

## Twitter Thread by Carol Roth



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### **Thread/**

**Why do people not trust “experts”, the govt or the media?**

**Here’s a little bit on what happened around masks.**

**While some will say the science changed or the information changed, it did not. The politics changed (as admitted in the thread)...**

First, studies back to 2007 recommended mask wearing as protocol for similar respiratory viruses. This was known by “experts”. <https://t.co/ANy5bWyhhI>; <https://t.co/XqlwDQtRrW>; <https://t.co/Gu8dyfdtTI>

Here’s what we were told.

February 2020, people were buying masks on their own. The US Surgeon general said to STOP

<https://t.co/odJWDswpEf>

Seriously people- STOP BUYING MASKS!

They are NOT effective in preventing general public from catching [#Coronavirus](#), but if healthcare providers can’t get them to care for sick patients, it puts them and our communities at risk!

<https://t.co/UxZRwxKL9>

— U.S. Surgeon General (@Surgeon\_General) [February 29, 2020](#)

February 2020, Wapo- “How to prepare for coronavirus in the U.S. (Spoiler: Not sick? No need to buy any masks.)” (you may need to scroll the thread to see tweet)

<https://t.co/XwghxRIuzs>

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— The Washington Post (@washingtonpost) [February 26, 2020](#)

February 2020, CNN “There's been a run of surgical masks in the US because of the coronavirus scare. You don't need them, physicians say.”

<https://t.co/Q5xiN6GqMd>

CNN again “Masks can't stop the coronavirus in the US, but hysteria has led to bulk-buying and price-gouging”

<https://t.co/idJNamh6lB>

MSNBC: “Frequent hand-washing, not wearing a face mask, is the most important step the public can take to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, the WHO says.” <https://t.co/boKlc8039T>

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— MSNBC (@MSNBC) [February 28, 2020](#)

March- Masks can be hurtful! CNN: “Masks may actually increase your coronavirus risk if worn improperly, surgeon general warns.” <https://t.co/4snZOJ8Kn3>

WaPo- Epidemiology experts said the most important aspect of preparedness costs nothing at all — calm. (you may need to scroll the thread to see tweet)

<https://t.co/gWVGU0mgmf>

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Wash your hands regularly. Cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze. And when you\u2019re sick, stay home from work or school and drink lots of fluids. <https://t.co/oeLd5qpejE>

— The Washington Post (@washingtonpost) [March 2, 2020](#)

WaPo - If you're not already sick and you're not a health-care worker, you don't need to wear a mask. And you certainly don't need to buy every box your local pharmacy has in stock. (you may need to scroll the thread to see tweet)

<https://t.co/tiJyPf3HrC>

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House Rep Eric Swalwell “stop wearing masks #coronavirus” <https://t.co/QTAQBsbvtvH>

[pic.twitter.com/xtEIJOoP0g](https://pic.twitter.com/xtEIJOoP0g)

— Joe (@joedc711) [July 7, 2020](#)

End of March- NBC News criticizes the President for being fixated on masks and arguing with experts who said not to wear them...

<https://t.co/KpuXtB4jYV>

#### missed opportunities: How the White House bungled the coronavirus response

At the end of February and early March, Trump had become fixated on masks. He was annoyed that the government was telling people not to wear them and would angrily ask scientists and health officials in private why – if they don't help – do doctors wear them?

ABC News tweeted, "There is little benefit to wearing a surgical type mask, and may even put you at greater risk for spreading infection, infectious disease doctors told ABC News." <https://t.co/EeCL1OXa9x>

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— ABC News (@ABC) [March 22, 2020](#)

The CDC changed their position early April. Outlets say \*that\* was political. Daily Beast: <https://t.co/Hy6RpzzBzU>

June & July 2020, Dr. Fauci himself admitted that the public was intentionally misled for months because of a concern of limited resources supplies for medical professionals. <https://t.co/EE15Elf4uf>; <https://t.co/SToGCTEG7X>

Fast forward to December, Fauci moves the goalposts on herd immunity: <https://t.co/VVnaUdIoN0>

The moral of the story is stop holding these people up as heroes, be skeptical, do your own research, and cut people slack for "not following experts" who consistently and intentionally misled them.

The science didn't change. The politics did.