

Who signed the Great Barrington Declaration?

Not me, apparently

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The Great Barrington Declaration recently turned five years old. To celebrate, the document has been [opened to new signatories](#).



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Martin Kulldorff

@MartinKulldorff

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Five years ago today, we authored the Great Barrington Declaration, arguing for focused protection instead of lockdowns. A wholehearted thank you to the almost one million co-signers. We were proven right.



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It also suggests that Bhattacharya, Gupta, and Kulldorff continue to stand by what they wrote and aren't willing to revisit the document or consider where they might have been mistaken, in view of newer, better evidence.

The stewards of the declaration, Brownstone Institute, evidently regard signatories as those who stand with the authors now. In my opinion, that alters the meaning of the list, if not the document.

Did I sign?

I signed the GBD in October 2020 — or so I thought.

After seeing on X that the GBD had been “re-opened,” I contacted Lucio (Lou) Eastman to request removal of my name. My thinking has changed considerably since the statement debuted. I now regard its core premises, assumptions, and recommendations as not only deeply flawed but harmful and [protective of a Core Lie](#) about a sudden-spreading novel SARS virus in need of slowing.

Because signatories are apparently treated as ongoing endorsers, I felt it was important to make clear that I no longer am one.

As I composed a short email to Eastman, a plot twist popped into my brain: *What if I actually DIDN'T sign, but only THINK that I did?*

On 5 October 2025, I wrote:

Dear Mr. Eastman,

I am writing to request that my name be removed from the Great Barrington Declaration.

If I am mistaken about having signed, and my name is NOT in the database of signatories, please let me know.

In any case, I request acknowledgement of this email.

Regards,

Jessica Hockett, PhD

Given that a colleague who made a similar request last year never received a response, I wasn't sure I'd hear back. (1)



Sanity Unleashed

Why I have asked for my name to be removed as a signatory to The Great Barrington Declaration.

Like Jessica Hockett's post the other day (here) this isn't likely to make me any new friends and is highly likely to result in me losing some of my existing ones...

[Read more](#)

a year ago · 777 likes · 599 comments · Jonathan Engler

But, to his credit, Eastman replied quickly, an hour later:

I have decreased the number of signers by one. If you signed in the past and it was counted, it has now been reduced by that number. Best I can do.

Does this mean I didn't sign?

I searched my email for confirmation that I submitted the form, but nothing came up. I can't find confirmation in my late 2020 tweets either, though I clearly supported it.



Jessica A. Hockett

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“Seems to” meaning...?

Also, very strange to attack the GBD for having zero data in support of claims, whilst making a claim about GBD sans data.



Jeremy Faust MD MS (ER physician) @jeremyfaust · Oct 11, 2020

The Great Barrington Declaration seems to have zero data to support most of its great claims.

Great.

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2:00 PM · Oct 11, 2020

I replied,

Thanks. So you do not retain the names?

What happens/happened to the submitted contact information? Appreciate the response,

Jessica

Eastman didn't respond.

So for now I'm settling for being “minus 1” and am thinking that

- a) I *meant* to sign but didn't.
- b) I construed at the time that signatories needed to be scientists or medical doctors.

- c) I did sign but Eastman did not or could not check the relevant database.

Hours after his email, Eastman [reminisced on X](#) that during the first days of the Great Barrington Declaration, “trolls would sign and then instantly declare they changed their minds and wanted their name deleted. This was one of the MANY games played in order to sabotage the GBD.”



Lucio Saverio Eastman   @LucioEastman · Oct 5



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This strikes me as an odd trolling technique, but there were doubtless many direct efforts to technologically sabotage the GBD, in addition to organized pushback like [The John Snow Memorandum](#) and name-calling calculus [via email](#).

(Side note: In this case, negative attention is better than no attention. Factions of scientists contending with one another is a good thing, not a bad one, and government officials using emails they know are subject to FOIA to do so is, to me, more performance art than it is anything else, albeit unprofessional and unethical.)

