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## **TRILLIONS OF DEFICIT DOLLARS, YEARS OF RIDICULOUS RULES**

## **THE COVID PARTY IS OVER... ARE YOU READY FOR THE HANGOVER?**

**CHILD VICTIMS: SPEECH PATHOLOGY, SUICIDE, ISOLATION** 

IF YOU CALL THE TUNE, DO YOU HAVE TO PAY THE PIPER?

Ever go to Florida in the winter? Or just remember that first warm day of spring when you simply had to go to The Lake. Once upon a winter dreary, while you shivered weak and weary... But now it's bright sunny summer sunshine! Pull on your bathing suit... who needs a shirt? Sunscreen? That's for July! Stretch out on the sand... ahhh! Time for a nap... so nice!

Six hours later... Red as that lobster you had for lunch. Burnt to a tender pink crisp. You're gonna need an ocean... of Solarcaine lotion. (If you are melaninically endowed and cannot personally relate to this scenario, ask a friend who is not so fortunate)

Ever have a few too many? Maybe your 18th birthday when you were finally "legal". Perhaps New Year's Eve. Last Saturday night? Gosh that was fun! You were the life of the party. Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends! Until closing time. You don't have to go home, but you can't stay here.

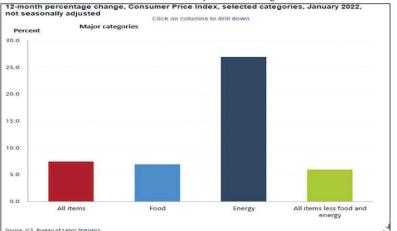
Next morning... the Russian Army has been camping out on your tongue. Wearing felt boots. Some S.O.B. replaced your brain with hot sand. insignificant interest rates for 30 years. Repayment deferred for the first 24 months.

Did you think this government geyser of bogus bucks would Build Back Better? Did you think prodigal printing of demon dollars would eliminate the emergency? Did you enthusiastically endorse the Washington wizards who cooked up this cockamamie crapfest?

Small businesses lost and gone forever. Dreadful sorry, Clementine. More small businesses reduced to financial zombies, hooked on government handouts, staggering, ready to collapse. Inflation the highest in 40 years. Young children, deprived of ordinary human contact, suffering from speech pathologies at unprecedented rates. Teen suicide more deadly than teen COVID.

TRUTH: Bizarrely, some folks want to let the "good" times roll on. Having already spent trillions of your grandchildren's dollars on "infrastructure" (a word which means whatever they want it to mean), they want more. They always want more.

CONSEQUENCE: Inflation is the highest in 40 years. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics:



Then substituted poached eggs for your eveballs. Why can't you feel your legs? What is that awful smell? Is there Alka-Seltzer in the house?!

Saturday and your kid is finally moving out. To their own home/apartment/cave/who really cares?

TRUTH: Some folks want to scare you into believing that COVID kills kids. Not true now. Never been true. COVID is the Elder Plague. If you are over 70, it can be a killer. Your Elder Law Reporter has been saying so for years. All the reliable, scientific, government-approved information has been consistent on this point.

TRUTH: Children need to interact with one another to grow up healthy and smart. Shutting classrooms and masking faces deprives kids of the experiences they need to live good, productive, satisfying lives. Or even speak clearly.

CONSEQUENCE: "We've seen a 364% patient increase in patient referrals of babies and toddlers from pediatricians and parents," said Jaclyn Theek, a clinic director and speech-language pathologist at the Speech and Learning Institute in North Palm Beach, Florida.

Theek said that during this pandemic, her speech therapy clinic has seen an enormous shift in the ages of its patients. Before the pandemic, only 5% of patients were babies and toddlers, while today it's soared to 20%. Many parents call it "COVIDdelayed." WPBF News, ABC 25.

#### WHAT DOES ANY OF THIS HAVE TO DO WITH LIFEPLANNING<sup>™</sup> ?

Remember supply and demand? What do you suppose happens if your supply of health care providers are burned out and quitting? And they are burned out and quitting, according to a U.S. National Institutes of Health study: <u>Burnout</u> in United States Healthcare Professionals: A Narrative Review:

Burnout has reached rampant levels among United States (US) healthcare professionals, with over one-half of physicians and one-third of nurses experiencing symptoms. The burnout epidemic is detrimental to patient care and may exacerbate the impending physician shortage.

Another study, by the Florida Atlantic University's School of Nursing finds:

The survey reports that nearly 37 percent of nurses identify as being burned out, stressed and/ or overworked. \*\*\* 29 percent of nurses say their desire to leave the profession is dramatically higher now versus pre-pandemic \*\*\* 66 percent of nurses expressed some level of consideration to leave the profession, signaling long-term impacts on our health system post-pandemic

Is it ridiculous to think that if you have fewer nurses, you would have to pay more to hire the nurses that are still available?

Have you ever wondered what a nursing home costs? Wonder no longer:

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Each year, the State of Michigan, through its Bridges Eligiblity Manual, tells us how much a month in a long-term care facility should cost. This year, the number is up almost 10%. Michigan believes that skilled nursing costs Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$9880) each month. How will you pay for that? How will you avoid nursing home poverty? How will you make sure caregivers get paid? How will you provide for the next generation? That is what LifePlanning  ${}^{\mathrm{TM}}$  is all about.

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You are helping. Is it parental pride and love? Or do you just want to make sure? Hard to say. But you are happy to tote that barge, lift that bale, carry that couch, relocate that refrigerator.

Sunday... hey, not so bad, there's life in the old dog yet. Monday... you are immobilized. Egyptians carved on pyramid walls are more flexible than you. Everything hurts and nothing works. All at the same time. There's not enough ibuprofen. In the world.

Back when we were young, ignorant, idiotic, immature, woke, we could kid ourselves that our actions had no lasting consequences. Do you still believe that? Chickens never come home to roost?

#### **TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES**

Do you remember the pre-COVID time? Was it that long ago? Things were different then.

You know that governments have always printed phony fiat money. That is what politicians do. And it is so easy. But once there was a sense of proportion. The politicians would not go "too far."

And then COVID said, "You can go too far if you want to!" That is why government created trillions of ersatz dollars. Outright thieves stole billions through naked fraud. Ordinary working folks learned too. You can get more money staying home than working. Brilliant! Businesses got billions more in free "loans" and tax credits. Billions more were loaned to feeble firms on skimpy security at CONSEQUENCE: Children subjected to extreme, debilitating restrictions based on fear, not fact. And now that the public opinion polls are turning against them, power-grabbing politicians have suddenly discovered science. They are running away from their own rules. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

But does a nursing facility charge real people that much money? How would you like to get this bill in the mail?

And another the next month and for each month thereafter? Pandemic burn out, plus the "age wave" of Baby Boomers surging into long-term care facilities or requiriring at-home care, means that these skyrocketing prices are not over yet.

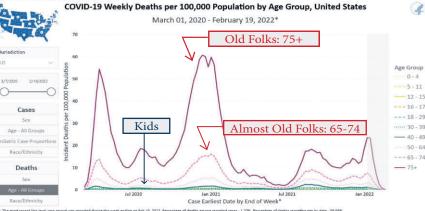
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COVID-19 Weekly Cases and Deaths per 100,000 Population by Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Sex



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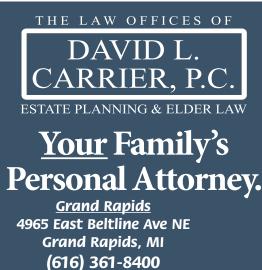
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