



NATIONAL CITIZENS INQUIRY
TESTIMONY UPDATE

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DENIS RANCOURT, PHD

Interdisciplinary scientist...

- theoretical condensed-matter physics of magnetism
- Invar and non-magnetic steel
- meteoritics and planetary science
- synthetic chemistry of intercalation compounds
- measurement theory and technology ...
- statistical analysis, factor analysis, error propagation
- radiation balance physics (planetary warming)
- molecular science, molecular dynamics, reactions
- environmental biogeochemistry (bacteria & nanoparticles)
- geopolitics, social and political theory
- health and psychological stress
- mortality and disease
- theoretic epidemiology (2 articles peer-reviewed, with first author Dr. Joseph Hickey)

Nanoparticles / molecular science / statistical analysis / modelling / measurement

When I review scientific articles, in particular, in relation to COVID-19, my personal knowledge and ability to evaluate the facts in the said scientific articles are grounded in my education, research, training and experience, as follows:

- i. *Regarding environmental nanoparticles.* Viral respiratory diseases are transmitted by the smallest size-fraction of virion-laden aerosol particles, which are reactive environmental nanoparticles. Therefore, the chemical and physical stabilities and transport properties of these aerosol particles are the foundation of the dominant contagion mechanism through air. My extensive work on reactive environmental nanoparticles is internationally recognized, and includes: precipitation and growth, surface reactivity, agglomeration, surface charging, phase transformation, settling and sedimentation, and reactive dissolution. In addition, I have taught the relevant fluid dynamics (air is a compressible fluid), and gravitational settling at the university level, and I have done industrial-application research on the technology of filtration (face masks are filters).
- ii. *Regarding molecular science, molecular dynamics, and surface complexation.* I am an expert in molecular structures, reactions, and dynamics, including molecular complexation to biotic and abiotic surfaces. These processes are the basis of viral attachment, antigen attachment, molecular replication, attachment to mask fibers, particle charging, loss and growth in aerosol particles, and all such phenomena involved in viral transmission and infection, and in protection measures. I taught quantum mechanics at the advanced university level for many years, which is the fundamental theory of atoms, molecules and substances; and in my published research I developed X-ray diffraction theory and methodology for characterizing small material particles.
- iii. *Regarding statistical analysis methods.* Statistical analysis of scientific studies, including robust error propagation analysis and robust estimates of bias, sets the limit of what reliably can be inferred from any observational study, including randomized controlled trials in medicine, and including field measurements during epidemics. I am an expert in error analysis and statistical analysis of complex data, at the research level in many areas of science. Statistical analysis methods are the basis of medical research.
- iv. *Regarding mathematical modelling.* Much of epidemiology is based on mathematical models of disease transmission and evolution in the population. I have research-level knowledge and experience with predictive and exploratory mathematical models and simulation methods. I have expert knowledge related to parameter uncertainties and parameter dependencies in such models. For example, my 2006 co-authored model of biogeochemical cycling of nutrients in lakes is highly cited (from my laboratory, lead researcher). I have recently made extensive simulations of epidemiological dynamics, using standard compartmental models and new models.
- v. *Regarding measurement methods.* In science there are five main categories of measurement methods: (1) spectroscopy (including nuclear, electronic and vibrational spectroscopies), (2) imaging (including optical and electron microscopies, and resonance imaging), (3) diffraction (including X-ray and neutron diffractions, used to elaborate molecular, defect and magnetic structures), (4) transport measurements (including reaction rates, energy transfers, and conductivities), and (5) physical property measurements (including specific density, thermal capacities, stress response, material fatigue...). I have taught these measurement methods in an interdisciplinary graduate course that I developed and gave to graduate (M.Sc. and Ph.D.) students of physics, biology, chemistry, geology, and engineering for many years. I have made fundamental discoveries and advances in areas of spectroscopy, diffraction, magnetometry, and microscopy, which have been published in leading scientific journals and presented at international conferences. I know measurement science, the basis of all sciences, at the highest level.

Collaborators:

Denis Rancourt, PhD

- Marine Baudin, PhD (latest Canada analysis)
- Joseph Hickey, PhD (latest World analysis)
- Jérémie Mercier, PhD
- John Johnson, PhD
- Christian Linard, PhD

THE BILINGUAL FIRST INSTALMENT OF THIS TESTIMONY WAS:

- Quebec City : 11 May 2023 *(en français)*
- Ottawa : 17 May 2023 *(in English)*

NCI EXHIBITS:

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**BOOK OF EXHIBITS OF EXPERT WITNESS
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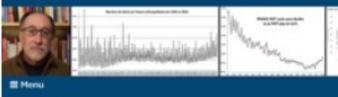
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Also, my website, COVID section:

<https://denisrancourt.ca/>

→ More than 30 articles and reports related to COVID

FIRST-INSTALMENT — CONCLUSION WAS:

- there was no pandemic causing excess mortality
- measures caused excess mortality
- COVID-19 vaccination caused excess mortality
- without the pandemic propaganda, “response” and coercion ...BAU... there would not have been *any* excess mortality

New 2000-word essay 22 June 2023:
“There Was No Pandemic”

FIRST-INSTALMENT — MADE THESE POINTS:

- none of the post-second-world-war CDC-promoted viral respiratory disease pandemics
 - 1957-58 “H2N2” ● 1968 “H3N2” ● 2009 “H1N1 again”can be detected in the all-cause mortality of any country

- 1918 mortality event, recruited to be a textbook viral respiratory disease pandemic (“H1N1”), occurred prior to the inventions of antibiotics and the electron microscope, under horrific post-war public-sanitation and economic-stress conditions
 - proven by histopathology of preserved lung tissue, deaths caused by bacterial pneumonia
 - did not kill 50+ year olds (!)

“pandemic response industry”

FIRST-INSTALMENT:

- excess mortality often **refuses to cross national borders** and inter-state lines — the invisible virus **targets the poor and disabled** and carries a passport
- it **never kills until governments impose** socio-economic and care-structure transformations on vulnerable groups within the domestic population
- **vicious new “treatment” protocols** killed patients in hotspots that applied those protocols in the first months of the declared pandemic
- this was followed by **coercive measures**, which were **squarely contrary to individual health** — fear, panic, paranoia, induced psychological stress, social isolation, self-victimization, loss of work and volunteer activity, loss of social status, loss of employment, business bankruptcy, loss of usefulness, loss of caretakers, loss of venues and mobility, suppression of freedom of expression, etc.

TODAY: TESTIMONY UPDATE (28 June 2023)

PART I: Latest all-cause mortality data on Canada

age-groups

vaccines

provinces

worldwide

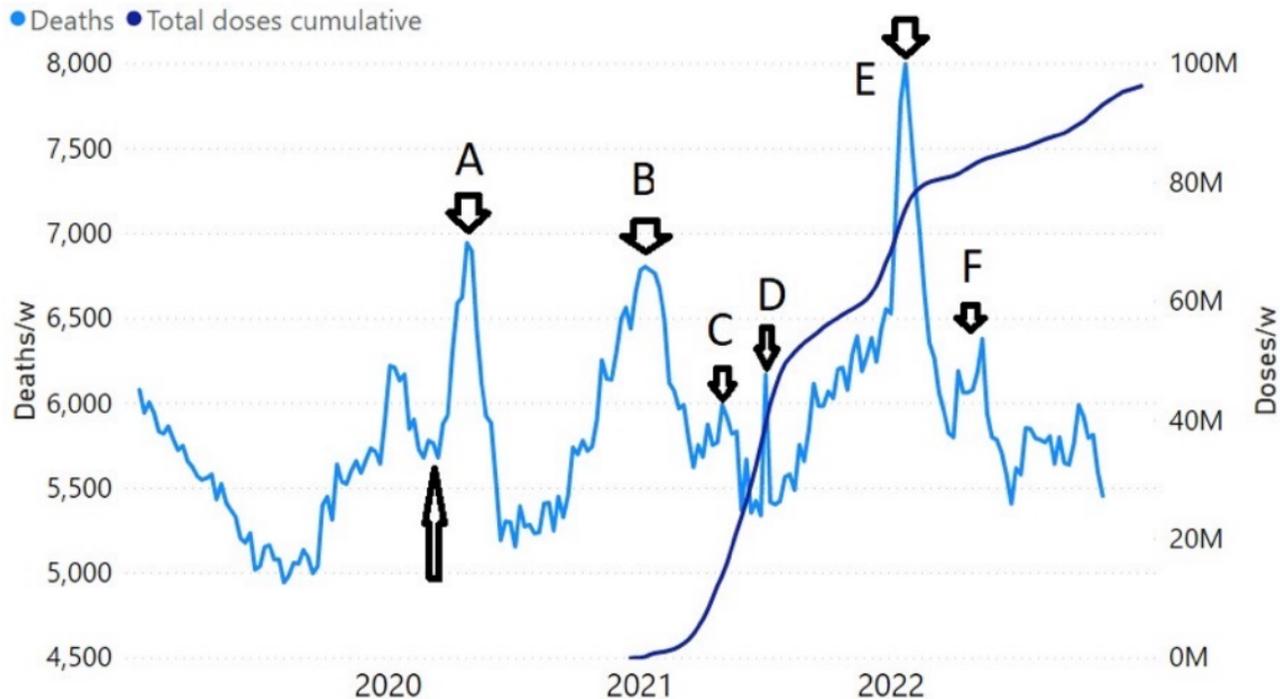
PART II: Critique of a few recently published articles

