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Sweden has been an outlier in terms of its NPIs (Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions). Stuff has gone on. Restaurants and bars remain open - but you must be served at your table, not at the bar. And oldies are locked up – not by law but by the common desire to keep them out of harm's way. Here's a summary by JB based upon a 30 minute online video interview with Sweden's former state epidemiologist, Prof Johan Giesecke

1. The best policy is to protect the old and frail only; this will eventually lead to herd immunity as a "by-product"
2. The flattening of the curve is as much due to the most vulnerable dying first as the lockdown;
3. Ultimately all countries' death rates will look much the same;
4. COVID-19 is a "mild disease", its lethality will prove similar to a particularly bad year for flu with around 0.1% mortality rate; it was the novelty that scared people; (JB: It was also the telescoping of a whole winter's suffering and deaths into a few weeks.)
5. When antibody tests are perfected and rolled out, they will show that "at least 50%" of the population will already have had COVID-19 even though "they will not have even dreamt they had it";
6. Ferguson's Imperial College paper (16 March) was "not very good". It was not peer-reviewed and its assumptions were "(diplomatic pause) …. debatable". Its forecast of hundreds of thousands of people dying in the UK was a wild over-estimate; any such models are a dubious basis for public policy anyway
7. The UK can't simply cancel its lockdown because that will trigger a second wave. Instead it'll have to "climb down the ladder one rung at a time", possibly reversing school closures first. The initial UK response, before the "180 degree U-turn", was better; UK policy on lockdown and other European countries are not evidence-based.

Online responses to this video interview were revealing:

- "Manufactured Crisis that serves leftist agendas." (Eli Chinelis)
- "The dilemma for the UK Govt was they were faced with an NHS that was unprepared in every way ... from protective clothing to ITU availability" (Richard Calhoun)
- ….. the interview was poor. Not once did you ask "What is your evidence for this?"'. You let him answer 'yes' or 'no' and then moved on. Disappointing." (Vanessa Gray)

For comparisons between Norway and Sweden see "Beyond the COVID-19 Curve": https://blogs.prio.org/2020/03/norway-and-sweden-battling-coronavirus-in-two-different-worlds/