

# A veteran medical examiner who reviewed 4000 Covid deaths explains how many were REALLY from Covid (and how many were of healthy people)

Dr. Brian Peterson ran the Milwaukee County medical examiner's office until he was suddenly forced to retire in September; did his honesty about Covid cost him his job?



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After 11,500 autopsies over four decades, Dr. Brian L. Peterson was used to high-profile forensic work - including the 2004 California murder trial of Scott Peterson (no relation).

But he never expected the blowback he'd face for telling families their loved ones had *not* died of Covid.

Until September, Brian Peterson served as chief medical examiner for Milwaukee County. With about 1 million people, the county has roughly 10,000 deaths a year, and its pathologists conduct about 1,500 autopsies annually.

When the coronavirus epidemic began in 2020, Peterson decided to review every Covid-related death in the county - to see for himself who was dying and how. Over the next two-and-a-half years, he made brief reviews of medical records for about 4,000 people that physicians had said died of Covid.

*(Another Milwaukee County Covid victim taken in her prime)*

Case Number 22-07847

Case Type Body Released - COVID-19

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Cause Infection with Novel  
Other Coronavirus (COVID-19) Atherosclerotic  
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As far as Peterson knows, only one other county medical examiner in the United States performed a similar review. It is possible that Peterson has looked at medical records for more individual Covid-related deaths than *anyone* else.

Here's what he found.

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terminal conditions who did have Covid and symptoms specific to it when they died.

Those people would likely have died in days or weeks even if they had not been infected, Peterson said. Still, he added Sars-Cov-2 to their death certificates as a secondary cause, since the virus had hastened their deaths.

In other words, about **40 percent** of all the deaths attributed to Covid had either a marginal link to it or none at all.

The remaining 60 percent came in people who had positive coronavirus tests, had Covid symptoms and were received Covid-specific treatments, and were not at *imminent* risk of death when they contracted Covid and died.

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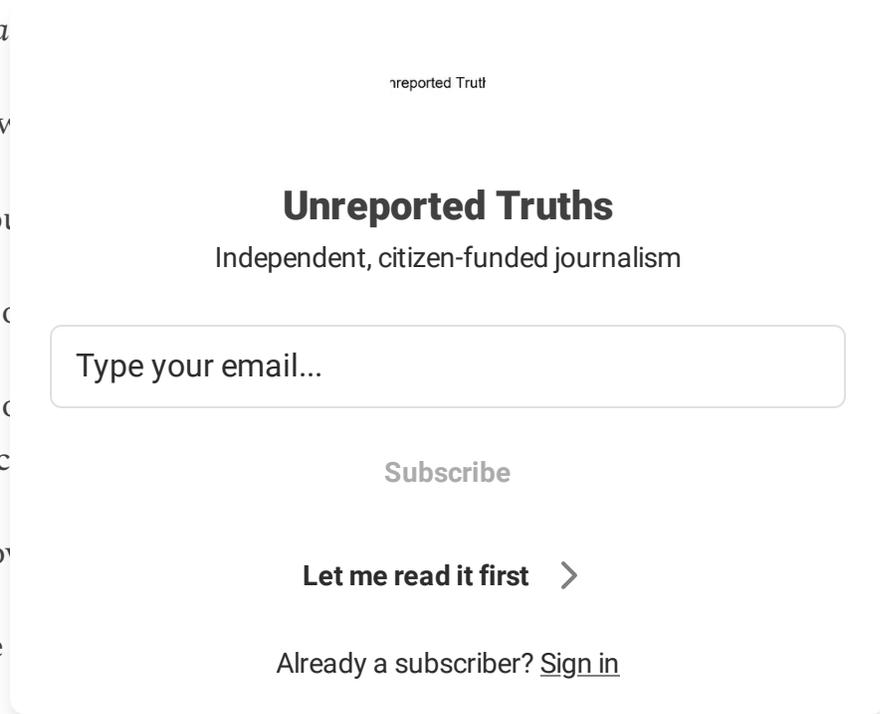
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In those cases, Peterson agreed that the coronavirus was the primary cause of death and reported it that way on their death certificates.

Still, the people who died of Covid were almost always very unhealthy, he said.

“Even those folks had comorbidities that were substantial.”

I asked him directly: of the 4,000 Covid deaths, how many people would he classify as healthy?