What we did and did not learn!

Simulated all-cause mortality (ACM) by week, 2010-2022, for Canada, using the proposal of Ogden et al.



All-cause mortality by week — **Canada 2019-2023** & weekly cumulative vaccine-dose administration



ACM/w, Canada, all ages, 2010-2023

All-cause mortality by week

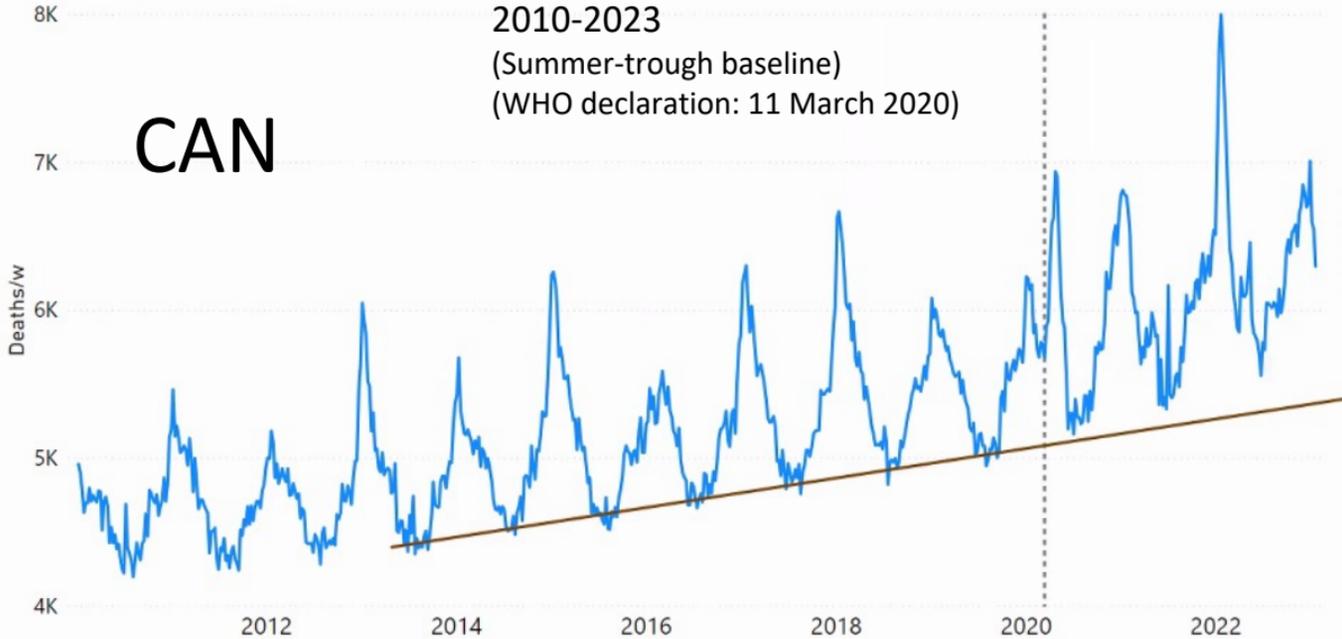
Canada — all-ages

2010-2023

(Summer-trough baseline)

(WHO declaration: 11 March 2020)

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ACM/w, Canada, 85+, 2010-2023

All-cause mortality by week

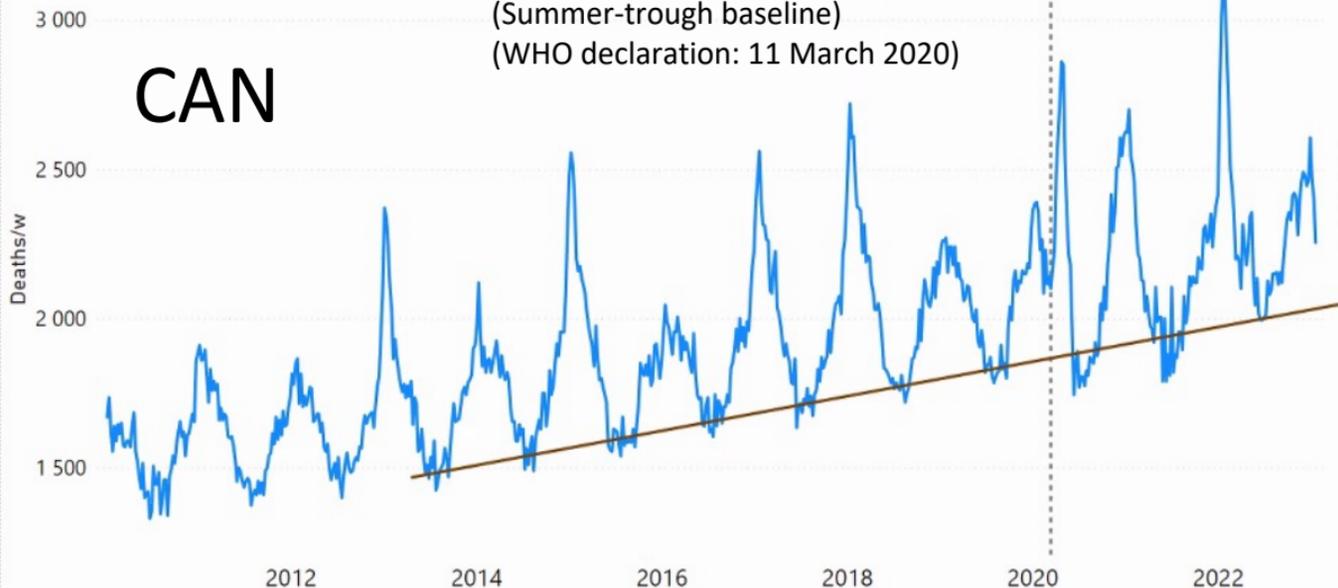
Canada — 85+ years

2010-2023

(Summer-trough baseline)

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ACM/w, Canada, 65-84, 2010-2023

