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Below is this week's news clips compiled from citizens across Oregon. It competes with what used to be newspapers to provide you information to make your own judgements. Do not confuse this with an update or newsletter from the [Oregon State Capitol which was closed](#) on March 17, 2020 by Speaker Kotek, President Courtney, and Governor Brown. Whom two then fled to Portlandia, and now, have erected barricades and fences around Oregon State Capitol to prevent access by the public of all parties, interests or opinions. Further, given your correspondence, please know the 'Legislature' in Oregon is part-time, only meets rarely, has no audit power, no investigation powers, no police powers, no executive powers and no operational powers. Even in a regular or special session, the legislative process is 100% controlled by President Courtney and Speaker Kotek, in the last two special sessions rural Republican legislators were prohibited from introducing bills or legislation to help Oregonians in any manner what-so-ever.

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At the end, we will give you some suggestions of what others are doing to peacefully protest the present situation included Governor Brown, President Courtney, and Speaker Kotek's efforts to block a public legislative session, lock down the state until June 2021, and keep your Oregon State Capitol closed to you.

Below is this week's information clips from other Oregonians:

In our country, we are experiencing a **crisis of trust**. One way or another, we get our news from the mainstream media (MSM), or state-run media, where misinformation and bias shape the headlines. Social media is no better with censorship, paid advertisements and fake news.

Each American is now **required to take a hard look** at multiple sources to come up with realistic conclusions for **what is really going on**.

[Calloutthemediamedia.com](#) will help Americans cut through the double standards in the state-run and national media. Why isn't the media reporting on x, y, z topics that **matter to us**, the consumer?

It is time to **stop** going along with the herd mentality because it is easier and because we are lazier. Is it '[just a mask](#)' after all? We must demand more of the news and each other to get our **freedom back**.

As long as there is the threat of the perceived virus, Americans are **willingly** giving up their freedom.

CALL OUT THE MEDIA. Why isn't the media covering:

#1: The COVID-19 death rate has been **decreasing** since early March, even *before* Oregon went into [lockdown](#).

Using The Atlantic [COVID tracking project](#) data (available for download), data pulled on 11/28/2020 shows the death rate is at 1.97%, but is **even lower** because the [WHO has said one in 10 people worldwide](#) have probably had COVID-19, before politicians figured out it would be a great way to gain more power. The website includes graphs of daily tests, cases, current hospitalizations and deaths.

The media calculating how many people have died from the coronavirus



But there is no mention of the consistently decreasing COVID-19 death rate because that statistic makes it harder to **scare people into compliance**, and the state-run media is actively involved in perpetuating that agenda. After downloading the data from The Atlantic, Americans are left to their own devices to calculate the death rate for themselves (total number of deaths divided by total number of cases) because it is not provided

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- Other data points not available via The Atlantic: The total positive tests divided by the total test results shows the percentage an American has for getting a **positive** COVID-19 test; 6.88%, based on 11/28/2020 data. The PCR tests that are used to detect COVID-19 have a [horrific false-positive rate](#). The [FDA has called out](#) the false-positive rates. The media should be covering [this fact](#), or at least asking **why** PCR tests are still used, despite the false-positive risk.
- Media should ask OHA how they are “amplifying the viral RNA” in the Oregon PCR tests because the **panic persists** due to “asymptomatic” (which means symptomless) people potentially having the virus and not knowing it. Unfortunately for those who claim to “believe science” as though it were the Bible, no one who is [asymptomatic has the live virus](#), but when you run the test at a cycle threshold over 30, meaning you amplify the viral RNA more than 30 times, **you end up with a positive test** even if the virus is inactive and noninfectious.

#2: [Is hospital capacity really an issue?](#) [What is really going on with hospitalizations?](#) If you read the [state-run media](#), it will tell you a scary story, but **take a look at the data**: In Oregon there are about 8,000 **available** hospital beds with another 1700 intentionally unstaffed as 85% of capacity is about where a hospital ought to be to stay profitable.

[Utilization](#) is under 50% statewide per federal data (click the link, type the state, pick a county, and click each respective circle to see the capacity of the hospitals).

Close to 800 medical professionals in Oregon have [signed a letter](#) that says in part: “*If the spread of COVID-19 does not slow and reverse, we will not be able to provide the best care for anyone whether they need a ventilator for COVID-19, chemotherapy for cancer or a safe place to deliver a baby.*”

- There you have it. Medical professionals who swear to uphold [The Hippocratic Oath](#), “First, do no harm”, are **threatening** Oregonians into compliance with Governor Brown’s arbitrary rules or *they*, the hospitals, will not be space for cancer patients or babies to be delivered.

