-19 - as long as an effective and safe vaccine is not yet available.”</i></p>	
<p><i>“Natural (not induced) herd immunity is best! As we approach flu season this is the best way to protect those most susceptible.”</i></p>	<p><i>“It would be very selfish and irresponsible to end lock downs at a time like this. The cases are spiking like crazy and the US is the worst in the world. Quit thinking of only yourself and look at the big picture.”</i></p>	
	<p><i>“Younger people will spread it to those who are vulnerable - their parents and grandparents, in particular, but any older person whom they interact with will be at risk. If younger people acted more responsibly, this might work, but they don't. Heck, a lot of older people don't act responsibly with this virus!”</i></p>	
	<p><i>“I do not think they addressed the long term effects of this virus. we don't know if this virus is like the flu or is it a virus like herpes or HIV. We don't know what harm this virus causes major organs or what it does to cause blood clots. still too much unknown.”</i></p>	