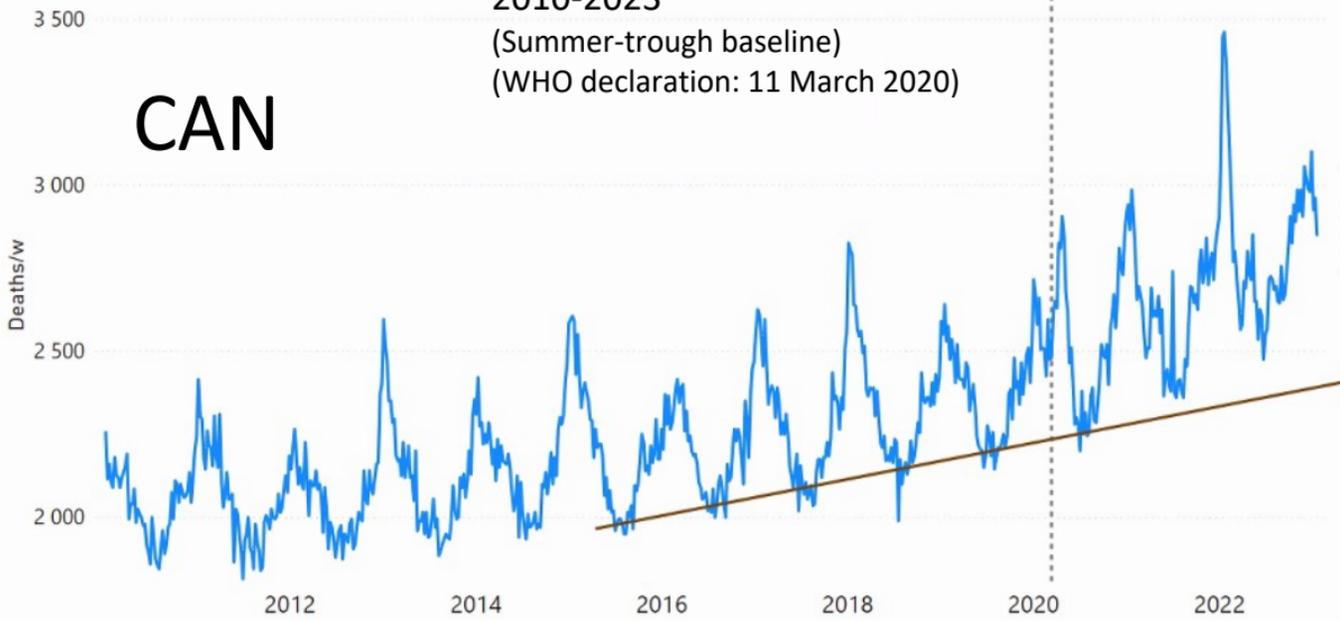
All-cause mortality by week

Canada — 65-84 years

2010-2023

(Summer-trough baseline)

(WHO declaration: 11 March 2020)



All-cause mortality by week

Canada — 45-64 years

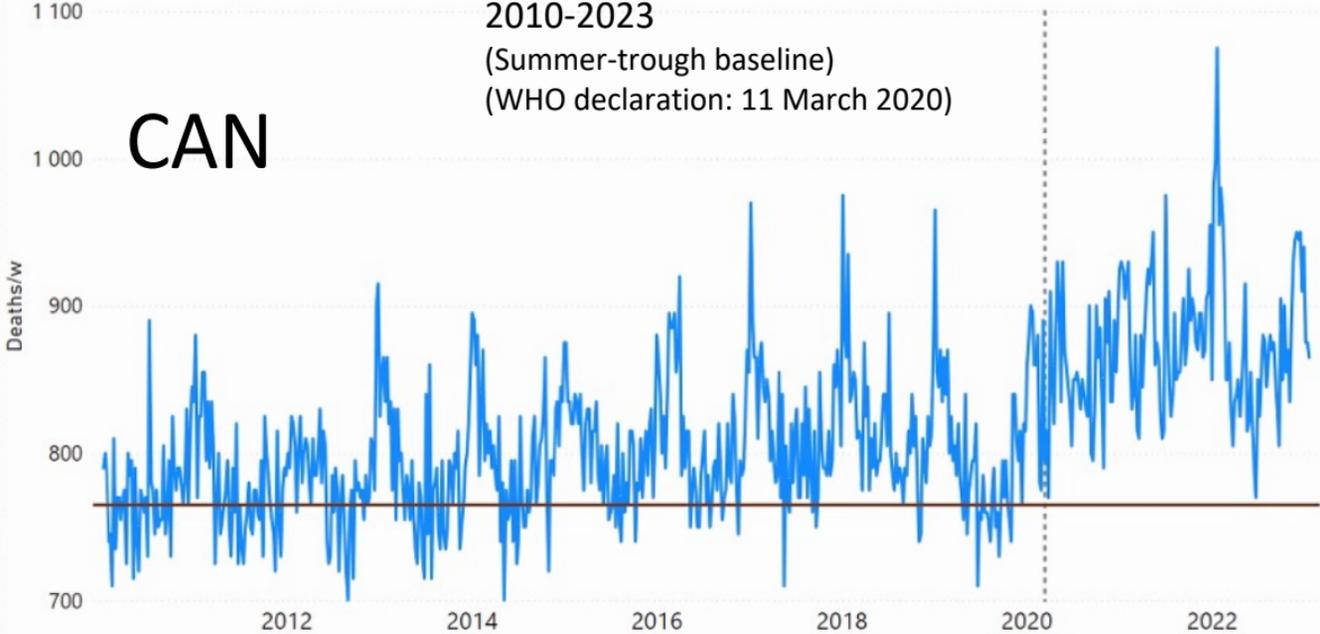
2010-2023

(Summer-trough baseline)

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ACM/w, Canada, 45-64, 2010-2023

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ACM/w, Canada, 0-44, 2010-2023

All-cause mortality by week

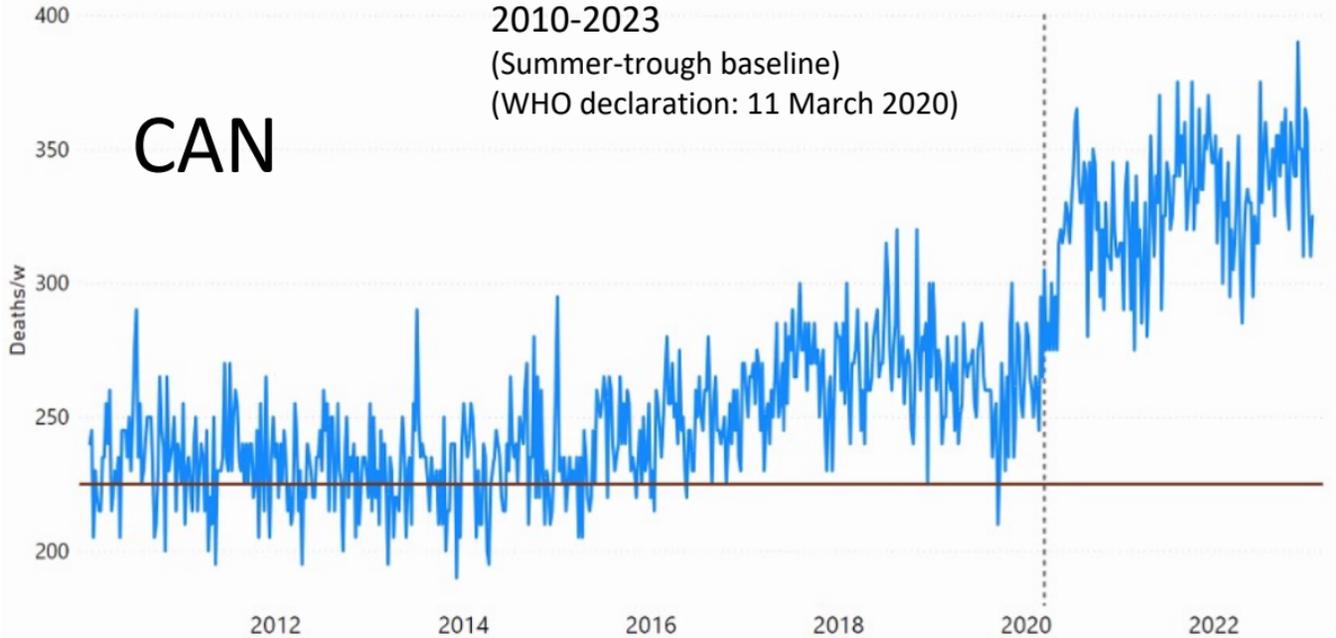
Canada — 0-44 years

2010-2023

(Summer-trough baseline)