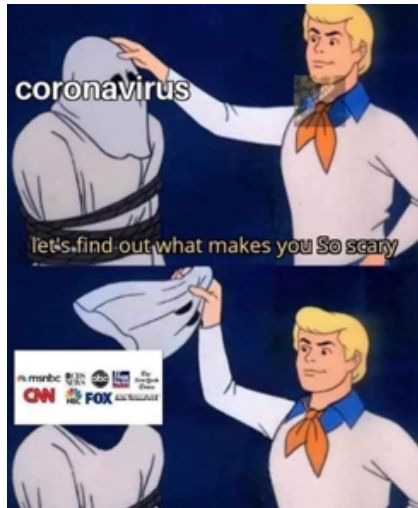
Oregonians are absolutely being manipulated and taken advantage of. The messaging has morphed from “don’t accidentally kill someone” to “[you will kill someone](#) if you don’t do as the government commands”. It is now Oregonians’ fault that **hospitals are not prioritizing** cancer patients or newborn babies.

#3: What about laying off hospital workers in the middle of a political pandemic? The media isn’t covering this or asking **why**, but the layoffs are happening. Over 9,000 health care workers have already lost their jobs and [filed for unemployment](#) (as of 11/11). Why would health care workers be without work in a pandemic when the Oregon state-run media is reporting [hospitals are filling up](#)?

- Adding a wing of staff is costly, as there are long term expenses. Thus, hospitals are **not** hiring more staff, but paying overtime to get them past the peaks. The rhetoric and propaganda on COVID-19 patients and bed space is to **avoid lawsuits**... nothing more.
- Media, ask why the focus is on metro-area hospitals? Why are [rural hospitals left](#) to fend for themselves? State-run media, ask the government if the ultimate goal is to [shut down rural hospitals](#) and force Oregonians on one medical plan?
- [Rural Oregon has been targeted](#) for demise over the governor’s pet, Multnomah County because cases are compared to the overall population so communities that many in the state have *never heard of* (hello, Nyssa, OR) consistently rank the highest for COVID-19 impact.
- This is just another way the governor is exacting revenge on rural Oregon for Republican legislators walking out and killing cap and trade. [Governor Brown did say](#), “**I will just say... revenge is a dish best served cold and slowly.**”

Governor Brown just announced [cuts to hospital budgets](#). During a political pandemic? Something is going on here.

#4: Media, why aren’t you asking the government why Oregonians are paying for public school this year with their property taxes when **barely any** children are receiving an education? OPB [just did a story](#) about how kids are not the primary drivers of COVID-19 spreading, which is great, but Oregonians should be asking *why*. *Why* is the media suddenly covering this fact ([that has been known for months](#))?



Governor Brown has [given up on educating Oregon students for an entire year](#) to appease teachers’ unions. [One superintendent has said](#) school doesn’t seem like a priority this year. Why are taxpayers paying for teachers’ unions to have a vacation? Kids deserve quality education and too many of them are struggling to adapt to virtual learning. Religious-affiliated schools are targeted because Governor Brown and her staff [do not want to see a “mass exodus” from union-controlled public schools](#).

Why isn’t the media calling out Oregon leaders for leaving behind the kids of working-class parents that cannot stay home to assist with online learning?

#5: The media fails to call out or report on government edicts as direct attacks on American Constitution. The media should be passionate advocates for the American Constitution, and especially the First Amendment. Instead, they do everything to toe the line and follow Governor Kate Brown’s socialist agenda. Little do they know, in past revolutions, the media [will fall](#).

- The Constitution is not a comprehensive list of rights that the government gives us. NO, the government doesn’t give us our rights; government is obliged to protect rights, as outlined in the Constitution. When the government creates arbitrary restrictions, it is a [breach of your fundamental human rights](#).

The beloved “science” and “data” that were once leading reasons for the political pandemic and subsequent government overreach have been pushed to the side. Governor Brown is no longer hiding her power grabs because *the science does not correlate with her dictatorial behavior*. **Why isn't the media calling her out on this?**

- The reason there was an American Revolution in the 1700s is because Americans were tired of their monarch telling *them* how to live, but the monarch did not live the same way. We are seeing this unfold with Governor Brown and other liberal governors forcing decrees on state citizens that they themselves *do not follow*. So then why have the rules at all? It's about control.

#6: What happened to the [testing plan](#) for elderly Oregonians? [Health Care at Foster Creek was shut down](#) after over residents died from COVID-19. Why did the media allow that shocking malpractice to fade away? Are other nursing homes being shut down for the same reason?

The elderly in Oregon are being dreadfully abused. They have been left alone for months on end. [NBC decided to acknowledge](#) the horrific isolation it a few nights ago. Nursing homes and congregate care facilities have closed their inside gyms to comply with the governor's orders. *Science* has shown that exercise and regular [physical activity is essential](#) during the COVID-19 event and also, [according to the CDC](#), helps the elderly stay physically and mentally fit.

