

The government officials who cried “wolf.”

Once upon a time there were a number of government officials who were responsible for the health of the villagers in every state, county and city in the nation. Their jobs were really boring, but one day they decided to see how far they could push the limits of their authority.

The government officials hired some people that presented themselves as “experts” in the field of pandemic modeling to help predict the future. The “experts” convinced the officials to buy a bunch of test kits from some other “experts.” Those “experts” created some kind of test that worked in an unknown way to measure an invisible thing. They encouraged them to give the tests to villagers who were already sick in order to see if they were sick.



Since the villagers who took the tests were already sick, the “experts” used the test results to predict that millions more people would get sick. People got sick all the time, but “This was different!” the “experts” said. Most of the villagers believed the “experts” and so they got worried.

Then the government officials got the news broadcasters to convince the villagers that what they needed more than anything to prevent themselves from getting sick was more of the tests that they were giving to the people who had already gotten sick. The villagers were afraid of getting sick, so they encouraged the government officials to buy a lot more tests, and so they did.

Then the people in the news media told all the villagers that they needed something called a “ventilator” in order to save them if they got sick. To use a ventilator, the doctors would have to put the villagers in a drug-induced coma and stick a tube down their throat into their lungs so that the ventilators could do all the breathing for them. The ventilators made it hard to eat good food and made it impossible to cough out any bad things, and most of the people who used the ventilators ended up dying anyway, but the medical “experts” said that this was the way to go.

Then some of the government officials told doctors to keep track of how many people were dying. They told the doctors to fill out the death certificates to make it seem like a lot of people were dying from whatever the tests were testing for, whether the dead people had taken the test or not.

Then a bunch of people who weren't sick took the tests and the government officials told them that they must be “asymptomatic.” At first, most of the villagers didn't know what “asymptomatic” meant because whenever they had gotten sick in the past, they had symptoms. The government officials said that everyone should stay home with their family members in order to be safe, because getting too close to other asymptomatic people could be dangerous. A lot of people lost their jobs and everyone was very worried and confused, except the really rich people and big corporations who got a lot of money from the government officials so their stock prices went up.

Eventually, the villagers all across the land realized that the “experts” really didn't know what they were doing and they got upset about that. The villagers begged the government officials to let them go back to work so that they could slave away at their non-essential jobs in order to help the wealthy business people make even more money. The government officials figured that they had pushed their luck far enough, so they told everyone to go back to work and try to live happily ever after.

The moral of the story:

Nothing good ever happens to gullible villagers. Don't be a gullible villager.