

# Funding the Future

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I am far from alone in being horrified by the Telegraph article and headline, summarised in the Tweet:



The Telegraph @Telegraph

Only six healthy children with no underlying health conditions died as a direct result of catching the coronavirus during a 12-month window, NHS analysis has revealed



The Telegraph

telegraph.co.uk

Six healthy children died of Covid in a year, but lockdowns fuel youth health timebomb

The reality is that 108 children have died of Covid. Not six. It's just that the other 102 had conditions like asthma, or eczema. And so, apparently, they do not count.

Prof Alice Roberts summarised what must have been the thoughts of many:



Prof Alice Roberts @theAliceRoberts · 8h

Thanks, @Telegraph. Both my children have asthma. My niece has Down Syndrome.

I don't do this comparison often, or lightly. But this is starting to sound like 1930's Germany.

The Telegraph @Telegraph · 16h

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1,172

4,653

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That is exactly what it feels like.

Do we really now live in a country where there are the 'pure', who are fit and healthy, who are valued and whose perpetuation is to be encouraged, and 'the others', to whom we are indifferent?

It is but a short step from The Telegraph's article to something very sinister indeed.

And it's right to call out fascism where it is seen.