

Mr Boris Johnson
House of Commons,
London SW1A 0AA

Dear Boris,

RE: POOR GOVERNMENT DECISIONS

Most people are concerned about poor decision-making at the heart of government, in particular, its support for lockdowns or “quasi-lockdowns”.

A majority of health professionals, including the World Health Organisation, regards lockdowns as of very limited value - or, more often, as counterproductive.

Wetherspoon has produced a 23 page online edition of Wetherspoon News (click [here](#) to view), its pub magazine, with articles from leading academics, doctors and other commentators, highlighting serious flaws in the government’s reaction to coronavirus.

Jonathan Sumption, a former Supreme Court judge, says that the government has used fear tactics and emergency powers, in an unconstitutional way, undermining civil liberties and democracy.

Kamran Abbasi, executive director of the British Medical Journal says that “Covid-19 has unleashed state corruption on a grand scale”, and that “science is being suppressed for political and financial gain”.

Oliver Shah, business editor of the Sunday Times, says “most SAGE members have never had to meet a payroll or rent quarter date and refers to “Johnson and his punch-drunk government stumbling after the Pied Piper onto a barren mountainside where commerce and employment count for nothing.

Dr Mike Yeadon, Professor Johan Giesecke and others excoriate faulty research from Imperial College and SAGE, upon which the government frequently relies.

Freelance journalist Ross Clark, writing in the Daily Mail, undermines much of the evidence the government uses to justify its actions - effectively unchallenged, as Wetherspoon News highlights, by the government itself.

The most disturbing aspect of government behaviour is its lack of candour.

It is now purporting to end lockdown in December. However, for pubs on tier 2 and tier 3, lockdown, in effect, continues and unprofitable trading is certain to continue for the indefinite future - combined with the impossibility of making plans in the face of capricious and unpredictable regulations.

Wetherspoon News advances the view that “groupthink” among the government and its advisors (supported by many MPs of all parties) is the likely cause of poor decisions with regard to coronavirus. You may disagree, but I hope you can spare a few minutes to read the magazine.

Yours sincerely,

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