

# **WAP0 SHOULD GO TO COLUMBUS TO FIND OUT HOW ECONOMY WILL REOPEN, NOT PERPETUATE TRUMP'S MYTHS ABOUT IT**

WaPo seems either thinks it's really important to tell their readers how the country will reopen or they've been snookered by the White House in perpetuating a myth that that process will be led by the White House. If it's the latter, that strand of reporting (which is separate from a great deal of good WaPo journalism on how Trump fucked up) is just as negligent as Trump's own actions are, because such stories misinform about how this will work. If it's the former, then WaPo would do well to send some journalists to work in Columbus, Annapolis, and Boston full time, or better yet, bring on some laid off reporters who know how those state houses really work.

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# **MARK MEADOWS AND THE POTEMKIN SHUT- DOWNS: WELCOME TO THE APRIL'S FOOL WHITE HOUSE**

Given that Mark Meadows, who became Trump's Chief of Staff on April Fools Day, had a role in persuading states that already plan on reopening to shut-down briefly, I suspect that was an attempt to reclaim some leverage for Trump over

how the various states do reopen.

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## **LEV PARNAS' CO- DEFENDANT DAVID CORREIA TESTS THE SEND-YOUR-PHONE BORDER EXCEPTION WORK-AROUND**

InfoSec experts have long suggested that the best way to get around the border exception—which permits the US government to search your devices as you enter the country—is to send your devices to a lawyer. One of Lev Parnas' co-defendants, David Correia, is trying just that.

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## **RIKERS AND ROOSEVELT: THE UNCONTROLLED HUMAN EXPERIMENT OCCURRING WITH ESSENTIAL WORKERS (AND THEIR WARDS)**

Trump wants to reopen the economy. But it's clear from the limited data and anecdotal reporting from essential workplaces that basic things – starting with masks – still aren't in

place to limit workplace exposure. And because these men and women haven't had the protective equipment or other workplace protections they need, many have needlessly died.

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## **CAPITALISM FAILS THE COVID-19 CRISIS**

Neoliberal capitalism made this crisis worse.

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## **US "JOB CREATORS" NEGATE THE HUMANITY OF WORKERS**

In the US, "job creators" just can't grasp the idea that workers are humans who need food and shelter during the time that, through no fault of their own, they can't work. The idea of paying workers to do nothing simply never can be entertained, even if it literally means life or death.

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## **WHAT A "REOPENING THE ECONOMY STORY" WOULD LOOK LIKE**

For some reason the WaPo spends 2,400 words fluffing Trump's belief that he's in charge of reopening the economy, rather than emphasizing that that won't happen until someone fixes

Trump's testing failures.

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## **THE VERY SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT THE COVID WARNINGS FROM THE “DEEP STATE”**

As Trump tries to shut down the legal paths for whistleblowers, it increases the chances we'll see very detailed accounts of precisely what warnings the Intelligence Community – and others in government – gave Trump about COVID-19.

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## **LIKE ALL ELSE, TRUMP'S INSPECTOR GENERAL TURNOVER IS ABOUT PANDEMIC**

Trump's firing of IC Inspector General Michael Atkinson last night was surely retaliation for initiating the process that ended in impeachment. But it and related actions on Inspectors General were also at least as much about an effort to avoid all accountability for his actions on the pandemic.

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# **LAST NIGHT, TRUMP ADMITTED THAT JARED KUSHNER — WHO PROMISED TESTING IN BIG BOX PARKING LOTS — HAD FAILED**

It may or may not be the Federal government's job to stand on street corners testing, but that is what he promised, and that is what Jared Kushner has utterly failed to deliver.