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To Mask or Not To Mask- It Makes No Difference# if the mask is cloth\* according to the CDC (MMWR, 2/14/22)

It seems as if we address the topic of masking endlessly. That’s because we are still required or requested to wear masks in certain facilities and areas, and there are people from all walks of life and professions still calling for mandatory masking of all people. The biggest proponent for the masking of the American people is the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention “is one of the major operating components of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [HHS]” whose “Parent Agency” is the “White House” aka the business offices of the Executive Department of the U.S. Government. The President of the United States directly appoints the director of the CDC to the post with no senate confirmation needed. When Dr. Rochelle Walensky was chosen by Biden, she tweeted, “I’m honored to be called to lead the brilliant team at the CDC. We are ready to combat this virus with science and facts.”

We need to look carefully at the information that the CDC puts out as “science and facts.” Let’s consider one example. A few weeks ago, the CDC published a study titled “Effectiveness of Face Mask or Respirator Use in Indoor Public Settings for

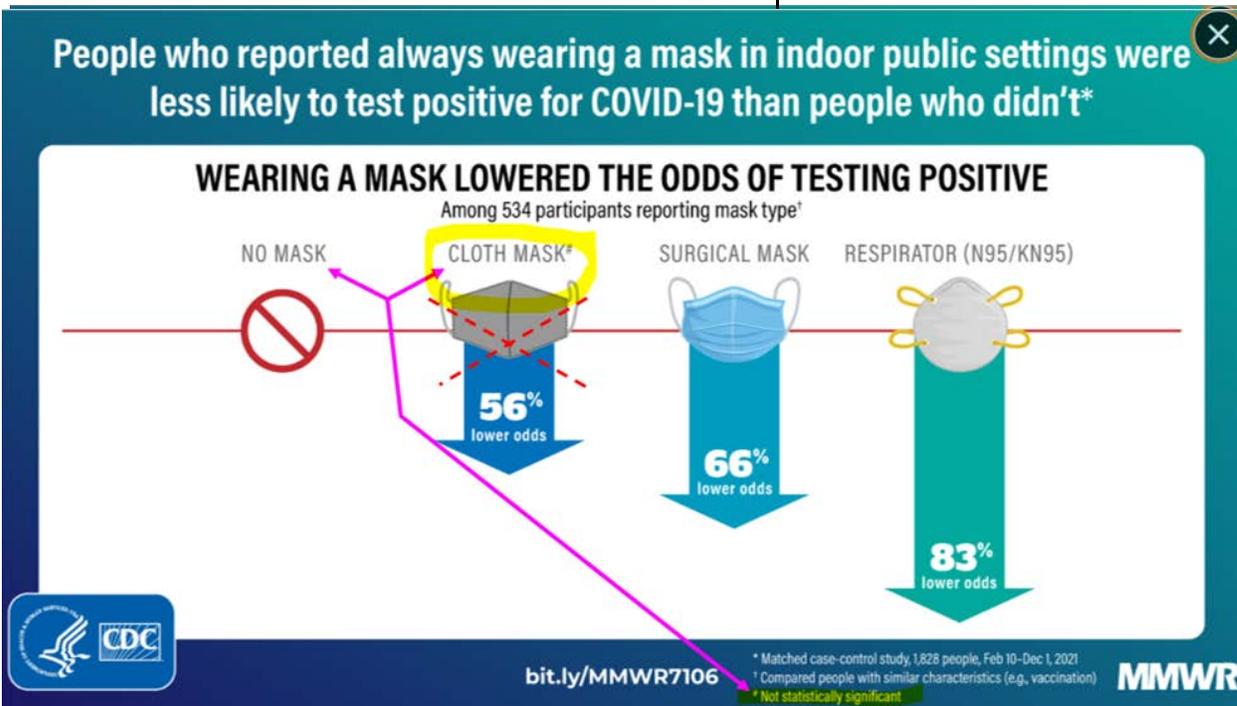
Prevention of SARS-CoV-2 Infection.” Reading the fine print is required. The simplistic visual aid - located just below the summary and presumably to provide a visual depicting the conclusion of the study - is disingenuous.

Next to the label “CLOTH MASK” is a tiny hashtag (#) notated at the bottom as “# Not statistically significant.” In the description of the study (below the visual aid, paragraph 4), “statistical significance was defined . . . with p-values <0.05.” According to BYJUS (and confirmed by other sites such as Scribbr), “the p-value is a statistical measure that helps to determine whether the hypothesis is correct or not” and the value used in this study is standard. Basically, if the p-value is greater than .05, then the hypothesis has not been proved.

