

Funding the Future

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I wrote about the so-called Great Barrington Declaration yesterday. Others have commented. This is a summary from twitter:

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Expert reaction to the "Barrington Declaration", a recent open letter arguing against lockdown policies and for 'Focused Protection'.

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Replying to @ActuaryByDay
Dr Julian Tang, Honorary Associate Professor in Respiratory Sciences, @uniofleicester, said:
"... I cannot see how they will achieve this 'Focused Protection' for these vulnerable groups in any practical, reliable or safe way."

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Dr Rupert Beale, Group Leader, Cell Biology of Infection Laboratory, Francis Crick Institute @TheCrick, said:
"This is wishful thinking. ... lasting protection of vulnerable individuals by establishing 'herd immunity' is very unlikely to be achieved in the absence of a vaccine."

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Dr Michael Head, Senior Research Fellow in Global Health, @unisouthampton @IndependentSage said:
"Ultimately, the Barrington Declaration is based on principles that are dangerous to national and global public health."

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Dr Stephen Griffin, Associate Professor in the School of Medicine, @UniversityLeeds, said:
"This approach has profound ethical, logistical and scientific flaws"

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Dr Simon Clarke, Associate Professor of Cellular Microbiology at @UniofReading, said:
"we don't know that herd immunity is even possible... consign a great many more thousands of people to their deaths, and many more would be left suffering from the effects of long covid..."

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I don't have time to continue this thread at the moment but if anyone else wants to pick up the baton then be my guest...

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It would seem that my concerns are shared.