

Why are we picking on the hospitality industry?

I have an open mind, but I tend to look more to data (numbers), than what passes as hard science today.

Because I have a horse in the race, I keep looking at what is going on to the food service industry in the state of Pennsylvania and I am genuinely perplexed.

I am food safe certified. Most owners/operators, cooks, chefs and servers are as well in the restaurant industry.

The food safety practices they have all practiced, as mandated by code, for the last 4 or 5 decades not only help to prevent the spread of food born illnesses but by their very nature would apply to the Corona virus.

We are told to believe that one of the most regulated, inspected and educated industries is allegedly a major culprit in the spread of it.

Until the start of this no other business entity had in place and safety practices at all, unless some aspect of their businesses entailed the sale of food and drink as some portion of their business.

So strictly retail businesses and services that aren't food related basically started from scratch in crafting their response to the virus through the guidance of the health department, the CDC, etc. But somehow, despite in many cases their store traffic being exponentially greater than the average restaurant or bar, are doing a fantastic job and aren't a source of infection? Hard to believe.

Common sense and my practical experience tell me this has to be wrong.

More importantly, the actions taken against the food service industry have absolutely zero published data to back it up. If they have it, they won't show it.

How can they not have it? They have this contract tracing down to a tee. But they won't show it.

The state of Maryland published data showing that bars and restaurants were not sources of infection in any significant way. Am I to believe that in Pennsylvania we buck the trend? Of course, we don't.

This is nothing more than a political attack on our most vulnerable small businesses. Nothing more, nothing less.

What kind of government attempts to hurt its own citizens to create a false narrative and why?