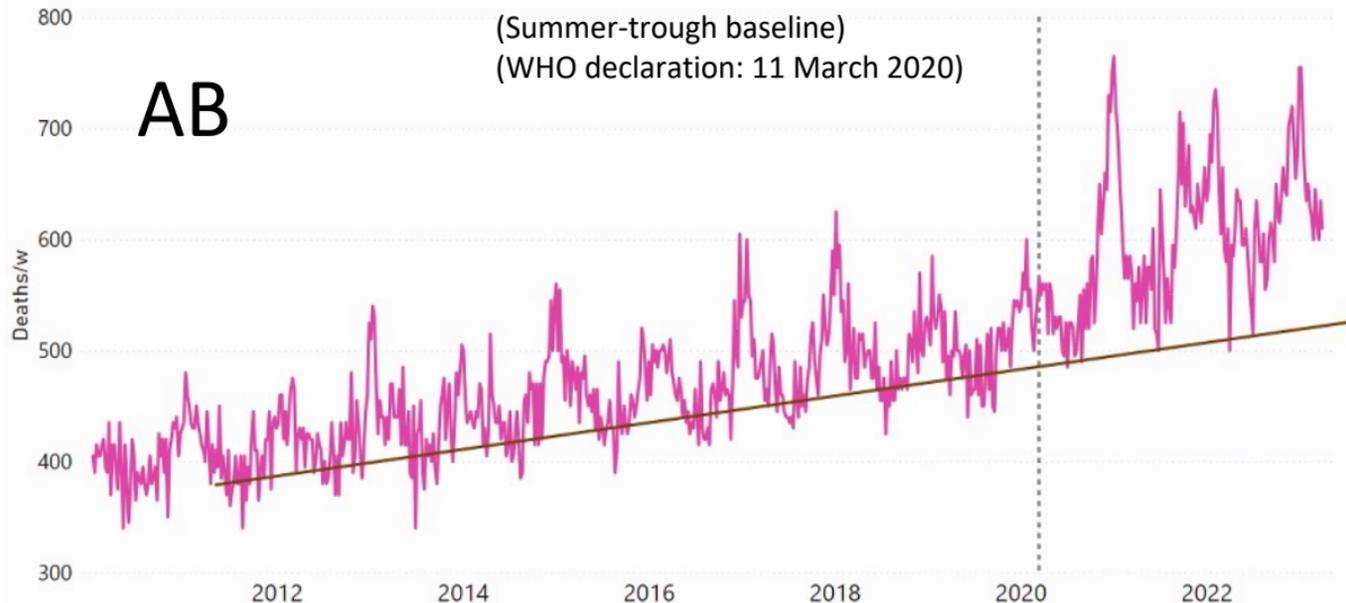
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ACM/w, Alberta, all ages, 2010-2023

Province ● Alberta



All-cause mortality by week

Alberta (Canada) — all-ages

2010-2023

(Summer-trough baseline)

(WHO declaration: 11 March 2020)

ACM/w, Alberta, 2016-2022

Deaths Total doses cumul



All-cause mortality by week
Vaccine doses rollouts
Alberta (Canada) — all-ages
2018-2023

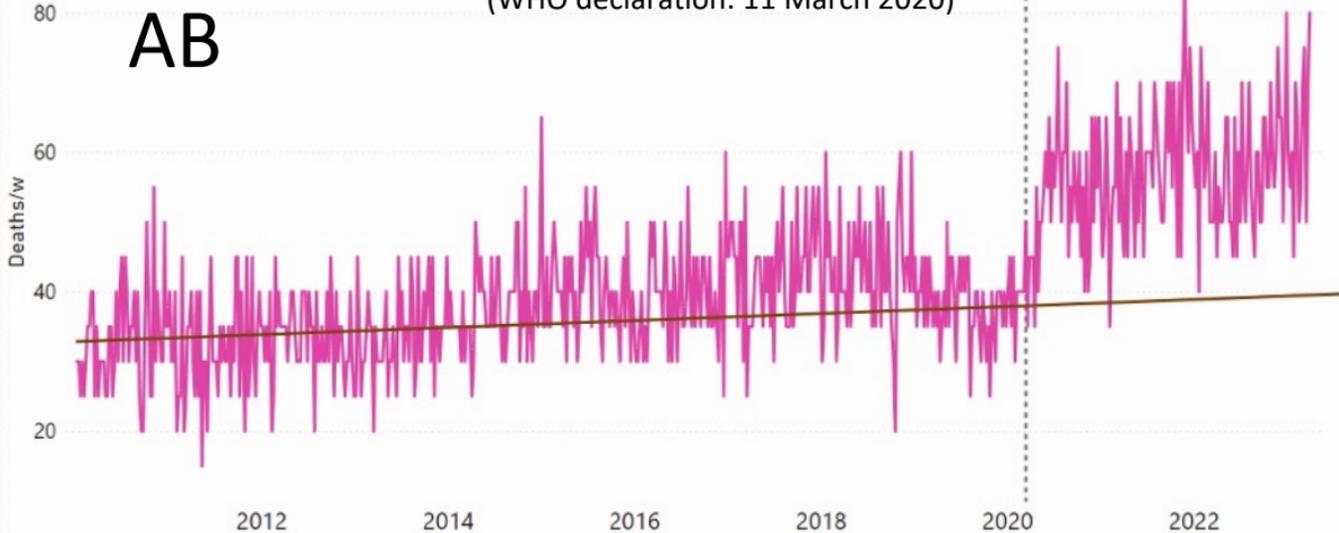
ACM/w, Alberta, 0-44, 2010-2023

Province ● Alberta

All-cause mortality by week Alberta (Canada) — 0-44 years 2010-2023

(Summer-trough baseline)
(WHO declaration: 11 March 2020)

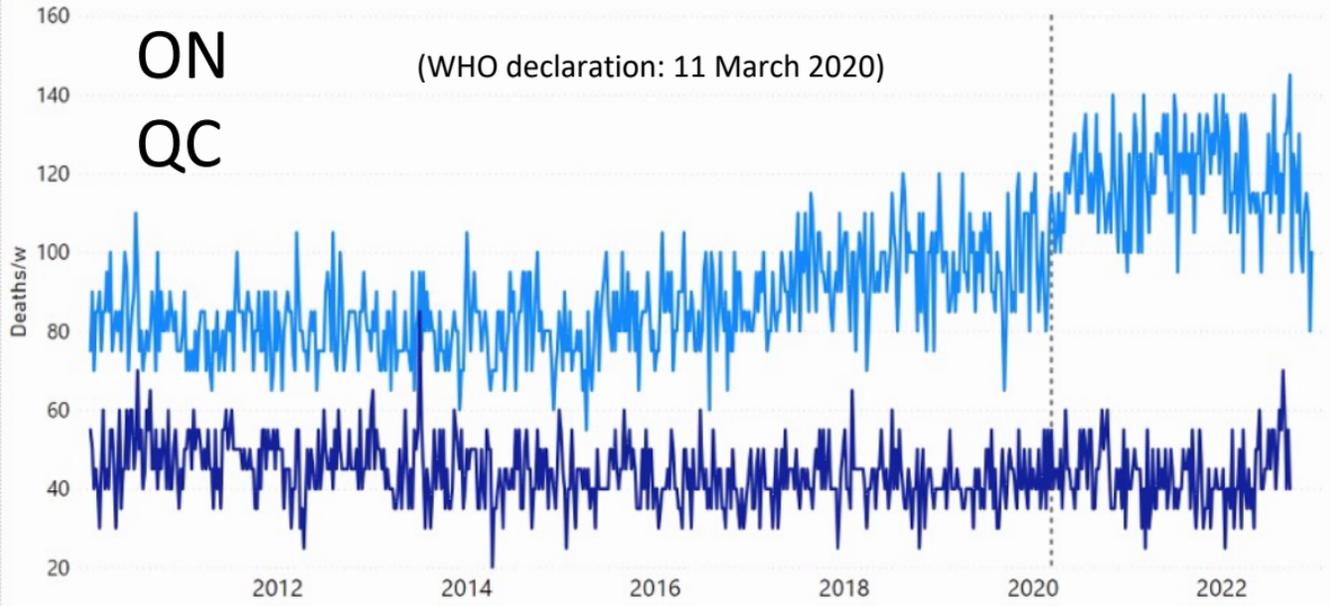
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All-cause mortality by week Ontario & Quebec (Canada) — 0-44 years 2010-2023

