

Military and Homeland Security Dictate Who Lives and Who Dies In A Pandemic

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New report says doctors must allow elderly, weak to perish after "trigger event"
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A new report compiled by a medical "task force" comprising physicians from prestigious universities, medical groups, the military and government agencies has outlined that specific groups of people should not be treated and be left to die should a flu pandemic or other deadly disease disaster infect millions throughout the USA.

Doctors in the pay of federal government agencies including the Department of Homeland Security, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health and Human Services have concluded that the already ill, the weak, the severely injured and the elderly will have to "forgo" life.

According to the report, which appears in the May edition of *Chest*, the medical journal of the American College of Chest Physicians, those who won't be treated will include:

- People older than 85.

- Those with severe trauma, which could include critical injuries from car crashes and shootings.

- Severely burned patients older than 60.

- Those with severe mental impairment, which could include advanced Alzheimer's disease.

- Those with a severe chronic disease, such as advanced heart failure, lung disease or poorly controlled diabetes.

Designated hospital "triage teams" will ultimately decide who gets treated and who is left to perish.

Dr. Asha Devereaux, lead writer of the task force report, told the **AP** "the proposed guidelines are designed to be a blueprint for hospitals 'so that everybody will be thinking in the same way' **when** (our emphasis) pandemic flu or another widespread health care disaster hits."

"Prior to the rationing of critical care resources, hospitals and surrounding areas must first experience a "trigger" event that includes a declared state of emergency and lack of critical equipment or infrastructure." the report states.

"The decision to initiate emergency mass critical care (EMCC) must occur in conjunction with local and regional Medical Emergency Operations Command authority and not by individual hospitals."

"If a mass casualty critical care event were to occur tomorrow, many people with clinical conditions that are survivable under usual health care system conditions

may have to forgo life-sustaining interventions owing to deficiencies in supply or staffing," the report continues.

"While the notion of rationing health care is unpleasant, the report could help the public understand that it will be necessary," a senior vice president at American Hospital Association, said.

Critics and commentators have pointed out that the proposed rules are discriminatory and effectively exclude care for the poorest, most disadvantaged citizens in an emergency.

Others have noted that the report may set a grim precedent for other disasters such as a repeat of a Hurricane Katrina type situation.

We have previously reported on moves to use a disease outbreak as justification to suspend Constitutional rights.

Last September we reported the fact that the World Health Organization and the U.N. have been handed control over response procedures in the event of a pandemic outbreak in the U.S. after an agreement was signed by President Bush at the 2007 Security and Prosperity Partnership meeting, bypassing congressional approval.

The origins of the agreement can be traced back to 2005, when President Bush announced a new International Partnership on Avian and Pandemic Influenza to a High-Level Plenary Meeting of the U.N. General Assembly, in New York.

In April of 2005 President Bush also added pandemic influenza to the list of diseases for which quarantine is authorized.

China's zealous martial law tactics in dealing with SARS, home detention, curfews, mandatory vaccinations, restriction of travel, are the model for what could unfold in the US. The federal blueprint for the exact same scenario was released and picked up by the Associated Press a year earlier in 2004.

This is a slow process of conditioning the public to accept mandatory vaccinations and restrictions on mobility under a rule of martial law.

The ball started rolling back in 2001 when the Model States Emergency Health Powers Act was passed, which allows for total government takeover of every industry, vehicle, building, location, distribution process, you name it.

And when this flu pandemic happens who will we blame? Surely not US scientists playing around with the deadly 1918 Spanish flu virus at "less than the maximum level of containment" according to the [New Scientist](#) magazine.