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1. This is a quite brilliant talk by Dr Roger Hodkinson on Covid. The good doctor first came to my attention last year when he appeared on a phone in radio show in Canada. He then became more mainstream due to an interview he did with [@breesanna](#)

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2. I haven't transcribed the original phone in one on the radio but there is a link to it here if you fancy listening to it. I have transcribed his latest one though.

soundcloud.com/hannah-neely-1...

3. If you prefer you can listen to the whole 30 minutes or just go to 16.40 to listen to Dr Hodkinson. Probably quicker reading than watching anyway.

facebook.com/TheAngryAlbert...

4. Rather than put together a huge thread which would probably be 100 plus separate tweets I have screen captured the transcribed text for easy reading. It took me a few hours to do.

He really is a most incredibly articulate & passionate man. Enjoy. It is a quite brilliant talk.

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My name is Dr Roger Hodgkinson and my presentation to you today is about the most grave injustice our society has ever experienced. I'm here because this is a defining moment in my medical career and indeed my entire life. It's the fight of a generation but first let me tell you why I feel qualified to address you. I'm a medical specialist in pathology and graduate of Cambridge University UK.

I've had many leadership roles in medicine both provincially and nationally including those as a university teacher, board examiner and laboratory accreditation inspector. I was previously president of the Alberta Society of laboratory physicians otherwise known as a pathologist and have been assistant professor in the faculty of medicine at the U of A.

I have also been active in public health advocacy for many years as honorary chairman of Ash action on smoking and health. Ash is the leading non-profit organisation tackling the predatory marketing practices of big tobacco. I'm not an anti-vaxxer, conspiracy theorist or Great Resetter.

I spent my entire career in evidence-based medicine. No one is an expert in all the fields involved here but what is desperately needed is for the general public to hear common sense from a qualified person and I'd like to think that's me so that's why I'm here. I believe the most important duty of anyone involved in public health is to protect the public from health risks that they cannot effectively manage themselves.

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In my opinion during the Covid pandemic there has been a gross intrusion of government into health matters that could have been perfectly well managed by individual adults as was the case with all recent pandemics. The degree of this government overreach has resulted in the most profound fear and utterly unwarranted loss of personal freedoms ever witnessed in Alberta in its entire history.

In essence public health is the practice of medicine at a societal level and it should follow standard medical ethics where every act is performed for good reason. That is no different from the obligation of an individual physician to his or her patient. Society is in fact the patient of the Chief Medical Officer of health.

And in medicine it is the Hippocratic oath. First do no harm. But that concept appears to have been totally ignored as the harmful consequences are by any measure grotesquely disproportional to any of the purported benefits. The cure is far worse than the disease. The mandated interventions should have been supported at the very least by consensus in evidence-based medicine that they would be successful.

However all the measures being currently undertaken including masks, I'm sure you're familiar with them, social distancing and closures of all kinds have no consensus for effectiveness in the medical literature and in fact the weight of evidence is against these measures. Masks are you might say the very face of this issue, the very visible evidence of compliance.

Various mandates can only be perceived as arbitrary knee-jerk reactions for politicians to convince the general public that they are doing something. But politics playing medicine is a very dangerous game and has been played out in this province shows no signs of abating.

Politicians must get their heads around the fact that in 2021 medicine is impotent at controlling the spread of the covid-19 pandemic in the general population. The genie is out of the bottle. It's everywhere and we must accept common-sense accommodation as per the Great Barrington declaration as the only viable approach. Let me state emphatically again nothing works to control the spread of this virus.

In my opinion and many more expert than me the approach to this pandemic in Alberta was wrong headed from its very inception. As the Great Barrington declaration eloquently argues, there should have been no change in public policy compared to previous pandemics. Life should not have changed one iota except for enhanced protection of the vulnerable.

The Great Barrington Declaration called that approach focus protection and the only public health intervention that was needed. I firmly support that conclusion. Dr Battacharya an esteemed epidemiologist from Stanford and said that lockdowns are "the biggest mistake ever made in public health". Try to protect the working well with very low risk of death by shutting down the economy is obviously ridiculously naive.

But let's step back for a moment and consider the actual risk of death from COVID in Alberta for asymptomatic people who feel no different today from yesterday. Using the government's own statistics for the working well for the under 65s the risk of death over a whole year was 1 in 15000.

I ask you, does that warrant shutting down an economy that's already tanking? Remember that the strength of a public health care system is only as good as the strength of the underlined economy to support it. In my view the fear and hysteria over Covid is being maintained by two principal drivers.

