

A new article called "Epidemic Outcomes Following Government Responses to COVID-19: Insights From Nearly 100,000 Models," by Erin Bendavid and Chirag J. Patel, was released just this month in *Science Advances*.

Take a wild guess: what conclusion do you suppose it reached?

Answer:

We find no clear connection between government Covid policies and outcomes.

The authors write: "In summary, we find no patterns in the overall set of models that suggests a clear relationship between COVID-19 government responses and outcomes. Strong claims about government responses' impacts on COVID-19 may lack empirical support."

Further:

*This comprehensive analysis of government responses and COVID-19 outcomes fails to yield clear inferences about government response impacts. This suggests that strong notions about the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of government responses are not backed by existing country-level data, and scientific modesty is warranted when learning from the responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

A reader also alerted me that in the UK, the *Telegraph* for the first time just pointed to a potential link between the excess deaths problem and the Covid shots, citing a BMJ article from this month called "Excess Mortality Across Countries in the Western World since the COVID-19 Pandemic: 'Our World in Data' Estimates of January 2020 to December 2022."