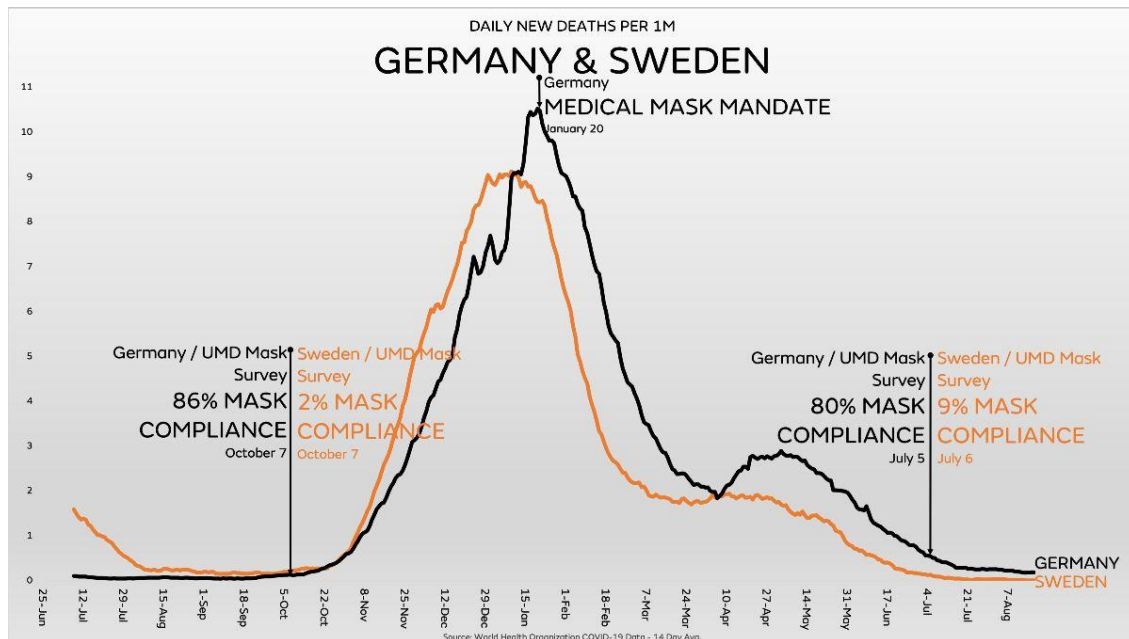


Now on the other hand, deaths in Germany appear to have come down after the introduction of a medical-grade mask mandate, so it's tempting to say, well, score one for the mask people.

But wait a minute.

There's a nearby country, with virtually no masking of any kind, medical-grade or otherwise, showing exactly the same trend at the same time:



Meanwhile, the American Academy of Pediatrics, which has a case of childhood mask fanaticism, is now systematically removing references on its website to any suggestion that babies might need to see human faces.

Anything mentioning the importance of faces in child development, including "Face Time and Emotional Health," and a description of how adults can enrich infants four to five months old that involves repeated reference to facial cues and expressions, is now gone.