The 1st driver is the brutal international silencing of all counter opinions whether from politicians, journalists or physicians and the second driver is asymptomatic testing which is not only useless because of countless false positives but counterproductive because it drives on going public hysteria. Public hysteria in turn is being used by politicians to double down on mandates known to be ineffective.

You know if one mask isn't working today we recommend two or maybe 10 next week who knows. I attribute the ongoing panic over COVID to a litany of failures. First of all and most importantly, failure of due diligence from the get go on the absurd modelling by Dr Neil Ferguson of Imperial College London in the UK.

That was the most single failure as it became the predicate for similarly exaggerated responses. Failure to inform the public that there was no consensus in the medical literature for any of the draconian restrictions so arbitrarily introduced.

Failure to report to the general public the cumulative adverse consequences of the interventions on general healthcare, dying relatives, funerals, wedding services, school closures, graduations and thousands of small business bankruptcies.

On the way here today I drove past Grace Life Church, that double steel cordon is still around that church. Failure to halt the testing of asymptomatic people should be stopped immediately, it has no purpose.

Failure to produce detailed statistical reporting to inform the working well in lay terms about the actual degree of risk in Covid and that variance as Dr Modri indicated are nothing to fear. Failure to classify deaths appropriately, the vulnerable populations with many comorbidities who happen to be covid positive at the time of their death are been classified as deaths directly due to covid.

That is statistical sleight-of-hand. Died with covid is not the same as dying of covid. Failure to promote the lifesaving potential of vitamin D which is totally safe, cheap and has overwhelming evidence of protection from covid-19. What used to be called the season of coughs and colds is now being recognised as the season of vitamin D deficiency.

In a month or so the sun will come up again and we will all start making vitamin D in our skin and guess what the pandemic will disappear again. And they will say, see we wrestled it to the ground, to which I say no such thing, Its the classic fallacy trap, just because B follows A does not mean that A caused B.

Wake up. Failure to communicate to the general public the inadequacies of PCR testing. There are no published statistics in Alberta regarding the percentage of false-positive results by pcr-based methods.

False positives have a huge multiplier effect on contact tracing resulting in many times that number of people being taken out of the workforce too. The internationally renowned epidemiologists who ordered the Great Barrington Declaration has stated categorically that contact tracing is both useless and counterproductive.

Failure to inform the public that the vaccines are all strictly experimental lacking the customary 2 to 4 years adverse event trials and therefore in my view by any definition unsafe. That is a failure, a spectacular failure of the second important medical ethic, that of informed consent.

There was no need for a rushed vaccine given the scale of risk and in my opinion its is profoundly reckless. Indeed there are concerns about its safety now for women under 50 and pregnant women already surfacing which proves the point in spades. The vaccine potential, the vaccines situation has the potential of getting infinitely worse.

If these so called vaccine passports come to play, yes they'll say, you can refuse the vaccine if you want if you think it's unsafe but you know what you won't be allowed to travel. How outrageous. And finally a failure to balance loss of freedom against the scale of threat. The government is in large part about balance. In my opinion for covid-19 the Alberta government got the balance badly wrong.

We prioritise the containment of Covid-19 over all else. The government's entire focus has been on one virus ignoring all other measures of health and well-being. Furthermore the profound loss of personal freedom resulting from the various mandates are an unforgivable assault on the very essence of our humanity and totally unwarranted given the scale of threat.

This is not ebola, this is not SARS. In fact Sweden and Florida clearly demonstrate that draconian actions have little impact on the final toll from Covid. However even to debate these questions is now stigmatised by government, the media and professional colleges as irresponsible and to be resolutely suppressed.

The entire population has been intimidated into compliance with the threat of outrageous fines and actual jail for disobedience. The government's encouragement of citizens to snitch on each other is utterly reprehensible.

So in summary these numerous failures of the government of Alberta for the pandemic has caused the most monstrous loss of freedom,|unwarranted fear and horrendous personal consequences ever recorded in our province and all without any justifiable cause.

It must end now and never be allowed to happen again. The general public must never again have their rights so trampled on while we are perfectly capable of managing this type of problem ourselves independent of any government intervention as we have done so effectively in years gone by.

So I repeat for effect nothing works to stop the spread of this virus through society, nothing could work, nothing did work, and nothing will work. This virus must just be allowed to run its course government must simply accommodate to medicines impotence and allow the public to use its abundant common sense. Open up Alberta. Thank you for your attention

13. You know the drill 😊 I write these 🧵 in my spare time and would really appreciate if you could retweet the very 1st tweet. Likes are great but retweets are required to reach as large an audience as possible to expose what is really going on behind the scenes. Many thanks.