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1. “How Did Prof Sam McConkey Go From Speaking Sense To Being A Fully Paid Up Member Of The Zero Covid Cult Crew (ZCCC)”

The answer to that question is contained within the film Jerry Maguire and Star Wars 🧵 1/21



2. Prof Sam McConkey is Associate Professor and Head of the Department of International Health and Tropical Medicine at the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin

[rcsi.com/people/profile...](https://rcsi.com/people/profile...)

3 He is a staunch advocate of the Zero Covid policy along with the likes of Tomas Ryan, Aoife McLysaght, Kingston Mills, Gerry Killeen and Anthony Staines. He has also appeared on Claire Byrne Live, Prime Time & The Tonight Show to share his pearls of wisdom on all things "Covid"

4. Like Tomas Ryan he has also received funding from the Wellcome Trust and is a Director of the European Vaccine Initiative (EVI), an organisation whose objective is “to spearhead global vaccine development efforts”. No conflict of interest there then.

Previous positions:

Fellow in Infectious Disease at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis in Missouri

Honorary Consultant in Infectious Diseases at Oxford Radcliffe Trust 2001 – 2005

Wellcome Trust funded researcher in The Gambia doing clinical studies of therapeutic vaccines against hepatitis B virus infection in 2001-2005

Head of Viral Disease Research Programme, at MRC Laboratories The Gambia 2003-2005

5. Prof McConkey was also heavily involved in the Swine Flu epidemic of 2009. He estimated that between 20% and 40% of the Irish population would come down with the swine flu so between 900,000 and 1.8 million. 24 people sadly died.

[irishcentral.com/news/ireland-b...](http://irishcentral.com/news/ireland-b...)

6. Sam does like a bit of drama though, he said “If 1 in every 1,000 were to die, that would be like 4 jets going down in Dublin airport”. What is it with these Zero Covid guys, Tomas Ryan even spoke of treating Covid cases like murder. Something quite sinister going on.

“Even if you erred on the side of caution and estimated that one million people got it, and that one in every 1,000 of those people were to die, it is like four jets going down in Dublin airport.”

That statistic comes from someone who should know; Professor Sam McConkey, head of the Department of International Health and Tropical Medicine at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI).

7. So we can see that Sam’s predictions are not his strong point. Even for the Covid “pandemic”, Sam estimated between 80,000 and 120,000 deaths. Last time I looked we were at 3,950. Just out by a factor of 30.

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**I**ack into the public service after the emergency situation ended.

The Fórsa union said yesterday that unions were working closely with the HSE in a rapidly developing situation, and all parties were “equally focused on responding in the most effective way possible”.

However, it said the health staff panel representing all unions on Friday had said the ban on industrial action and the provision for outsourcing were not acceptable.

It said unions told the HSE they would not agree to any unilateral outsourcing and any such proposal must be in line with the provisions of the current public service agreement.

It said unions also contended that there should be clearer language with regard to the activation/cessation of the circumstances giving rise to the protocol on redeployment.

The HSE said that it was its policy “to maximise the redeployment of critical skills across our services and ensure maximum flexibility of critical resources. This is part of best practice emergency planning.”

He also said that “close to 100” healthcare staff in Cork had been affected as a result of a case of coronavirus identified in a patient last week at Cork University Hospital (CUH).

Authorities have been unable to establish how the person contracted the virus. When the case was first confirmed, 60 staff were told to self-isolate.

Mr Reid said the health system could not sustain that level of staff having to self-isolate. He said staff without systems may return to work but that they would be tested regularly.

The Business Post reported yesterday that health authorities were forecasting about 40 per cent of the population could become sick as a result of Covid-19.

Mr Reid said he could not dispute these figures but said the work was not yet concluded and the evidence was changing day by day.

Mr Reid said the health service and hospitals had plans in place to deal with any surge in the number of patients affected by Covid-19, including using high dependency units, resuscitation units and intensive care facilities in the private sector.

He also said the Government had also allocated an confirmed case of Covid-19 and have not developed symptoms, and are deemed to be essential workers, may work. This is on condition they observe strict adherence to infection prevention and control precautions.

They also have to undergo twice daily monitoring for 14 days after contact with a confirmed case of Covid-19.

**Excluded**  
Health care workers who have had close contact with a confirmed case of Covid-19 and have developed symptoms should be excluded from work.

Minister for Health Simon Harris said yesterday it was highly likely that the country would see many cases of Covid-19.

The Minister said he hoped to have clarity about the modelling projections on the potential extent of the spread of Covid-19 in Ireland following a meeting of health experts tomorrow.

Meanwhile Prof Sam McConkey, head of the Department of International Health and Tropical Medicine at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, forecast yesterday that in a worst case scenario there could be between 80,000 and 120,000 deaths from Covid-19.

8. Hard as this is to believe, Prof McConkey did speak some sense back in March 2020. Initially, I thought I was hallucinating but then I listened and watched again and it is definitely him. Don't believe me, listen to the 50 sec clip.



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"I think this idea of just blanket closing, bringing up the drawbridge if you like, is really devastating economically for us in ways that we just haven't thought through."

Prof. Sam McConkey of [@RCSI\\_Irl](#) on preventing the spread of [#coronavirus](#). [#TonightVMTV](#)



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9. In it he used language no Zero Covid Cult member would be contemplating using. He spoke of "fun" & "keeping lives as normal as possible", "doing sport & culture & music & business" as well as talking about the economy. He said "the economic consequences of this are huge"

10. Also in March on the Claire Byrne Live show he correctly said that "80 per cent of people who have the virus have very mild symptoms."



