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## Press release

The responses to a nonexistent COVID-19 pandemic in Canada are responsible for deaths among the most elderly and of young males in the country in 2020

A scientific article written by Pr Denis Rancourt, Dr Marine Baudin and Dr Jérémie Mercier published at *denisrancourt.ca* (<a href="https://denisrancourt.ca/entries.php?id=104">https://denisrancourt.ca/entries.php?id=104</a>) shows based on analysis of all-cause mortality in Canada since 2010 (StatCan data) that:

- There was no pandemic in Canada in 2020.
- A "covid-peak" of approximately 12,000 deaths occurred at a late time, never before seen in the history of Canadian epidemiology (peak-maximum at the end of April 2020). This "covid-peak", present in some mid-latitude jurisdictions of the Northern Hemisphere countries (but not all and with highly variable intensities from one jurisdiction to another) cannot be simply an epidemic, and according to the most probable hypothesis was generated by the political and medical measures applied following the declaration of a pandemic by the WHO on March 11, 2020.
- The policy measures put in place to curb the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus presumed to cause COVID-19, were responsible, according to the study, for an acceleration in mortality among 85+ year olds, from March to May 2020, and an unprecedented death toll (approximately 2,000 deaths) of young Canadian men (<45 year olds) in the summer of 2020.

The media coverage of COVID-19 for nearly a year and a half is completely out of step with the epidemiological reality observed. The importance of this disease on the mortality of Canadians is exaggerated, while the impact on mortality of the political measures put in place to counter this disease is catastrophic (approximately 12,000 deaths of accelerated mortality, predominantly 85+ year olds, from March to May 2020; and unprecedented mortality of some 2,000 young men in the summer of 2020). In view of the results of their study, the authors call for reviewing the new "health" policies, and transparency and accountability in assessing consequences.

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