

Our “leaders” ignore basic concepts of epidemiology

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ref. “Local officials enter the fray against the Flu”

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As we watch all this play out, it’s sad and painful to see the extent to which our “leaders” ignore basic concepts of epidemiology and known ways to contain epidemics.

It’s further complicated by a neoliberal environment where profitability & cost-reduction triumph over prevention and sound science. So we have maybe 50,000 intensive care beds for 330-million people, compared to Germany’s 28,000 for 83-million people. (And Germany has, so far anyway, had the lowest death rate from the coronavirus.)

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