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Why Are So Many Americans Dying Early?

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# We Published Another Op-Ed On Excess Deaths, This Time In A Major Center-Left Publication

The Hill is a well-known DC media outlet, closely monitored by Congressional staff on both sides of the aisle. After years of censorship, the media is finally allowing space for debate on the vaccines



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All I can say is kudos to my writing partner, the investigative journalist Mary Beth Pfeiffer as she did most of the work as usual (follow her on [Twitter here](#)). In the past few months, we published Op-Ed's trying to call attention to the catastrophic rise in young Americans dying in two mainstream media outlets, [USA Today](#) and [Newsweek](#).

This Op-Ed is even more powerful and presents some of the scariest data on the degree to which Americans, especially young ones, are continuing to die in unprecedented numbers, despite booster uptake plummeting in the past year.

For instance, in just the first 9 months of 2023, 158,000 more Americans have died than expected, what we call "excess deaths." As we say in the Op-Ed, that exceeds the combined deaths from every war since Vietnam.

So, with all of Washington D.C government staff reading the Hill every day, do you think we will see some congressional hearings on the topic, or maybe our Federal Health agencies actually start to study why? MP Andrew Bridgen was granted a hearing in the UK Parliament on excess deaths as the UK is also suffering from increased death rates of a similar magnitude. Note that his hearing was helpfully scheduled during the graveyard shift at 4:30 P.M on a Friday (all the MP's were on their way home for the weekend). Apparently, someone in authority is not interested in the topic over there.

Still, his speech was powerful, can [watch it here](#) on John Campbell's YouTube channel, starts at 2:35. Anyway, our Op-Ed is below.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of The Hill website with categories: News, Policy, Business, Health, Opinion, Events, Jobs, and a Video button. Below the navigation is a disclaimer: "THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY CONTRIBUTORS ARE THEIR OWN AND NOT THE VIEW OF THE HILL". The main article title is "This is bigger than COVID: Why are so many Americans dying early?". The byline reads "BY PIERRE KORY AND MARY BETH PFEIFFER, OPINION CONTRIBUTOR - 12/12/23 12:00 PM ET". There are social media share buttons for Facebook, Twitter, and Email. To the left of the main article are three smaller article teasers: "Flint charge against ex-Michigan Gov. Snyder formally dismissed", "Kentucky woman suing for abortion learned her embryo has no cardiac activity", and "Most Iowa GOP caucusgoers say endorsements don't affect their votes: Survey". To the right of the main article is a sidebar with a "How to submit an op-ed." button and a "Most Popular" section listing two items: "Trump campaign criticizes special counsel for Supreme..." and "Tillis calls Vance remarks on Ukraine 'total and unmitigated...'". The main article image shows a silhouette of a person standing on a hill against a sunset sky.

Food and Drug Administration Commissioner [Robert Califf](#) recently took to X to mourn the “[catastrophic](#)” decline in U.S. life expectancy.

But his post, which hit on smoking, diet, chronic illness and health care, ignored the obvious: People are dying in abnormally high numbers even now and long since COVID waned. Yet public health agencies and medical societies are silent.

Life insurers have been consistently sounding the alarm over these unexpected or, “excess,” deaths, which claimed [158,000 more Americans](#) in the first nine months of 2023 than in the same period in 2019. That exceeds America’s combined losses from [every war](#) since Vietnam. Congress should urgently work with insurance experts to investigate this troubling trend.

With the worst of COVID behind us, annual deaths for all causes should be back to pre-pandemic levels — or even lower because of the loss of so many sick and infirm Americans. Instead, the death toll remains “[alarming](#),” “[disturbing](#),” and deserving of “[urgent attention](#),” according to insurance industry articles.

Actuarial reports — used by insurers to inform decisions — show deaths occurring disproportionately among [young working-age people](#). Nonetheless, America’s chief health manager, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, opted in September to archive its excess deaths [webpage](#) with a note stating, “these datasets will no longer be updated.”

Money, of course, is a motivating issue for insurers. In 2020, death claims took their biggest one-year leap since the 1918 influenza scourge, jumping [15.4 percent](#) to \$90 billion in payouts. After hitting \$100 billion in 2021, [claims](#) slowed in 2022, but are still above 2019. Indemnity experts are urging the adoption of an [early-warning program](#) to detect looming health problems among people with life insurance and keep them [alive](#).

Unlike in the pandemic’s early phase, these deaths are not primarily among the old. For people 65 and over, deaths in the second quarter of 2023 were 6 percent *below* the pre-pandemic norm, according to a new report from the [Society of Actuaries](#). Mortality was 26 percent higher among insured 35-to-44-year-olds, and 19 percent higher for 25-to-34-year-olds, continuing a death spike that peaked in the third quarter of 2021 at a staggering 101 percent and 79 percent above normal, respectively.

“COVID-19 claims do not fully explain the increase in incurred claim incidence,” the Society [said](#). COVID-19 deaths [dropped](#) 84 percent from the first three quarters of 2021 to the same period in 2023.

To some extent, we know *what* is killing the young, with an actuarial [analysis](#) of government data showing mortality increases in liver, kidney and cardiovascular diseases, and diabetes. [Drug overdoses](#) also soared nationwide, but not primarily in the young working class. Therein lies the most pressing question for insurers, epidemiologists and health agency officials. Why is the traditionally healthiest sector of our society — young, employed, insured workers — dying at such rates? Public health officials aggressively oversaw the pandemic response, for better or worse. Why aren’t they looking into this?

In the United Kingdom, where post-pandemic [excess deaths](#) in similar demographics also persist, a government-funded independent [inquiry](#) is underway. “With each passing

week of the COVID inquiry,” the BBC [reported](#) recently, “it is clear there were deep flaws in the way decisions were made and information provided during the pandemic.”

The United States needs such an examination of the measures taken to fight the pandemic. This probe — by a high-level, unbiased commission — should focus on what worked and what did not.

Lockdowns limited access to education, social interaction and healthcare with documented harm to [childhood development](#), [mental health](#) and [the economy](#). Treatment protocols dictated how doctors should deliver COVID care — primarily in hospitals and with expensive medicines — and limited early access to generic drugs that might have helped.

Vaccines were given to more than [270 million people](#), among them babies, pregnant women and workers under employer mandates. The therapeutic’s “warp speed,” [emergency use](#) authorization must be part of any post-pandemic analysis, in light of more than 1 million [reports](#) of possible harm to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System and a new Yale University [study](#) validating a chronic post-vaccination syndrome.

Finally, government officials who sanctioned unprecedented censorship of dissent — enforcing pandemic measures through media pressure — must be called to account.

Actuaries and industry analysts [predict](#) excess deaths will continue among people with life insurance through 2030 and are “anticipated to be highest at younger ages.” This prediction defies normal expectations of mortality for a robust population of people with life insurance. Now consider how other [disability](#)-afflicted, [poorly insured](#) Americans may fare.

To ensure future generations are protected and to be ready for the possibility of another pandemic, Congress needs to assess what worked and what did not.

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