Claire Byrne Live   
@ClaireByrneLive



"80 per cent of people who have the virus have very mild symptoms." Professor Sam McConkey shows #CBLive how a #Coronavirus test is carried out.



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11. In April after the worst of the “pandemic” had passed, we began to see a hardening of attitude. He spoke of "greater restrictions needed to finally curb this plague"

[rte.ie/news/coronavir...](https://www.rte.ie/news/coronavir...)

12. But then something happened over the course of the Summer. He turned into Darth Vader and fully crossed to the dark side. I can only think the Govt & NPHEt felt the need to recruit a few more agents with "cold hard cash" or other “incentives”



**A Wise Yoda Bot** @yodaism

@Threadslrish Once one starts down the dark path, forever will it dominate their destiny. Consume them it will.

13. As Tom Cruise and Cuba Gooding Jr once said in “Jerry Maguire”

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14. Come September you can notice a distinct change in attitude. Looks like somebody had a word. Sam seemed to be telling some porky pies. He said that we were suffering from excess deaths in Ireland. Even Miriam O Callaghan spoke sense in this clip.

**RTÉ Prime Time**   
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Sam McConkey on establishing whether people are dying from or dying with Covid 19

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15. In late September the Zero Covid crew were out in full force. Sadly for Darth Vader he ran into Dr Martin Feeley AKA Luke Skywalker and was what can only be described as “schooled”. He couldn’t muster any coherent argument to refute Dr Feeley.

[vimeo.com/463418688](https://vimeo.com/463418688)

16. The public watching were probably scratching their heads saying “Why hasn’t anybody spoken about this before”. Even the comments in the Prime Time thread are very telling. As one person tweeted “Sam was roasted”. Another said “McConkey’s answers were just ridiculous”



17. Sadly, it was the last time that an opposing viewpoint has been allowed on RTE. NPHET & the Govt wanted to shut down the debate probably throwing RTE some extra cash into the bargain. We had been thrown some crumbs, now it was time to go back to the narrative.

18. Sam has had an easy ride ever since. Its always easy when there is no pushback, especially when none of the presenters challenge him. In November 2020, we began to see a new ZCCC “war cry” emerge.

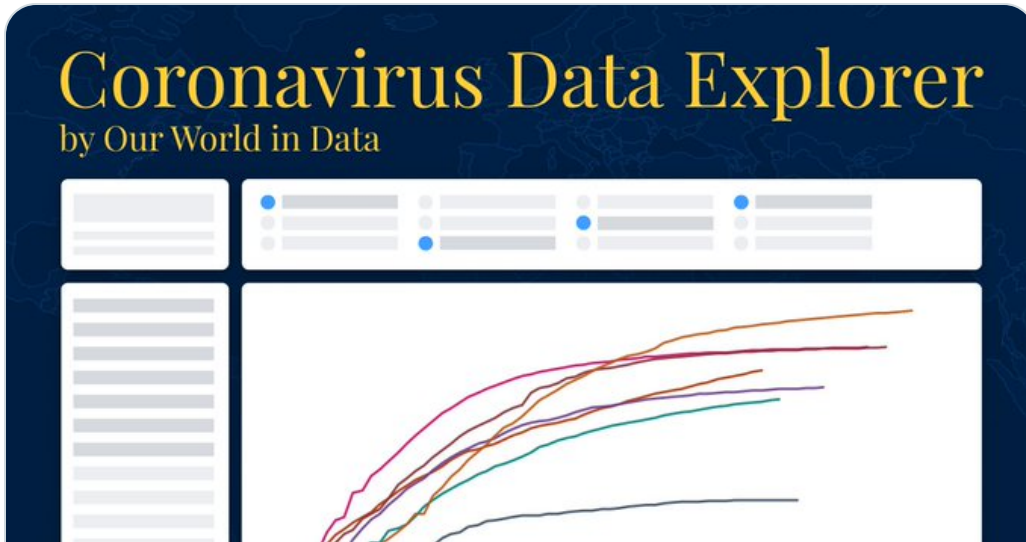
“We can beat this. Get it down, and keep it down”



**Sam McConkey**  
@SamuelMcConkey1



We can beat this. Get it down, and Keep it down.  
Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases per million people



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19. This mantra was then repeated in another tweet on January 27th

Get it down Keep it down Keep it out. We can get it down We can keep it down We can keep it out. Will we?





**Sam McConkey**  
@SamuelMcConkey1



For [#COVID19](#) in Ireland  
Get it down  
Keep it down  
Keep it out.  
We can get it down  
We can keep it down  
We can keep it out.  
Will we?

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20. Now where did I see this before. That's right, it was Tomas Ryan in an appearance on the Tonight Show on Feb 10th where he utters the exact same words.



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15. His face turned red, his speech sped up, his lips began to quiver and he stumbled over his words. This was the first time he had been openly challenged and he came up short. To be perfectly honest, it was a shocking performance. His handlers must have been fuming.



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16. He does get very excited when talking about Zero Covid, verging on the fanatical. This week he discussed the need for a 0 covid strategy, he said 'There is only one strategy for dealing with the pandemic - get it down, get it out and keep it out.'



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'There is only one strategy for dealing with the pandemic - get it down, get it out and keep it out.'

@TJRyan\_77 discusses the need for a 0 covid strategy

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21. There is no doubt that the ZCCC are all singing from the same hymn sheet

You can picture them in their masonic robes, masked up, practicing their chant on

Zoom before they hit the airwaves 😊

They are all in it together. Let's hope that good eventually triumphs over evil.