ACM/w, , 0-44, 2010-2023

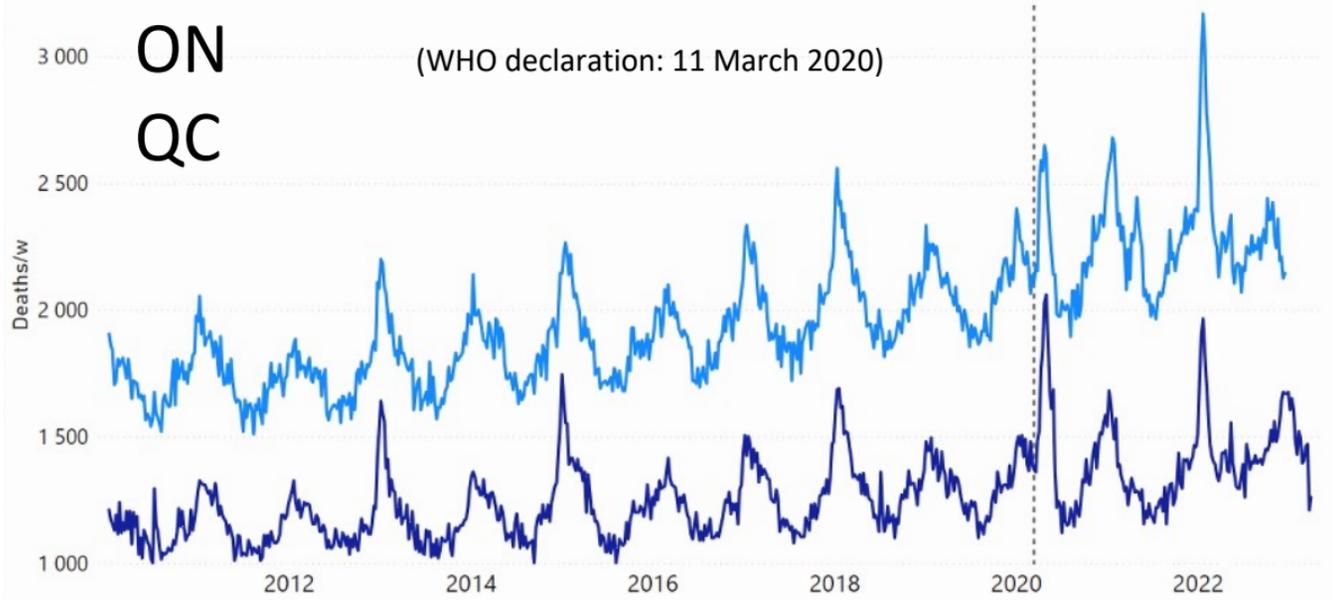
Province ● Ontario ● Quebec



All-cause mortality by week Ontario & Quebec (Canada) — all-ages 2010-2023

ACM/w, , all ages, 2010-2023

Province ● Ontario ● Quebec



ACM/w, New Brunswick, all ages, 2010-2023

Province ● New Brunswick

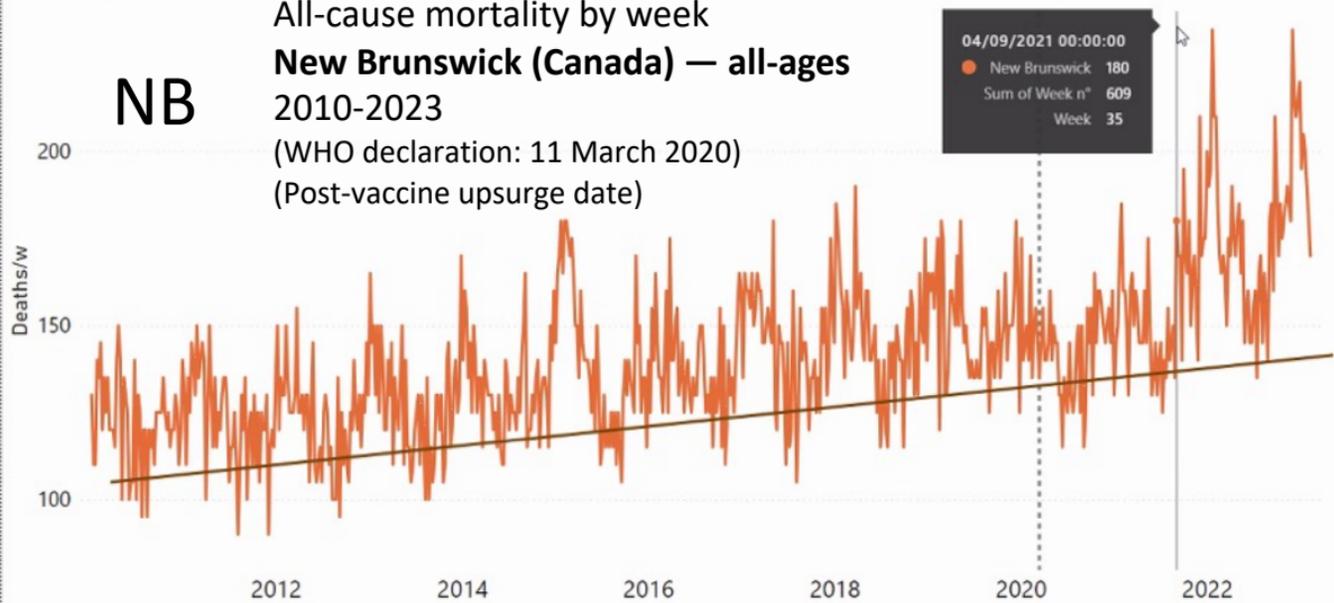
All-cause mortality by week New Brunswick (Canada) — all-ages

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2010-2023

(WHO declaration: 11 March 2020)

(Post-vaccine upsurge date)

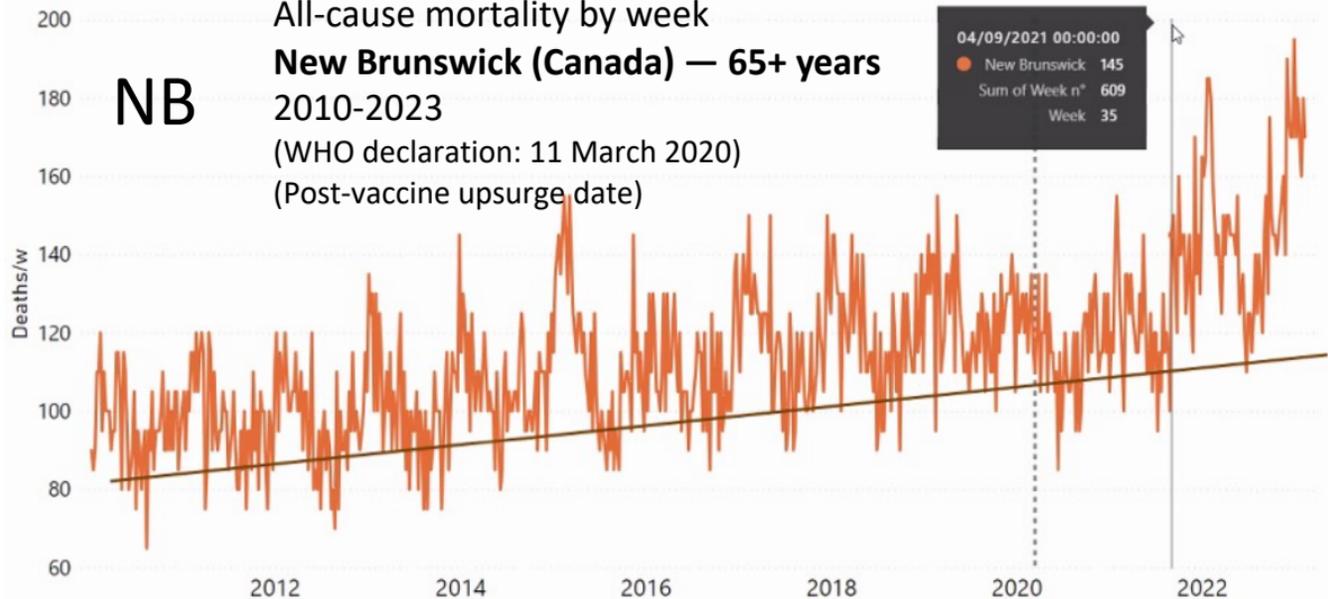


ACM/w, New Brunswick, 65+, 2010-2023

Province ● New Brunswick

All-cause mortality by week
New Brunswick (Canada) — 65+ years
2010-2023
(WHO declaration: 11 March 2020)
(Post-vaccine upsurge date)

