Today on Twitter a *New York Times* reporter shared a map of the United States that depicted rates of active COVID in the various states. He was asking why the South would be doing so well despite its governors having ignored the CDC.

Since some people cannot give up the CDC religion no matter what the data tells them, one woman chimed in that the South probably isn't testing as much, because they don't really believe in COVID. So she's convinced that COVID *must* be bad in the South. It just has to be. Her religion *requires* her to believe this.

She doesn't know, apparently, that Florida's daily hospitalization numbers are lower than they've been in about a year and a half. How would she know that, even if she were a reasonable person with an open mind? Who's going to tell her?

And one of my Twitter acquaintances pointed this out: if it's a question of a lack of testing, that lack of testing must be incredibly well coordinated across the southern states to produce such strikingly similar outcomes everywhere: