

# Costs are Worth Living in Liberty

The continuing hysteria over COVID-19 reminds me of the website warning of the dangers of Dihydrogen Monoxide (DHMO). The website correctly points out that DHMO is found in all our food, sometimes as an additive; we've all been exposed. It's found in many dangerous compounds and in cancerous tumors. It kills thousands yearly.

This is all completely true. In fact, Nazis used DHMO in their concentration camps and the Soviets used it in their gulags.

Petitions calling for a ban on this dangerous substance have circulated, and thousands of people have signed.

Dihydrogen Monoxide is a way to describe water. If you want a good laugh, visit the website at [DHMO.org](http://DHMO.org).

In the same way, COVID-19 seems to be everywhere. It may be spreading like wildfire through the population as testing seems to confirm. Under some circumstances, it can kill!

Yet, so can any respiratory infection. So can water. So can economic shutdowns. To remain hysterical over a common, although new, virus doesn't make sense anymore. It goes against science and reason. It's purely political.

Those who continue to take the governor's fearmongering seriously are no different than those eager to sign a petition to ban Dihydrogen Monoxide. Good intentions or not, their ignorance could end up harming individuals and being dangerous to society.

Few emotions are as motivating as fear, but fear is not reasonable in this case.

Political power relies on keeping people scared and wanting to be rescued by a parental government. Few politicians are strong enough to resist this opportunity to increase their power. This weakness should permanently disqualify anyone from holding elected office.

It's long past time to acknowledge there is a virus and to get on with life, anyway. It's past time to end the shutdowns and ignore the will of politicians who refuse to loosen their grip. It's time to stop cowering and to start acting like the Americans we can be — like the resilient humans we are. Our species didn't get this far by being weak and scared. Responsible people accept that life isn't safe, but we live it anyway, facing the dangers like sensible adults rather than like scared children. Or like panicking pets.

Sure, there will be costs. Only the ignorant expect otherwise. Living in liberty is worth it. The alternative is worse than you're being told. Politicians and politicized medical experts

are manipulating your emotions to keep you afraid. Politicians have had their time. Time's up.