'There needs to be a quick and devastating take down': Emails show how Fauci and head of NIH worked to discredit three experts who penned the Great Barrington Declaration which called for an end to lockdowns

From: Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E]

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Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 2:31 PM

To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]

(b) (6); Lane, Cliff (NIH/NIAID) [E]

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Cc: Tabak, Lawrence (NIH/OD) [E]

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Subject: Great Barrington Declaration

Hi Tony and Cliff,

See <https://gbdeclaration.org/> This proposal from the three fringe epidemiologists who met with the Secretary seems to be getting a lot of attention – and even a co-signature from Nobel Prize winner Mike Leavitt at Stanford. There needs to be a quick and devastating published take down of its premises. I don't see anything like that on line yet – is it underway?

Francis

So who signed?

Besides the three authors, 43 scientists from various countries are featured prominently on the Signature page.

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Dr. Martin Kulldorff, professor of medicine at Harvard University, a biostatistician, and epidemiologist with expertise in detecting and monitoring infectious disease outbreaks and vaccine safety evaluations.

Dr. Sunetra Gupta, professor at Oxford University, an epidemiologist with expertise in immunology, vaccine development, and mathematical modeling of infectious diseases.

Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, professor at Stanford University Medical School, a physician, epidemiologist, health economist, and public health policy expert focusing on infectious diseases and vulnerable populations.

Co-signers

Medical and Public Health Scientists and Medical Practitioners

Dr. Alexander Walker, principal at World Health Information Science Consultants, former Chair of Epidemiology, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, USA

Dr. Andrius Kavaliunas, epidemiologist and assistant professor at Karolinska Institute, Sweden

Dr. Angus Dalgleish, oncologist, infectious disease expert and professor, St. George's Hospital Medical School, University of London, England

Dr. Anthony J Brookes, professor of genetics, University of Leicester, England

Dr. Annie Janvier, professor of pediatrics and clinical ethics, Université de Montréal and Sainte-Justine University Medical Centre, Canada

Dr. Ariel Munitz, professor of clinical microbiology and immunology, Tel Aviv University, Israel

Dr. Boris Kotchoubey, Institute for Medical Psychology, University of Tübingen, Germany

Dr. Cody Meissner, professor of pediatrics, expert on vaccine development, efficacy, and safety, Tufts University School of Medicine, USA

Dr. David Katz, physician and president, True Health Initiative, and founder of the Yale University Prevention Research Center, USA

Dr. David Livermore, microbiologist, infectious disease epidemiologist and professor, University of East Anglia, England

Dr. Eitan Friedman, professor of medicine, Tel-Aviv University, Israel

Dr. Ellen Townsend, professor of psychology, head of the Self-Harm Research Group, University of Nottingham, England

Dr. Eyal Shahar, physician, epidemiologist and professor (emeritus) of public health, University of Arizona, USA

Dr. Florian Limbourg, physician and hypertension researcher, professor at Hannover Medical School, Germany

Dr. Gabriela Gomes, mathematician studying infectious disease epidemiology, professor, University of Strathclyde, Scotland

Dr. Gerhard Krönke, physician and professor of translational immunology, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany

Dr. Gesine Weckmann, professor of health education and prevention, Europäische Fachhochschule, Rostock, Germany

Dr. Günter Kampf, associate professor, Institute for Hygiene and Environmental Medicine, Greifswald University, Germany

Dr. Helen Colhoun, professor of medical informatics and epidemiology, and public health physician, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Dr. Jonas Ludvigsson, pediatrician, epidemiologist and professor at Karolinska Institute and senior physician at Örebro University Hospital, Sweden

Dr. Karol Sikora, physician, oncologist, and professor of medicine at the University of Buckingham, England

Dr. Laura Lazzeroni, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and of biomedical data science, Stanford University Medical School, USA

Dr. Lisa White, professor of modelling and epidemiology, Oxford University, England

Dr. Mario Recker, malaria researcher and associate professor, University of Exeter, England

Dr. Matthew Ratcliffe, professor of philosophy, specializing in philosophy of mental health, University of York, England

Dr. Matthew Strauss, critical care physician and assistant professor of medicine, Queen's University, Canada

Dr. Michael Jackson, research fellow, School of Biological Sciences, University of Canterbury, New Zealand

