**Lessons learned about Covid mandates**

– contributed by Herman Oosthuysen

*Systems Engineering has taught me that nothing is ever simple or straight forward. And its corollary: If you think something is simple, you probably missed something important.*

The Covid catastrophe appears to have reached the point of a political lose-lose situation:

1. The social restrictions have been shown to be wildly ineffective: Only a full hazmat suit will keep Omicron out and that is impractical for ordinary mortals.

2. Every day, 10,000 Canadians catch Omicron and 9990 find that it is not a big deal.  It sucks to be one of the ten, but everyone knows that life is unfair.

The result is that every day, another 10,000 Canadians will probably never vote for their current political masters again, because they are fed-up, angry, out of spite, deceased, or Just Because (TM).

The political masters also get fed-up, angry and spiteful, but they are paid not to show that kind of emotion in public.  Unfortunately, Justin was only too vocal:

1. Before vaccines were available, he praised the nurses and truckers for their great courage and contribution, then later,

2. Fired unvaccinated nurses and doctors and

3. Swore at protesting truckers and called them names (I think JT was sick himself and just lost his cool), while

4. Ignoring the science that people who were in close contact with sick patients/customers for two years, most probably got Covid already and now have naturally acquired and repeatedly boosted immunity.

Naturally acquired immunity is a tough one:

1. The political masters chose to ignore acquired immunity, simply because a test for immunity is very expensive and nurses and doctors (and by now almost everybody with a higher than room temperature IQ) knows it.

2. If you have acquired immunity, then the reaction to a vaccine, can be very strong and dangerous.  Again, the nurses and doctors know this and many ordinary mortals have experienced it first hand, while trying to comply with the regulations in order to make a living within the special rules.

3. The word on the street is: Don’t get the vaccine if you already had Covid, since the risk of the vaccine is then higher than the risk of getting the illness a second time.

Millions of Canadians now have firsthand experience with the Covid virus and their experience is bound to be very similar to my own:

1. I got it before the vaccines were available (Caught it from a Chinese tourist before Covid19 was even in the news) and was violently ill for 5 days, then slowly recovered over a period of 3 months.

2. I then was practically forced to get the vaccines in order to live my life and was again ill for 5 days and slowly recovered over 3 months.

3. Finally, I got the Illness for the second time and was yet again ill for 5 days and is still recovering.

4. Now my (too little, too late?) vaccines are expiring and they want me to get a booster shot, despite still recovering from a natural booster.  Well damn, just try to get your poison needle past my shaky and fevered fist… ;)

Based on the above, the best the political masters can likely do, is to throw their hands in the air and thank all for having done their best and asking everyone to carry on with life in as sensible a fashion as they can, and using vaccines only to protect the old and vulnerable, as we probably should have done from the start, but that will mean losing their Civil Master status and becoming a Humble Civil Servant again, so this goes against the Political Science.