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Richard Mann is a based legend

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Richard Mann just gave one of the most passionate speeches I've ever heard about doing what is "socially, scientifically, and morally responsible" before announcing that despite his department's objections, he is change CS489 to be strictly online. I had legit chills, spitting so many fax not just about this virus but how society is so fragmented as a whole.

"Truthfully, I couldn't give a shit what they [the university] say, they could fire me for all I care. Let this be a life lesson, do not accept anything less than what is fair treatment. The university has been withholding information and not taking action, they have failed you. People are saying that

this virus isn't a big deal because the elderly are expendable. The elderly are expendable? The elderly cared for us, they carry our wisdom, if we as a society can't protect them, then in my books, our society simply put, has failed"

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My prof for PHYS 359 said the same thing,

"Our emails read on top 'do not talk to students yet' but I think its ridiclous that they would do consultation without considering student opinion."

He then proceeded to tell us to think about what we as students should do about the final exam and give him our opinions during our next class.

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honestly though, he is so right. Many people out here saying "it only kills the elderly." What they are forgetting is that there are more people in this world that are older than 65 than younger than 25. This virus has the potential to have a major impact on everyone.

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It killed the whistleblower doctor and he was relatively young. Also i think young people with other health complications aren't exactly going to whiz thru this like it's a minor flu.

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Whistle blower doctor totally caught the flu and wasn't scuicided /s

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I'd double check your sources on that one.

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It is in this time of adversity where true character is revealed. For some it's ugly af, but for manns like Richard it be beautiful.

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I understand that the university is going to be making an announcement tomorrow and just did not want to be preempted desiring instead a cohesive policy originating from the administration. Due to Co-op,

interviews, having a real summer term (which most universities do not have to cope with) and a large student population organizing is more of a challenge than for most unis.

I was advised this via a professional university relationship. They are not part of the decisionmaking group but have some "insider" knowledge. I should add that they were by no means 100% "certain".

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If they were going to be making an announcement tomorrow then they probably shouldn't have sent those two emails out tonight no?

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Mad respect, more like Mann respect

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Guys, as much as this is all really scary and we should be informed, the Uni is following the advice of the WHO and Health Canada. No one knows what's best in this scenario. If you're going to blame anyone, the admin is the wrong target.

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In the email it said specifically that Public Health of Canada advises events with 50+ people be moved online or cancelled. I think UW is really just ridiculous at this point :/

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No, it isn't. As the uni follows the advice, it suspended any gathering with ≥ 50 people, but why classes and tests should be regarded as the ONLY exceptions? Any reasoning behind such bs you did find there, which should be weighed more important than the health-related concern? Pandemic does not ----ing care about the border. Don't forget that there are already three confirmed cases in K-W, and still no one knows where the first patient has been before heading toward GRH. 🤪

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No one knows what's best in this scenario

Clearly it's the *academic mission*

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Someone at Conestoga College please do this....

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People are saying that this virus isn't a big deal because the elderly are expendable.

The fuck? Nobody said this.

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"We're gonna be fine [even if we do get infected], it can only threaten the lives of old people"

"The death rate for our population demographic is less than 1% so don't worry"

I've heard these words come from the mouths of students in class and on campus. Whilst they weren't directly implying that the elderly are expendable, they certainly implicitly mean it.

Even if not all that many people are saying this, this must have crossed their minds at least once; the fact that we (the youth) are less prone to getting serious health complications in the case that we do get infected

The human race will always be at war with one another until we start thinking as a species, rather than thinking only for ourselves.

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I had the chills too. Turns out it's from some new disease I caught from eating a bat

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<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-00548-w>

You probably won't get it from eating a bat

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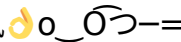

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While I respect his stance in this scenario, I thought it was worth noting that he's become a rather outlandish conspiracy theorist in the last couple of years. One example is his page [here](#) which he links directly too from his official UW homepage, right alongside his actual published works. AFAIK wind turbines is just one.

Just make sure you consider the impact of his statements (especially regarding the government) carefully.

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he thinks wind turbines are bad?

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What's the problem?

You city boys have never talked to anyone who lives in the country around those turbines I guess...

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I don't get it, what is he so angry about?

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