

# The Lockdown War on the Poor

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“How dare they attempt to survive and pay their bills?” says the governor that shut down local businesses and provided peanuts in return. The response to Covid-19 is identical to the scams the Federal Reserve has used for decades. The shutdown of small, local businesses turns the owners into debt slaves. Meanwhile, the rich, multinational corporations advance their monopolies by robbing the poor with biased government initiatives. No wonder people say the world will never be normal again; it will be run by monopolies.

Crimes only exist for the poor, and poorness is now a crime. The punishment is debt slavery. Thousands of businesses are closed to ‘protect the health and safety’ of citizens. Somehow, schools, which are containers of tightly packed students, are fine despite contributing over double the number of cases gyms and restaurants do. Of course, government-provided education is exempt from the rules. Rebellious business owners are villainized, fined, and shut down for the crime of supporting their families. Thus, they must quietly build debt and go bankrupt. Everyone is in financial shackles. The Federal Reserve employs the same tactic by writing out loans and guilting loaners for not paying back counterfeit money. Although the government creates the debt, they do not owe the Federal Reserve; the people do.

Furthermore, the government does little to support these small businesses. Unsurprisingly, congress cannot provide citizens with relief money after handing over billions to multinational corporations. Does Jeff Bezos need a couple more millions, or do the unemployed need them? Worst yet, small businesses get taxed for the relief forced upon them. That is stress, not relief. One would expect governments to stop misusing citizens' money during difficult times. Additionally, why are the five trillion dollars in taxes spent to borrow money? All taxes paid by citizens must be returned to citizens, not banks. If the government ever needed

money, they could print it themselves, without the Federal Reserve. Borrowed money must be paid back with interest, which the government does not pay. Wealth is slowly transferred upwards to the rich by federal banks, the same way taxes do.

Walmart and Costco have always been world-famous boutique shops. By shutting down small businesses, the government once again created monopolies that they 'hate'. For instance, Amazon's business has been blooming by stealing small businesses' sales. Absolutely no one will be able to compete with Amazon ever. They also pay no taxes on any of those profits, while reaping all the taxpayers' benefits. Tax evasion is illegal for the common man, not the rich. Counterfeiting money is illegal for the poor, not the banks. The monopoly on the creation of money ironically only produces debt. Especially now, banks can secure their monopoly since more money is needed, but work is unavailable. More money causes more debt. Therefore, Central banks can pressure governments to protect them because they are indebted.