

Are the anti-vaxxers on the Tory right wing trying to b...

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This tweet was published this morning:

https://twitter.com/Kit_Yates_Maths/status/1468482514553647107?s=20

Kit Yates is someone I greatly respect in this area. Neil Ferguson's estimate feels right: many other epidemiologists have suggested that this is likely to be the case. Omicron is spreading very rapidly in the UK, and there is no reason to think it is more benign than Delta.

Rumour had it that despite all its protestations the government was planning an imminent press conference to announce Plan B, introducing Covid lockdown measures.

Then last night [that video emerged](#). I have speculated that this is part of a leadership bid, but suppose that it is something else? Suppose that the anti-vaccine elements in the Tory party, working with Number 10 insiders, decided that this is the moment to work against the interests of the public health of the people of the UK? This they could do by making any new lockdown impossible to enforce. That could be exactly what the timing of the release of this video might be all about.

Never doubt that there are those on the right-wing who would rather people die than promote public health, so distorted is their view of their right to what they think to be liberty, but which is actually their claimed right to impose upon the wellbeing of others.

This might be the best explanation for today's political crisis. If so, the problems that we face are even bigger than I imagined.