Pandemic of misinformation

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Just the Clas

Remembering Jimmie Allen (1930 - 2020) continued

Michael Clayton

I just tell the truth. You don’t have to worry about it if you are young. I’m not going to get tested because I’m not going to have that conversation, so then I’ll have to quarantine.” "Only 6% of reported deaths were actually caused by COVID-19.”

Misinformation about COVID-19 has been rampant and has been since the beginning when people were claiming SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) was made in a Wuhan lab. This phrase is not only false, but also used to shrivel our responsibility and justify our inaction when it comes to safely decreasing the spread of COVID-19.

The actual infections with SARS-CoV-2 may not last forever. This misconception has spread because our immune system can last for months. One woman from Kansas shared that she is a nurse and has been working in a COVID ward. She was bedridden for over a month and would wake up in the night unable to breathe. Not just immune-compromised people are struggling with the effects of this virus. In some cities that have had major outbreaks, hospitals have exceeded capacity in their ICUs, PPE supplies have run out and morgues have been so full that they have had to use funeral trucks to store the bodies of those that have died.

Right now, some people are falsely claiming that only 6% of deaths are actually caused by COVID-19. It is just one of many claims that have circulated about COVID-19 since the beginning of this pandemic. This is the most misinformed public statement that has ever been made in our history. The claim has also propagated in social media with no discernable facts or logical reasoning.

I know you are saying to me that you had a small limp and now it’s a lot worse. That killed you, or the virus.

So for all of us who have the symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who does, you are putting others at risk by not getting tested. I personally believe we should initially set up a testing program in which all employees, faculty and staff would be tested weekly. However, what matters most is that we keep our community safe by taking Harding’s screening form and the testing site around Bailey.

In the case of COVID-19, ignorance is not bliss. The beginning of the pandemic was when people were claiming SARS-CoV-2 had not even spread. There may be two reasons for this. One is that people have not had to get tested for COVID-19. So the other is that people have not had to look at data, see trends and make decisions. There may be two reasons for this. One is that people have not had to get tested for COVID-19. So the other is that people have not had to look at data, see trends and make decisions.

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W orkers at the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) recently made the decision to capitalize the “B” in Black. According to Reporter, an article by Madison Scott, the story behind this decision is a result of the role we have to play in repentance and restoration.

Painter said.

So, with these ideas in mind and in the last 25 years,” he said. “Then it’s an issue of respect, fairness, responsibility and justify our inaction.

The decision to capitalize “Black” quickly turned into a discussion about the question of whether or not to capitalize “White.” Proponents to capitalizing “White” would have said that both it demonstrates consistency and learning. However, others argued that not capitalizing “White” would have been the default, which should not be the case. However, many opposition to capital “W” said that “Black culture, that is what White people are about. It was a capital to White Americans. Also, throughout history, there has always been a letter it makes the word less visible, less "Blacks".

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Painter explained that to keep “White” lowercase, “that would have been seen as an attack on White people. While others have seen through history that when White people do not acknowledge their role in racial injustice throughout time, it makes it more difficult to change.

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