

# Fueling an Epidemic? (Draft: 12-22-21)

	<b>Mental Illness</b>	<b>Pain Management</b>	<b>COVID-19</b>
<b>Admirable Objective</b>	Reduce mental illness symptoms so that patients can have a more normal life.	Minimize pain for those experiencing serious pain, so that they can have a more normal life.	Reduce the likelihood of getting infected by, and transmitting, the COVID-19 virus.
<b>Initial time period when pharmaceutical solutions were introduced.</b>	1955±	2005±	2020
<b>Pharmaceutical solutions.</b>	Anti-depressants	Opioids	Vaccines
<b>Some side-effects of the pharmaceutical solution.</b>	Addiction, suicide, cardiovascular, hostility, etc.	Addiction	Heart issues. Unknown long term. Unknown regarding many co-
<b>Success of the pharmaceutical solution obtaining objectives.</b>	Some success for more serious conditions, but a de-normalization of life to many.	Some success for more serious conditions, but a de-normalization of life to many.	Very limited. Effective treatments were bypassed.
<b>Number of US people initially diagnosed.</b>	500,000±	100,000±?	0
<b>Number of US people currently diagnosed.</b>	50,000,000±	10,000,000±	50,000,000±
<b>Est US deaths from pharmaceutical solution (direct &amp; indirect).</b>	100,000±	800,000±	400,000±
<b>Are the pharmaceutical solutions a net success?</b>	No. Way too many deaths and additions.	No. Way too many deaths and additions.	No. Benefit claims are misleading and therapies have been severely restricted.

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