COVID-19 LIES

There are three stories about COVID-19 pushed by the right wing. All are dangerous lies.

- The mainstream right minimizes COVID-19 and claims it’s not dangerous.
- The fringe right pushes conspiracy theories about bioweapons and cover-ups.
- Some on the fascist far-right believe that COVID-19 exists... and want to use it to promote xenophobia and racist terror.

THESE LIES ARE HURTING AND KILLING PEOPLE

- Attacks on retail workers
- Attacks on Asian-Americans
- Attacks on nurses

WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

- Seasonal flu has a 0.1% death rate. The COVID-19 death rate is more than ten times higher. As of April 2021 the case fatality rate for COVID-19 in the United States is 1.8% (source: https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data/mortality)
- COVID-19 affects the elderly and immunocompromised more, but many young people have also died.
- Masks work to reduce COVID-19 transmission, even cloth masks. They work best when everyone wears them.
- There are multiple vaccines becoming available and reported side effects have been minimal.
- No one person, culture, or state is responsible for a virus. But we are all responsible for how we treat each other.

REJECT CONSPIRACY THEORIES, XENOPHOBIA, AND STATE-ENFORCED “BACK TO WORK OR STARVE” MANDATES. INSTEAD, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, YOUR COMMUNITY, AND GUESTS AND STRANGERS TOO. WE’RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

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