



Letter to the Editor

Dear Richard,

We wish to acknowledge and support all those readers who are actively questioning and championing civil liberty and individual freedom in these morally impoverished times. We hope we are amongst your numbers.

Sadly, from the evidence of the last *Self & Society* letters,¹ it appears there are some who would rather side-step the content of a Covid article by suggesting publication may be a symptom of white privilege or critique the author's selfie! What wit! Or yet write a philosophically comfortable article likewise avoiding the core issues. Goodness gracious, you've made us into conspiracy theorists now! It seems some make an art form of distancing themselves from uncomfortable truths! Some of which were more lately addressed in that 'reckless and irresponsible magazine', the *British Medical Journal*.² Hopefully, before getting uppity about our letter, any reader so inspired will read the *BMJ* reference below.

We'd rather be labelled 'conspiracy theorists' (along with our fellow conspiracy theorists on the *BMJ*!) than run the danger of being apologists for misinformed and, on occasion, corrupt governments, that are either by accident or intent ignoring 'real science', destroying humanistic values and trampling upon human

rights. This said, keep smiling through, dear readers; the worst is already happening, and we are still here.

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References

- 1 *Self & Society*, 48 (2), 2020, p. 73.
- 2 Kamran Abbasi (executive editor), Covid-19: Politicisation, 'corruption', and suppression of science. When good science is suppressed by the medical-political complex, people die. *British Medical Journal*, 2020; 371: m4425. Available at <https://tinyurl.com/y6asah5c> (accessed 20 January 2021).