The hypothesis of this study is: Always wearing a certain type of mask indoors in public spaces reduces the chance of testing positive for Covid-19 compared to wearing no mask indoors at all<sup>1</sup>. Because wearing a cloth mask (Table 3) has a p-value of “.07 unadjusted” and “.1 adjusted,” there is no statistical difference in positive and negative outcome between wearing a cloth mask and wearing no mask. This was noted in fine print with the #, but the obvious take-away from the visual aid is completely and inexplicably different.

This cloth-vs-none nothing-burger is clearly indicated by the raw data in Table 3. Of the people who wore cloth masks indoors, 5.3% more people tested positive than tested negative.

Additionally, the raw data in Table 2 shows that of the people who wore any type of mask indoors for most of the time, 3.2% more people tested positive than tested negative. The only data that results in statistically significant p-value ranges supports the hypothesis that wearing “N95/KN95 respirators” all of the time while in indoor public spaces reduces the chance of testing positive. The visual aid



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does not depict the true results of the study. It is grossly misleading.

Just days after this CDC study was published, in a leaked audio from a closed-door House Energy and Commerce committee briefing obtained by [Reason](#), the director of the CDC said that despite the "limitations" of the current available studies "they are for the most part uniformly pointing to that when there's a lot of disease out there, the masks are preventing that disease and preventing that transmission and because of that we are able to keep our schools open." Despite the [appeal to emotion](#) logical fallacy included in the rhetoric, this current study shows that wearing a cloth mask is useless, a conclusion contrary to the study's visual aid. It is imperative that we read the fine print and educate ourselves so that we don't continue to have the [wool pulled over our eyes](#) that keeps the cloth over our mouths.

For another analysis, see Daily Signal's [Unmasking CDC's Latest Mask Study: How Government Gets it Wrong Again](#). Some other sources for understanding the data provided in the study: [Explaining Odds Ratios](#), [Confidence Intervals](#), [What is z-value in confidence intervals](#), [p-value](#), [Steps to a statistical study, surveys and sampling](#).

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**MONDAY, MARCH 14th @ 7PM**  
DOCUMENTARY "WHOSE CHILDREN ARE THEY?"

[CLICK HERE to find a theatre location near you](#)

"...the groundbreaking and powerfully persuasive documentary featuring brave teachers, empowered parents, and front-line experts who pull back the curtain about what is truly happening in our public schools today"

This film will be the starting point for a full cultural conversation about the need to return to the original intent of education not indoctrination. [It] will inform and equip parents, teachers, grandparents, and concerned citizens to partner together for the innocence and well-being of our children."

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH**  
ONEIDA COUNTY SPRING ELECTION

- ✓ RHINELANDER SCHOOL BOARD
- ✓ RHINELANDER MAYOR
- ✓ RHINELANDER CITY COUNCIL (DISTRICT 4)
- ✓ COUNTY SUPERVISORS (DISTRICTS 1-21)

To get more information about the 2022 Elections and Candidates in Oneida County, go to: [www.co.oneida.wi.us/government/election-info](http://www.co.oneida.wi.us/government/election-info)

The Republican Party of Oneida County can also be a resource to learn which conservative candidates they endorse. (Email: [rpocnews@yahoo.com](mailto:rpocnews@yahoo.com))

**JOIN US THURSDAY!**

**Informational Meeting**  
February 24, 2022 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
The Pines Event Center, 5840 Forest Lane, Rhinelander

The Take Back Team is a growing group dedicated to keeping our communities free. Join us and other like-minded citizens to network and learn how together we can strengthen our local community.

- ✓ The focus of our meeting is to provide the opportunity for teachers to tell us what impacts their lives:
  - First-hand testimonials from teachers
  - Agendas being imposed upon faculty, staff, and students
  - Focus on political activism vs. academic achievement and basic skills
  - Concerns about the curriculums/materials
  - Behavior challenges in the classroom
  - Why some long-standing teachers have left the district
  - What teachers would like to see improved/changed
- ✓ Discuss how we can better help support our Teachers
- ✓ Review of Take Back Team's efforts, accomplishments, and future goals.
- ✓ Learn what you can do to get involved with key issues that are impacting our community, schools, and children.

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Come, connect with others, ask questions, share ideas and information, and help us inspire other local citizens to GET INVOLVED.

*The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate ideas and information that you may not encounter through mainstream sources. The TakeBackTeam has messages that we think are important and ideas that are worth exploring. As always, TakeBackTeam invites you to follow up on the information we introduce and form your own conclusions. And dialogue is valuable, so please feel free to send your thoughts to [takebackteam@gmail.com](mailto:takebackteam@gmail.com).*

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