

The dead-enders have been calling for a return of masking, though they don't seem to be making much headway among normal people.

The uselessness of masks is nevertheless important to emphasize, so that (1) perhaps fewer people will be taken in should the public health establishment ever seriously try to impose them again, and (2) people will begin to perceive how unreliable (to put it kindly) our public health officials are.

By now you've probably heard people say: of course the masking didn't work, because we should have been wearing N95 masks.

(That isn't what Dr. Fauci said, by the way. He said all masks were protective to some degree.)

Well, we now have a randomized trial, just published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, studying what difference in results, if any, can be perceived from the use of one over the other: "Medical Masks Versus N95 Respirators for Preventing COVID-19 Among Health Care Workers: A Randomized Trial."

What did they find?

Fifty-two out of 497 (10.46%) people wearing medical masks wound up getting Covid, and 47 out of 507 (9.27%) wearing N95s got it -- a difference too trivial to amount to anything.

Germany, for that matter, broke all its records for the spread of Covid at a time when it had among the highest N95 usage in the world.

I might add that Todd Zywicki, a professor I've interviewed from the law school at George Mason University, says a doctor told him: "If you can wear an N95 for more than about 30 minutes you are wearing it wrong."

Viimeinen kappale:

Lakiprofessori Todd Zywicki on sanonut erään lääkärin kertoneen hänelle, että jos pystyy käyttämään N95-maskia yli puoli tuntia, sitä käyttää väärin.