

You remember the nuttiness surrounding Sweden.

They were warned of catastrophe if they didn't lock down and destroy their social order. We normal people, on the other hand, cheered them on, because we recognized the urgency of a control group. We need to know what happens when we ignore what we laughingly call our "public health authorities."

As I've said many times, if the extreme measures taken in 2020 were justified, then a country like Sweden that by and large ignored them ought to be a thousand times worse than anywhere else on Earth.

Sweden's chief epidemiologist explained that they were playing the long game.

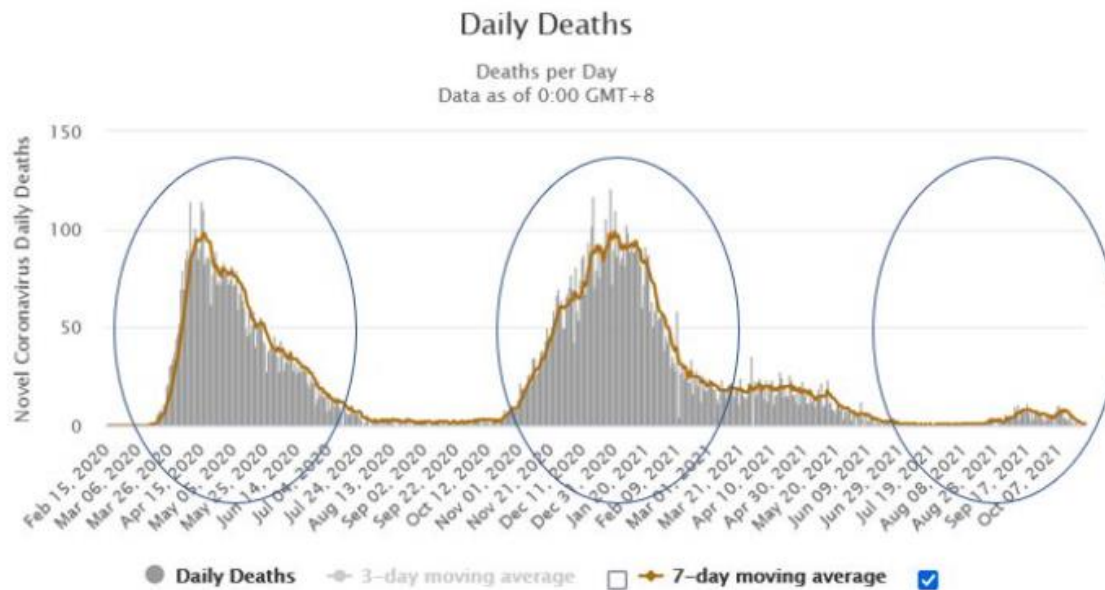
Well, here's how it turned out: Sweden is now 53rd in the world for COVID deaths by population.

So 52 lockdown places did worse.

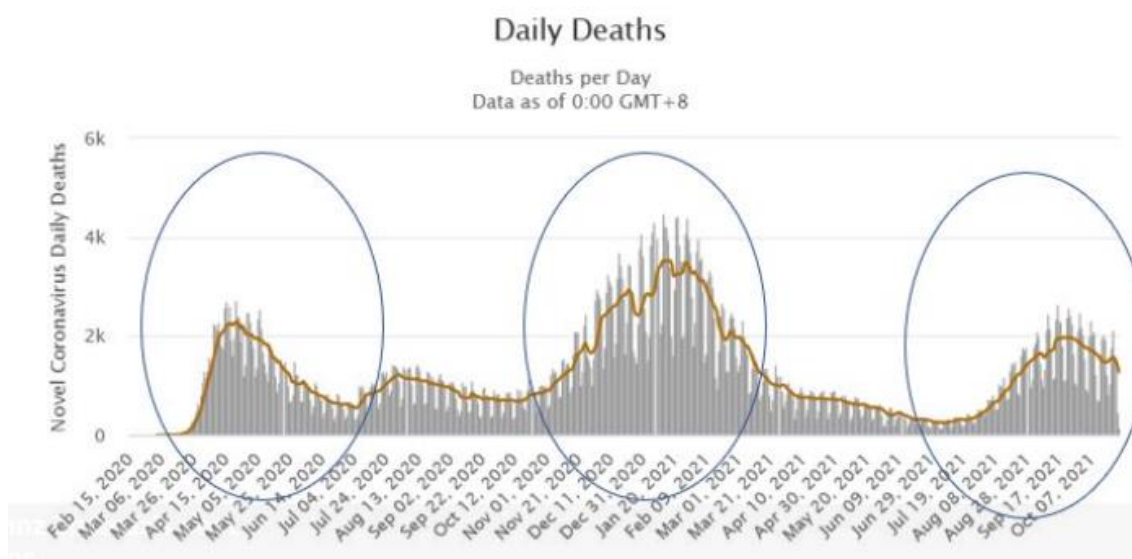
How is that possible, if lockdown was urgently necessary? Why doesn't Sweden have *far and away* the worst numbers in the world?

In fact, here's what their record looks like graphically, juxtaposed against the United States so the relative severity of the third wave in both countries can be seen (numbers come from [worldometers -dot- info](https://worldometers.info/)):

Daily New Deaths in Sweden



Daily New Deaths in the United States



Let's not forget to mention that the Swedes hardly wear or wore masks at all. The crazies will attribute this to vaccination, but Sweden ranks only 13th in Europe in vaccination rate, and in any case why do the very same people think vaccinated people in the U.S. still need to be masked?

So there's a happy item for you.