



Was the United States Inadvertently Complicit in Spreading Covid-19?

January 20, 2020, should be a date that every American should remember. It is the first date Covid-19 was reported in the United States. This was a new threat against everyone, no matter your politics, your religion, your ethnicity, your gender or your age. As expected the health professionals made decisions that they thought were in the best interest of Americans. Or did they?

Trying to figure out the virus was spreading, it was determined that it must be airborne, thus everyone **MUST** wear a mask. But wait, what kind of mask? Typically, medical personnel use the most effective, which is the N-95 mask. This is a mask that will filter 95% of particles 0.3 microns in size. The Covid-19 virus is measured at 0.1 microns. The N-95 mask was essentially the best under the circumstances. Now medical staff treating Covid patients were increasingly having a difficult time in obtaining N-95 masks, so several things happened:

- 1) N-95 masks were being barred from the general population and diverted them to medical facilities,
- 2) The FDA banned 65 Chinese N-95 mask manufacturers from importing masks into the U.S. due to production quality concerns.
- 3) The U.S. exported millions of dollars worth of masks, gowns and ventilators out of the U.S to China.
- 4) Governments were competing to hijack N-95 masks away from intended buyers at excessive prices.

Covid-19 is very, very, very small and even the N-95 mask can only capture particles as small as 0.3 microns. There is still plenty of room for the Covid virus to pass through. Well the government demanded that everyone needed to wear some form of face mask, even if it was a tortilla. It was not uncommon to see people wear underwear on their faces or simply pull up their t-shirts to cover their face. So how effective is underwear or a t-shirt? But the government really didn't care as long as your face was covered.

The point being is that the government only cared that a face was covered with something, knowing that the N-95 mask was the best that medical technology had to offer. According to Insider magazine (Mar 18, 2020), “The CDC and other government agencies have also said that N95 masks are not for use by the general public, as they're in high demand by medical professionals who routinely face close contacted with infected individuals. Instead, it is more effective for the public to prevent the spread of the virus by avoiding crowds and practicing good hygiene habits like frequent hand-washing when it is necessary to be in public spaces.”

So here we have an airborne virus spreading throughout the U.S. and the best that the government can offer is for the general public to wear whatever you can find to cover your face. The question that should be asked is why didn't the government invest in purchasing N-95 masks and make them available to the general public, either free or for a reasonable cost?

Imagine sending our troops into battle and giving some of the troops rubber bullets. Well at least the gun would fire, but it wouldn't do the job it was supposed to do.

Although N-95 and KN-95 masks are available online, it is curious why some of the product wrappings say “Non Medical Use”.

A local Southern California city government ordered all customers entering stores, restaurants, etc. to wear masks without citing the science behind the decision. When the city council was confronted with this question, they decline to answer. When asked why they are not obtaining N-95 masks for their residents, they decline to answer.



It's lack of leadership and responsibility like this that puts Americans in harms way. Personally, I would not mind paying for an N-95 mask, since it is the best chance at keeping me from breathing in the virus. When governments take away the ability to be protected they are being complicit in spreading Covid-19.