In one case, Peterson reviewed had occurred

How many of them were young or healthy people?

He said, “I don’t know. I don’t know if it’s leukemia?

Leukemia?

Yes. But leukemia in young adults is treatable, and Peterson believed the teenager might be alive today if he had not contracted Covid.

In early 2021, Peterson’s unwillingness to rubber-stamp Covid deaths became more controversial.

The Biden Administration’s “American Rescue Plan” included government reimbursements of up to \$9,000 for funeral expenses for Covid deaths. Run through the

Federal Emergency Management Agency, the funeral program was retroactive to January 2020.

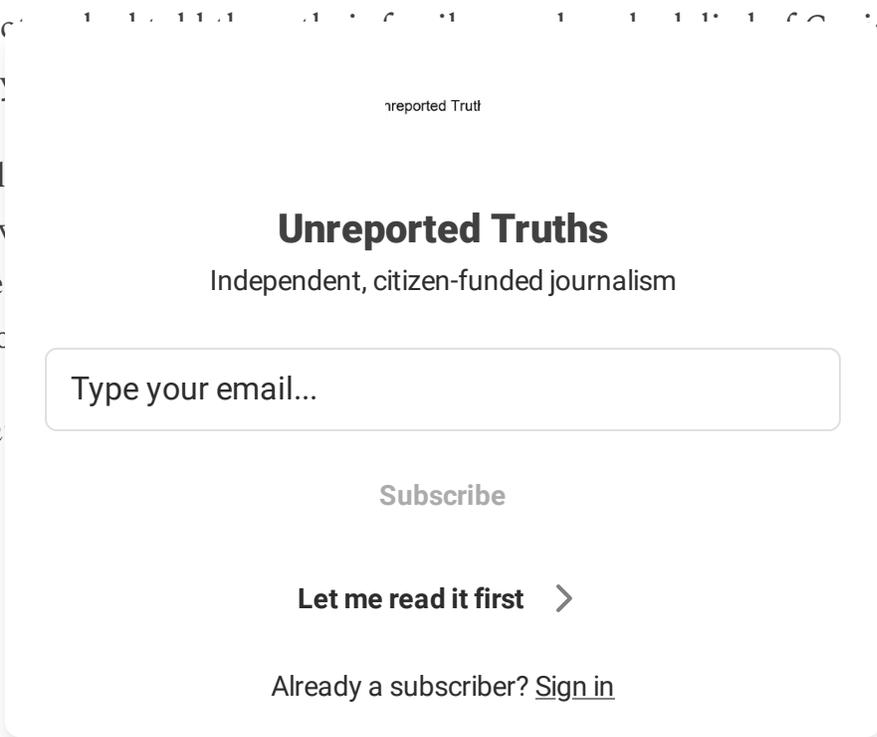
No one has ever explained exactly why people who die of Covid should get thousands of dollars for their funerals when no one else does. Nonetheless, the program has paid out more than \$2.6 billion to more than 400,000 families and still continues.

“The Covid bounty became an issue,” Peterson said. “A lot of families were angry when I wouldn’t put Covid on the death certificate.” His explanations did little to calm them.

Doctors didn’t tell them that Covid was on the death certificate. They didn’t understand why the government was paying them thousands of dollars. The families wouldn’t agree.

Still, Peterson posted anonymized information about the Milwaukee County program for people who wanted to know more.

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Cause A	Stroke	Mode	Natural
Gender	Female	Race	Black
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He had been chief medical examiner for 12 years.

The same day, county executive David Crowley released a statement saying that Peterson had resigned voluntarily.

“Today, Brian Peterson shared his intention to retire from his role as Milwaukee County Examiner,” Crowley said. “His retirement is effective immediately. On behalf of Milwaukee County.”

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Peterson's resignation has now become a political issue in Milwaukee, because it has held up a high-profile trial in which an off-duty police officer allegedly killed a man after a party. In an interview with a Wisconsin television station on Monday, Oct. 31, Crowley insisted Peterson resigned voluntarily.

"The last thing I saw was a retirement letter that was signed by Dr. Peterson," Crowley said.

Peterson acknowledged he signed retirement papers but said the county administrators made it clear that if he didn't sign them anymore, you can resign

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gambit was a scam of unbelievable proportions. So big, in fact, that most people will never believe they were duped

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