- Countless elderly people have gotten [depressed and weaker](#) since they've been locked in facilities. In Oregon, it isn't until they are placed in end-of-life hospice care that family can visit them. By then it is often too late.

Why is the media suddenly covering the prevalence of depressed elderly with the lockdowns?

Governor Brown's [new chief of staff](#) is married to the lead lobbyist for the [Oregon Health Care Association](#), which is one of many associations that have sought legal protection for [3 specific protections that equate to no blame](#) for malpractice.

#7: How effective are face masks? A [new study from Denmark](#) (one of the Left's favorite countries to model after) says masks are [not preventing](#) people from getting COVID-19. Dissemination of that study has been shut down by the media, or articles written are framed to tell people exactly [how to think about the study](#), aka: disregard it.

Media, even if you think the study is flawed, or if it actually is, **why not cover it?** Instead of informing and educating their subscribers, the media censors and ignores facts, studies and other articles they do not like, taking away Americans' ability to decide for themselves.

Americans must start thinking for themselves and start asking questions.

[Masks outside](#) make zero sense because they prevent the wearer from breathing fresh air, and those who wear them outside are examples of the inescapable “herd mentality” in Oregon.

**Me walking past you
with no mask on.**



#8: Under Governor Kate Brown, Oregon's [bloated bureaucracy has sanctioned a devastating transfer of wealth](#) from small businesses on main street to big corporate interests during the lockdowns. Thousands of Oregonians have lost their jobs and livelihoods and must have the freedom to return to work immediately.

Why isn't the state-run media pointing out how Democrats are usually critical of corporate America and quick to tax and over-regulate businesses at every turn, but they are silent as massive transfers of wealth are benefiting Wall-Street big-shots, while devastating small businesses, middle-class entrepreneurs and lower-income working people.

- Why isn't the state-run media asking why Oregonians can pack into big box stores, destroy property and [riot in Portland](#), but attending church, a family wedding or a friendly get together is deemed “dangerous”?
- **Why does the state-run media blindly accept the government dictating what Americans can do in their *private* residences?**

#9: Why isn't the media covering Governor Brown taking steps to [block a vaccine](#) by partnering with other states to study the “safety” of a vaccine and maintain [dictator-like control](#) of each respective state. Vaccines should be an **individual choice**... *Equal protection under the Constitution is still the right of every Oregonian.*

#10: Why is the state-run media silent on the mental health of Oregonians as a result of the unscientific lockdowns? The government is forcing Oregonians to live in hopeless situations as they lose their jobs and are unable to get unemployment assistance. The government isn't offering tips to stay healthy; no, the government is telling Oregonians to stay away from each other *at all costs*. [Humans are social creatures](#) from the very beginning.

- What are the long-term impacts of not seeing one another's faces due to the masks?
- In Japan, [more people committed suicide last month](#) than have died *all year* from COVID-19. This begs the question: Japan can't be the only country experiencing strife, and what is really going on in Oregon?

Last: **Restaurants and small business**

Just as the science has traced few COVID-19 cases back to the “personal services” industry, the same applies to restaurants. What gives?

The Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association (ORLA) filed a lawsuit against the governor for her horrific overreach and the 2-week (that will extend much longer) “freeze”, but it was [tossed from court](#). [Read the CEO update here](#).

The governor is [quoted saying](#): “The limits placed on Oregonians' activities are frustrating and painful, but they are necessary for the preservation of human life.” From the governor who supports abortions through all 9-months of pregnancy and [kept abortions as “essential” services](#) during the lockdowns. Where is the value in “preserving human life” for the unborn and the elderly?

What we are seeing unfold with the destruction of small business and restaurants is a snapshot of socialism.

- The wealthy stay wealthy. Everyone else gets squeezed out.
- The governor and Oregon Health Authority socialist scientists have repeatedly said that COVID-19 is spreading in family gatherings. Why shut down restaurants, which are cleaner than many homes and provide an opportunity for Oregonians to get out of their homes?

But liquor and weed stores can stay open (and have seen [record sales](#)) because (follow the money), the state government heavily taxes both of these items.

HOW TO HELP

- Donate to [Common Sense for Oregon](#), a fund that can help businesses with legal fees when battling OR-OSHA's government overreach
- [Freedom Foundation](#)

WHAT YOU CAN DO PERSONALLY Stay alert, stay alive and do what it takes to boost your own immune system. Eat properly, drink water and get regular exercise (even with gyms closed for no good reason, YouTube and other platforms have quick exercise videos you can do from your home). Breathe the fresh air. Call loved ones. Boost your morale against the continued fearmongering. Remember, even those who contract the virus, [over 98% recover](#) and [over 40% never show symptoms](#) and aren't actually sick.

