

TRUMP AND THE VIRUS

Here is the timeline of Trumpaganda about the pandemic:

Jan. 22: We have it totally under control. It's one person coming in from China. We have it under control. It's going to be just fine.

Feb. 10: A lot of people think that goes away in April with the heat — as the heat comes in. Typically, that will go away in April. We're in great shape, though. We have 12 cases — 11 cases, and many of them are in good shape now.

Feb. 26: It's a little like the regular flu that we have flu shots for. And we'll essentially have a flu shot for this in a fairly quick manner.

March 2: We had a great meeting today with a lot of the great companies, and they're going to have vaccines. I think relatively soon, and they're going to have something that makes you better, and that's going to actually take place, we think, even sooner. —

March 10: We're doing a great job with it. And it will go away. Just stay calm. It will go away.

(March 11: 1,000 cases, 30 deaths in the United States from covid-19)

March 23: So I think Easter Sunday, and you'll have packed churches all over our country. I think it would be a beautiful time. And it's just about the timeline that I think is right.

March 29: We can expect that, by June 1, we will be well on our way to recovery. We think, by June 1, a lot of great things will be happening.

We're starting to see light at the end of the tunnel. And hopefully, in the not-too-distant future, we'll be very proud of the job we all did. — April 5

(April 6: 10,000 deaths in the United States from covid-19)

April 21: We continue to gain ground in the war against the unseen enemy, and I see light at the end of the tunnel. I actually see a lot of light at the end of the tunnel.

May 11: Coronavirus numbers are looking MUCH better, going down almost everywhere. Big progress being made!

May 27: 100,000 deaths in the United States from covid-19

June 5: I think, in the fall, you're going to see the schools all open and in great shape.

July 1: I think we are going to be very good with the coronavirus. I think that, at some point, that's going to sort of just disappear.

July 21: You will never hear this on the Fake News concerning the China Virus, but by comparison to most other countries, who are suffering greatly, we are doing very well - and we have done things that few other countries could have done!

Aug. 11: America is winning the war against the virus.

Aug. 31: Our numbers are excellent, really really good, and hopefully, we're rounding the final turn on that disaster given to us by China.

Sept. 4: We've done a fantastic job on this China virus, the invisible enemy. I get no credit for it.

Sept. 10: I really do believe we're rounding the corner. ... We're rounding the final turn.

(Sept. 19: 200,000 deaths from covid-19 in the United States)

Sept. 25: The only thing we did badly on was public relations because we were working so hard. ... We did a hell of a job.

Oct. 1: The end of the pandemic is in sight.

Oct. 2: Trump announces he and first lady Melania Trump have tested positive for the coronavirus.

Oct. 3: I had no choice because I just didn't want to stay in the White House.

Of course, since we also had infectious disease experts speaking the truth and giving us sound advice, many of us avoided being infected, and escaped being one of the 200,000+ dead. Too many, though, listened only to the don't worry about it words of the President who should have been relaying the expert advice most emphatically.

He claimed that he didn't want people to panic. In fact, it was he who panicked, afraid that that not having business as usual would harm the economy he was trying to take credit for-- the economy that the Obama administration restored from the severe Bush recession and set on a path of steady growth.

Reality conflicted with his hope that people would disregard their own lives and health just to make the economy look good. Wiser people knew human life is more valuable than profit or political propaganda. Yes, the economy recessed and life changed for everyone, because it needed to.

Ironically, if the President had gotten behind the expert responses that many other countries found successful, our numbers, the worst in the world, might have been reduced enough that we COULD have resumed much more normal activity by now.

But he didn't, and still hasn't. He himself has spread the virus at his unmasked, undistanced rallies, and in the White House himself. He cares nothing for anyone but himself.

-cosmicrat Oct. 5, 2020