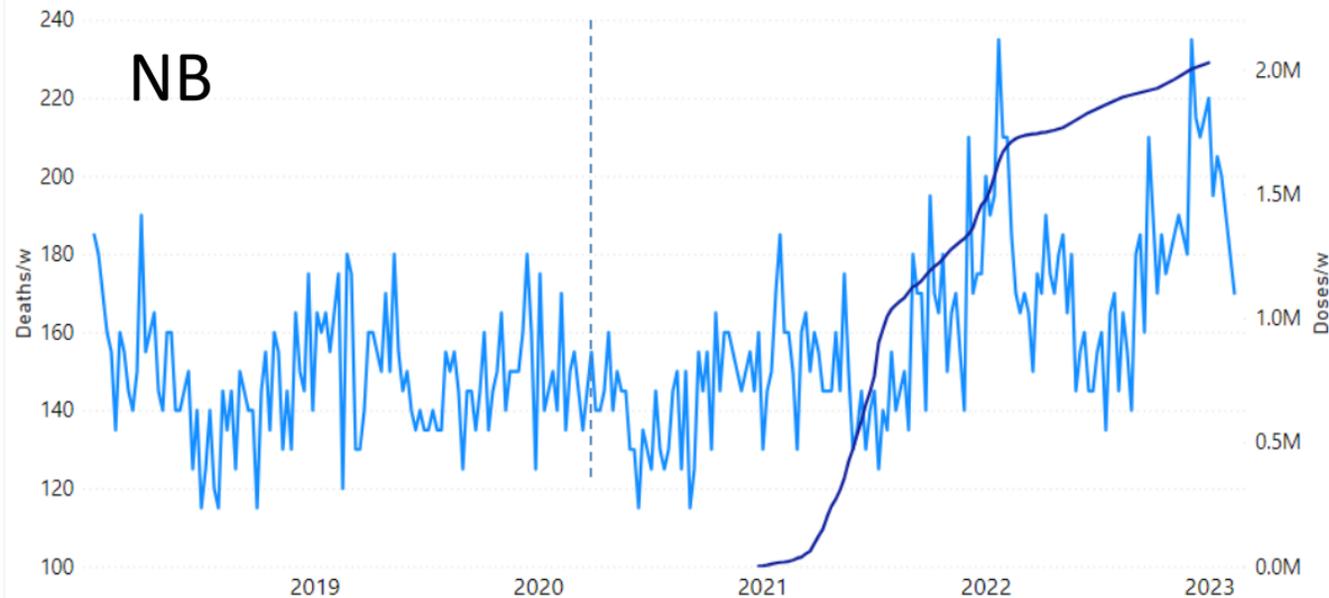
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All-cause mortality by week
Vaccine doses rollouts
New Brunswick (Canada) — all-ages
2018-2023

ACM/w, New Brunswick, 2016-2022

● Deaths ● Total doses cumul

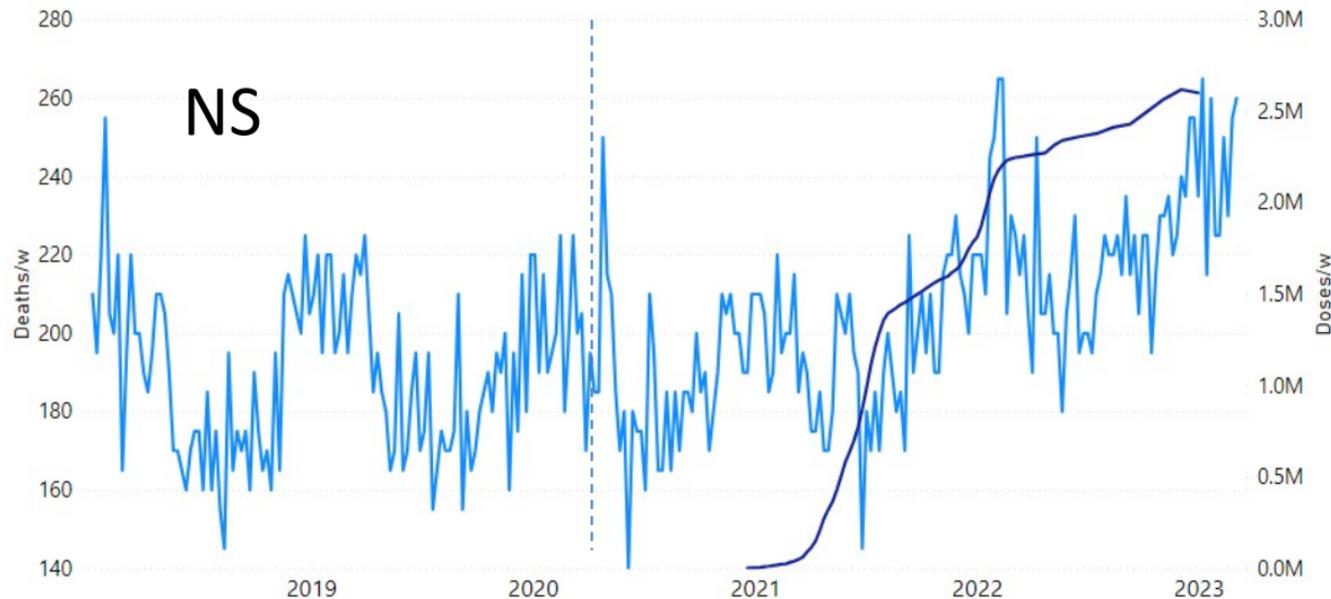


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All-cause mortality by week
Vaccine doses rollouts
Nova Scotia (Canada) — all-ages
2018-2023

ACM/w, Nova Scotia, 2016-2022

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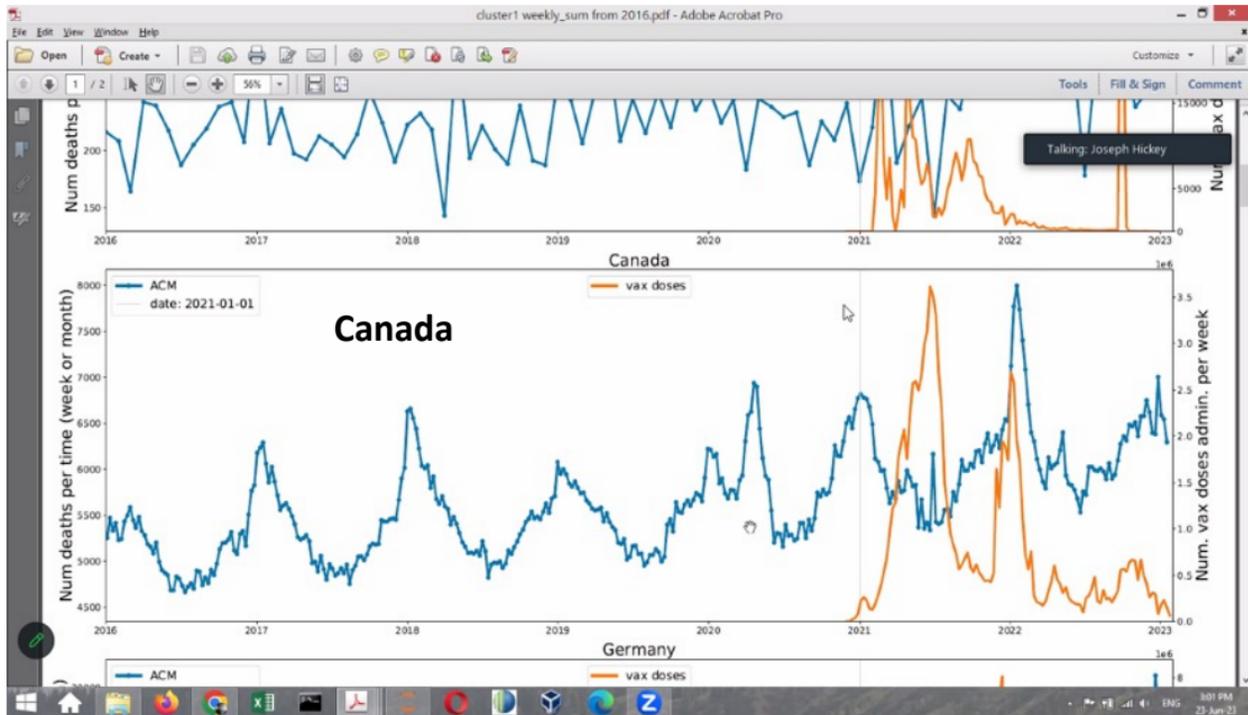
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Next: quantify vaccine-associated mortality