To be clear, many legislators have asked the Governor to consider all kinds of options other than her edicts, lockdowns and her tyranny. So have citizens. Thousands of letters of protests, suggestions, and ideas have been provided to the Governor and her staff. Other than a gym suggestion in the Spring none have been considered, which, she again closed gyms with zero science or medical justification two weeks ago. Brown has been asked to focus on enhanced protections for vulnerable citizens instead she intentionally locked seniors in their center homes for which many have died. The largest percentage of deaths. Brown was asked to apply real medical science instead of profiteering solutions to solve any possible hospital bed shortages. After eight months, entire wings of hospital beds remain idle, empty, and unstaffed as it is not profitable. Brown has billions of dollars at her disposal to increase bed capacity by a minimum of 1684 beds, and send special medical teams to senior homes but has refused. Brown has an [\\$85.5 billion-dollar budget](#) so finding funds is not a problem, especially since the state government has been closed for eight months. Brown was asked per the law, to allow local control to emergency response as required law, but it is total centralized personal control from downtown Portland. Brown has hidden behind the Oregon Supreme Court who legislated from the bench but that is catching up with them and her in the federal courts now. Tens of thousands of parents with pediatricians have demanded local schools be opened, but Brown's donor's, the teacher's union, refuses ... it will be their own demise as state government will assume complete control of online automated education as planned, unemploying almost all teachers, and completely eliminating the whole union. Brown was asked to delay tax payments on individuals, businesses and properties she impacted or closed but refused, Brown closed small businesses not socialist corporations that support her raking in the profits while expanding their market share. Brown was asked for rental relief by paying landlords impacted by her executive orders so they could maintain housing, pay bills, pay county taxes, fund schools, but instead, she has opted to bankrupt small landlords. FYI, the majority of Oregon's landlords only own a couple of rental units, and are seniors trying to live on these rents with no other incomes to meet basic necessities. Brown, Courtney and Kotek cooperation means doing exactly what you are told or face government oppression. Brown says 'revenge is a dish best served cold and slowly.' Fact, regardless if you are democrat, republican or independent socialist. And do not be deceived by 31 so-called House Democrats asking the Governor for an Article XA special session when the exact same 31 House Democrats can call themselves into special session without her approval. Again, hypocrisy backed by profiteering socialist corporate media and campaign donations. Or direct financial benefits?

Oregonians are asking what can we do given the actions of a "government that serves government not the people?"

First, take personal responsibility of your health. If you consider yourself vulnerable then take the appropriate precautions. After eight months, if you have not improved your eating habits and exercise to maintain your health including weight loss if appropriate then double down to get healthy. No Governor's actions or orders have prevented you from being healthy, maybe inconvenient but not prevented. Consider your family, especially moving an elder you might have placed in a center. You are perfectly capable of helping your own parents. Either home school your children or supplement your district's online attempt to help your children. Create a neighborhood group to help each other including your children just like the CDC recommended. Stay alert and be prepared as "government serves government not the people."

Peaceful protests only work if you protest in locations where decisionmakers are located in person. Protesting at an empty barricaded State Capital is a waste of time as socialist corporate media who profit on selling fear

an empty barricaded state capitol is a waste of time as socialist corporate media who profit on selling fear simply attack you the citizen. Pick your locations wisely.

For those who want to email critiques, protests or suggestions to the Governor's staff this is the email address: Governor.Brown@state.or.us

For those who want to write an old fashion letter to Governor her required public access addresses are at this link: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/sooDetail.do?cneCommitteeld=931>

Economic embargo is the best peaceful protest. State government only survives because you pay nearly \$40 billion in optional fees as state taxes are only 26% of their revenue. Opt out. Choose no extra state government services. Boycott county, city and district government you know are enabling Governor Brown's totalitarian rule. Support local officials that serve you. Turn off profiteering media. Socialist for-profit corporate media only survive if you pay them ... unsubscribe, cancel subscriptions, do not 'like' them, find your news (even theirs) on uncensored internet platforms. Corporate media is already dying as this newsletter reaches six times the circulation of the largest tabloid in Oregon. We can reach twice that if you forward these clips. Do not buy or shop from socialist corporations, you know exactly whom they are intown and online. Forego convenience if you want freedom. Instead, buy local from small business, farmers, and known supporters of your rights. Most of you have already prepared for a Cascadia, followed Red Cross suggestions, canned extra foods, and are prepared for a long blackout. Past news letters on this list covered these facts. The future is in your hands as "government serves government not the people" until we peacefully and lawfully take it back.

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Sincerely,

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