

“The Science is Settled” is Religion, Not Science

I just can't believe that people who claim to be “listening to the science” or “trusting science” are still supporting shutdowns and mask mandates. That's the *opposite* of trusting or doing science. It shows a lack of understanding of what science is and how it works.

Sure, some people who really *do* use science are then advising shutdowns and masks based on what their observations are telling them. Observations which are never the complete picture, and which are always biased. Science is always provisional, waiting to be changed by better information. There is no “*the science*”; it's *part* of the scientific method.

If someone says “the science is settled”, they aren't talking about actual science, but about rigid groupthink– a religious belief based, at *best*, on partial information.

People who trust science– as a method and not as a religion– understand this limitation. It's why they don't demand political action based on their observations. They might give you advice they believe to be important, but they won't suggest using the violence of the state against you if you don't take that advice.

Real science is a method of finding information. It looks at both the pros and cons– and every action will have both. It doesn't dictate or mandate. It gives information– provisional information– and then people decide for themselves how to act based on that. It doesn't involve politics.

“The science” doesn't ignore the social costs. It weighs them against the benefits.

Science understands that new data can change the conclusions.

Dr. Fauci isn't doing science. He's doing politics. He can be safely ignored– and despised– by people who understand science.

And no matter what science says, it doesn't give anyone the right to violate your liberty for the good of society. Nothing can do that.