“vaccine-dose fatality rate” — vDFR

Canada, whole population

All-cause mortality by week — Canada 2016-2023 & weekly vaccine-dose administration

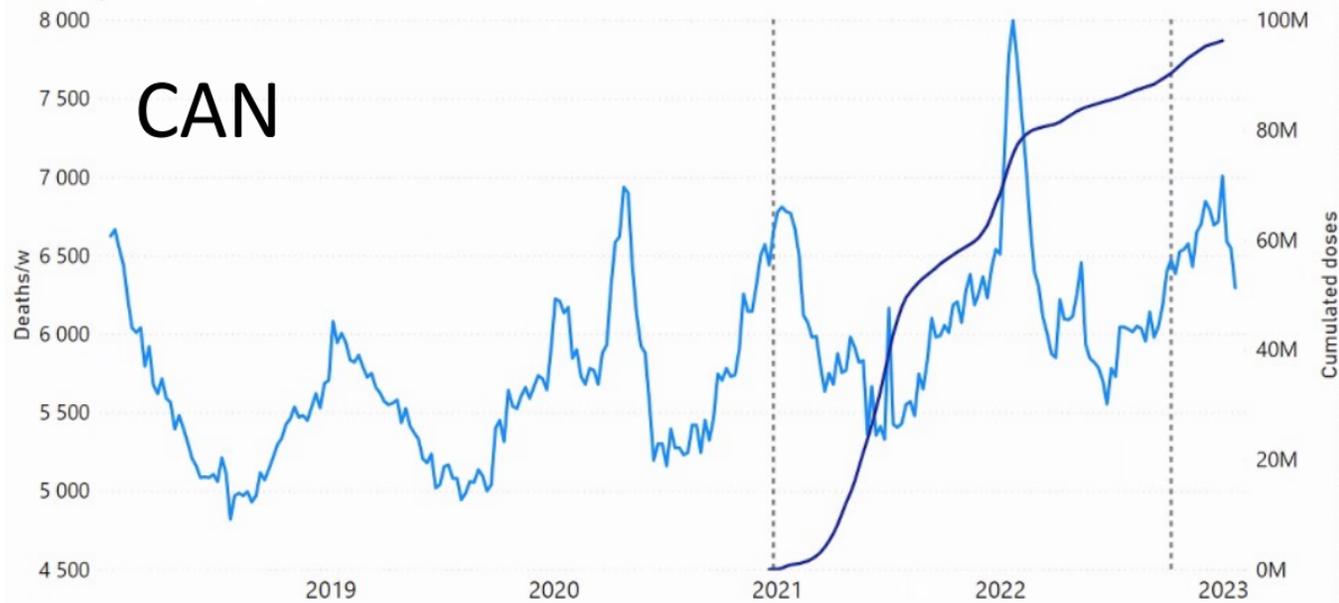


All-cause mortality by week, Canada, all-ages, 2018-2023

Vaccination period for calculation:
Week-52, 2020 (21 Dec 2020) through week-40, 2022 (3 Oct 2022)
90,338,953 doses administered

ACM/w, Canada, 2010-2023

● Mortality ● Doses cumulative



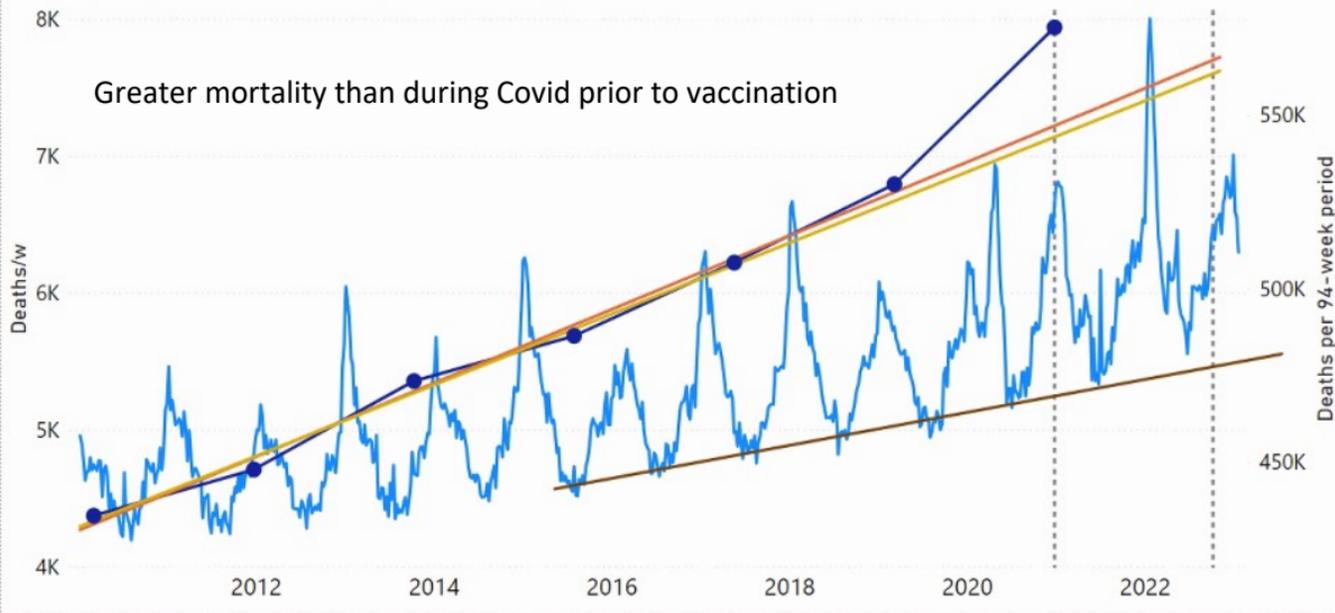
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All-cause mortality by week
Canada — all-ages
2010-2023

(Vaccination-period integration)

ACM/w, Canada, 2010-2023

● Mortality ● Ap_Vax_94w ● Trendline (6 pts) ● Trendline (5 pts)



VACCINE DEATHS IN CANADA
Week-52, 2020 (21 Dec 2020)
through week-40, 2022 (3 Oct 2022)
90,338,953 doses administered

