

I grew up in Cottage Grove in the 70's and 80's. My father owned a logging business (forced out by the big guys, Roseburg Lumber and Warehouse), My grandfather was a Millwright and a Shipwright (quite a resume). I watched my town grow and prosper, then ultimately moved away in 86'. I moved back to Oregon in the fall of 2019 only to find a remnant of what I remember. Small towns look like ghost towns. Mill after mill shut down. Ma and Pa stores empty, boarded up. Then came the CCP virus and the unnecessary lock-downs, now I see a much worse outcome with our small communities now and in the future because of it. Please do the sensible and logical thing open our state back up. Oregon had less death totals in 2020 than the previous 2 years before but yet we shuttered our businesses and citizens for weeks at a time, several times. All of this for what? A lower death rate? I feel that our leadership has forsaken us while still living a lavish lifestyle and others are being thrust into poverty at an alarming rate.

I could stand in front of a panel and go on and on with undisputable metrics and evidence of sheer pandering by our elected officials to an overblown narrative while having little concern with the facts and our citizens income, lifestyle and mental/physical/emotional wellbeing.

respectfully,
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