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Where is the COVID-19 Lockdown Evidence?

Last week, a professor of public health at Edinburgh University in Scotland boldly spoke to members of Parliament. She said she and her colleagues don’t understand where the British government’s decisions are coming from related to lockdown. Specifically, she said she has “no idea” where the evidence is coming from for lockdown, and in talking to her colleagues, they have no idea either. She said, “it’s not obvious…So not everything has been transparent.”

These experts in and around Scotland are concerned about the significant social and economic consequences of the broader UK government lockdown. Americans are probably also wondering about the evidence as some states stay lock-downed and others are wide open. For example, Wisconsin has seen an influx of Minnesotans happy to shop, get haircuts, go out to eat and not wear face masks.

“Scottish Government advisors ‘have no idea where evidence for some lockdown decisions is coming from,’” Hannah Rodger, The Herald, June 18, 2020: [https://bit.ly/2ZgHGqW](https://bit.ly/2ZgHGqW)