6-pts trend: 28,000 deaths

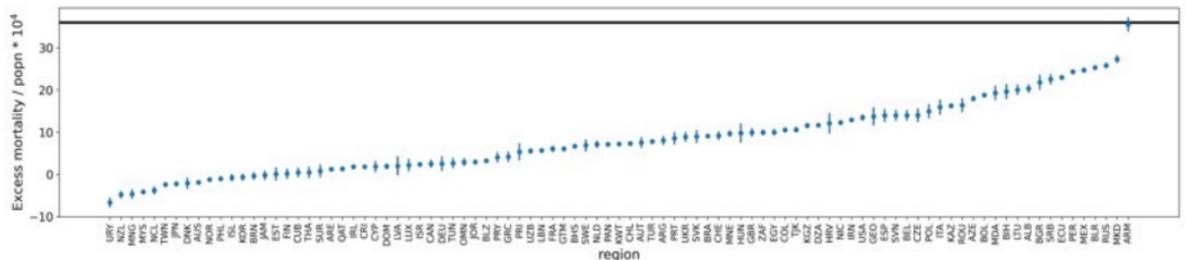
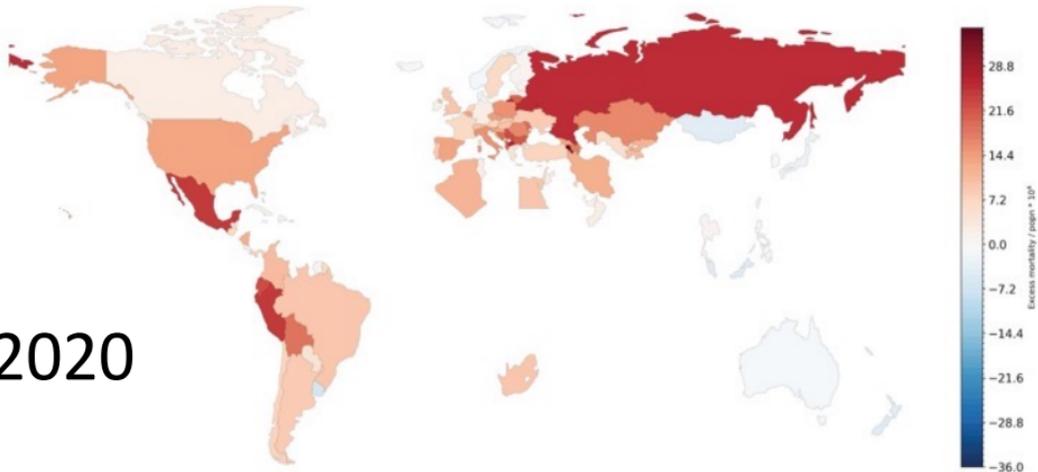
5-pts trend: 31,000 deaths

Vaccine-dose fatality rate (vDFR) = 0.03 %
(~ 1 death per 3000 injections, all-population average)

Excess all-cause mortality **2020** — World map

Excess mortality / popn * 10^4 for 2020
(baseline: lin. fit 2015-2019)

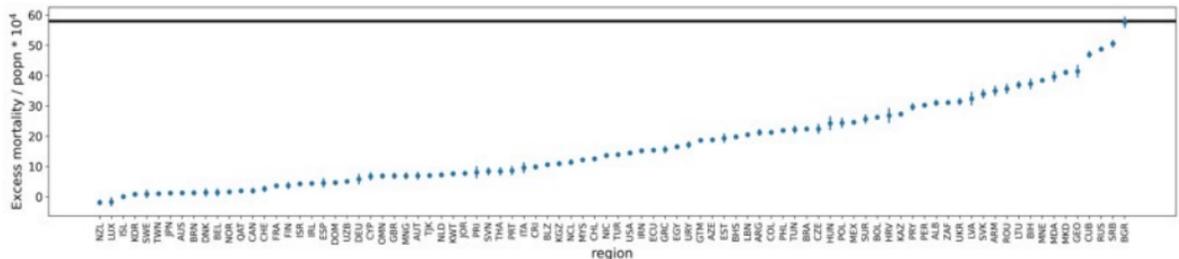
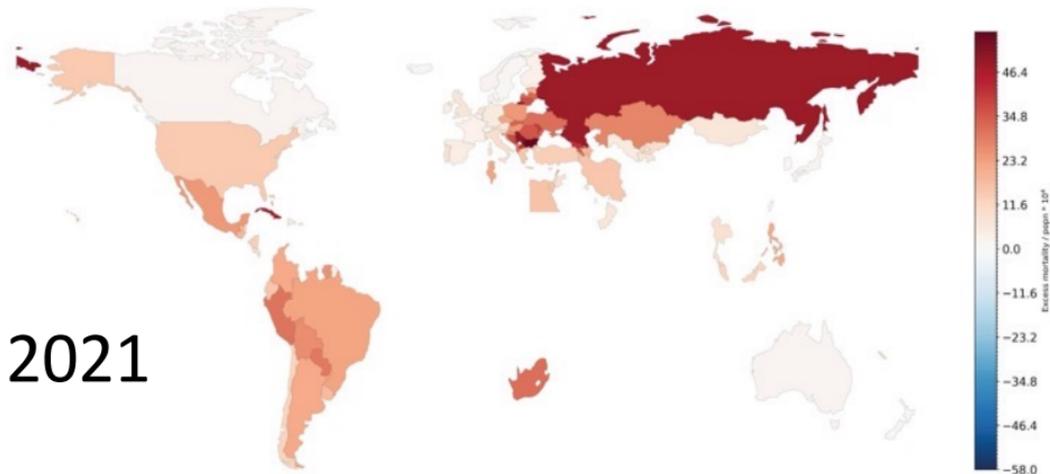
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Excess all-cause mortality **2021** — World map

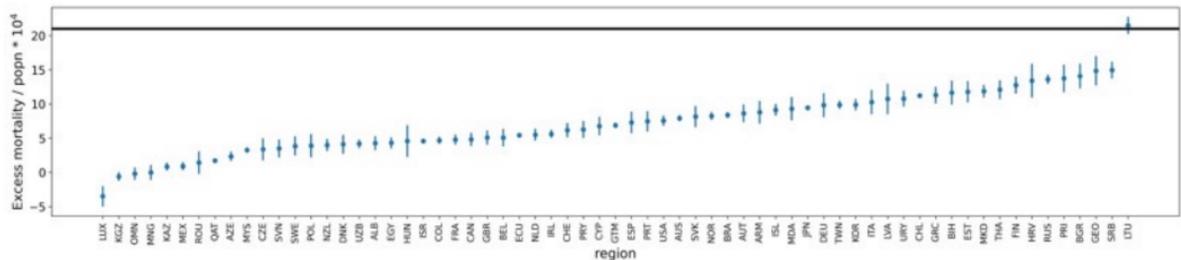
Excess mortality / popn * 10⁴ for 2021
(baseline: lin. fit 2015-2019)



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Excess all-cause mortality **2022** — World map

Excess mortality / popn * 10^4 for 2022
(baseline: lin. fit 2015-2019)



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CONCLUSION — VACCINE DEATHS

World:	13M	vDFR = 0.1%
India:	3.7M	vDFR = 1%
USA:	>330K (1.3M all excess)	vDFR > 0.05%
Canada:	28K-31K	vDFR = 0.03%

- vDFR exponential with age, doubling every 5 years of age

PART II

TESTIMONY UPDATE

PART II: Critical review of a few recently published articles

What we did and did not learn!

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What did we learn?

Short answer:

Nothing that governments and scientists should have learned was learned, or even questioned.

- The disproved paradigm of spreading pandemic-causing viral respiratory diseases is completely intact
- There is no admission of even the possibility that excess mortality was exclusively due to measures and vaccines
- The dominant factors determining public health are hidden from view — individual and societal susceptibility to disease versus spectrum of pervasive potential pathogens (ISS vs PPP)

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- **Meta-analysis of 22 studies**
- Using a “lockdown stringency index”
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- No field (or forensic) studies whatsoever

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- ... analysis synthesizes 600 publications with a focus on meta-analyses, systematic reviews, global reports and multi-country studies.
- This cumulative academic research shows that the collateral damage of the pandemic response was substantial, wide-ranging and will leave behind a legacy of harm for hundreds of millions of people in the years ahead.

- Many original predictions are broadly supported by the research data including: **a rise in non-Covid excess mortality**, mental health deterioration, child abuse and domestic violence, widening global inequality, food insecurity, lost educational opportunities, unhealthy lifestyle behaviours, social polarization, soaring debt, **democratic backsliding** and declining human rights.
- Societal harms should challenge the dominant mental model of the pandemic response: **it is likely that many Covid policies caused more harm than benefit**, although further research is needed to address knowledge gaps and explore policy trade-offs, especially at a country-level.
- **Planning and response for future global health emergencies must integrate a wider range of expertise to account for and mitigate societal harms associated with government intervention.**

CONCLUSION (PARTS I & II)

- In addition to natural events (heat waves, earthquakes, extended large-scale droughts), events that cause excess mortality are large assaults against domestic populations, affecting vulnerable residents, such as:
 - sudden devastating economic deterioration (the Great Depression, the dust bowl, the dissolution of the Soviet Union)
 - war (including social-class restructuring)
 - imperial or economic occupation and exploitation (including large-scale exploitative land use)
 - the now well-documented measures and destruction applied during the COVID period

- There is no empirical evidence that excess mortality can be caused by sudden appearances of new pathogens.