Dr. Michael Levitt, biophysicist and professor of structural biology, Stanford University, USA.
Recipient of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

Dr. Mike Hulme, professor of human geography, University of Cambridge, England

Dr. Motti Gerlic, professor of clinical microbiology and immunology, Tel Aviv University, Israel

Dr. Partha P. Majumder, professor and founder of the National Institute of Biomedical Genomics, Kalyani, India

Dr. Paul McKeigue, physician, disease modeler and professor of epidemiology and public health, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Dr. Rajiv Bhatia, physician, epidemiologist and public policy expert at the Veterans Administration, USA

Dr. Rodney Sturdivant, infectious disease scientist and associate professor of biostatistics, Baylor University, USA

Dr. Simon Thornley, epidemiologist and biostatistician, University of Auckland, New Zealand

Dr. Simon Wood, biostatistician and professor, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Dr. Stephen Bremner, professor of medical statistics, University of Sussex, England

Dr. Sylvia Fogel, autism provider and psychiatrist at Massachusetts General Hospital and instructor at Harvard Medical School, USA

Tom Nicholson, Associate in Research, Duke Center for International Development, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, USA

Dr. Udi Qimron, professor of clinical microbiology and immunology, Tel Aviv University, Israel

Dr. Ulrike Kämmerer, professor and expert in virology, immunology and cell biology, University of Würzburg, Germany

Dr. Uri Gavish, biomedical consultant, Israel

Dr. Yaz Gulnur Muradoglu, professor of finance, director of the Behavioural Finance Working Group, Queen Mary University of London, England

Showcasing other respected scientists who signed is sensible and adds gravitas.

But iterations of the site [in 2021](#) feature the signatures of other “verified, approved, and vetted” medical and public health scientists too. Where did those go? Is there a way for those and all signatures to be displayed?

[READ THE DECLARATION](#)[SIGN THE DECLARATION](#)[READ THE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS](#)

Signatures of Medical & Public Health Scientists will be made public below after verification, approval, and vetting process.

This is a publicly available form however all false, unverifiable, or questionable signatures will be removed.

medical & public health scientists signatures

We will continue to update this page with verified, approved, and vetted signatures as time allows.

Show entries

Title	First Name	Last Name	Country	Field or Department	University or Institute
Prof.	Abdellatif	Elmor	Egypt	Public Health,	Zagazig University
Dr.	Abigail	Langton	United Kingdom	Musculoskeletal & Dermatological Sciences	University of Manchester
Dr.	Adam	Feyaerts	Belgium	Molecular Biology	KU Leuven
Dr.	Adam	Curnock	United Kingdom	Biological research	Immunocore Ltd
Dr.	Adam	Price	United Kingdom	Biology	University of Aberdeen
Dr.	Adam	Brufsky	United States	UPMC Hillman Cancer Center	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Dr.	Adina L.	Feldman	Sweden	Epidemiology	Karolinska Institutet
Dr.	Aditi	Apte	India	Platform for Research related to National Aims	KEM Hospital Research Centre
Dr.	Adolfo	Lopez Noriega	France	Inorganic Chemistry and Drug Delivery	MedinCell

I asked Eastman and Tucker publicly but didn't get an answer.

 **Jessica A. Hockett** 
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May I ask why signatures are not displayed? How do people know that they or others signed?

Were the signatures ever made public, as previously indicated would be the case?

[@jeffreyatucker](#) is the decision NOT to display verified signatures chronicled someplace? Forgive me if I missed it.



ts and public health scientists we have grave concerns about the prevailing COVID-19 policies, and recommend an approach that prioritizes public health and safety over political expediency.

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Signatures open for the month of October 2025

total signatures

941,309

medical & public health scientists

16,178

public health signatures

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On the current GBD site, signers are grouped by “type” — concerned citizens, medical/public health scientists, and medical practitioners — and displayed on a map by country. Most signatures come from the U.S., U.K., and Germany.

signatures

As infectious disease epidemiologists and public health scientists we have grave concerns about the damaging physical and mental health impacts of the prevailing COVID-19 policies, and recommend an approach we call Focused Protection.

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concerned citizens

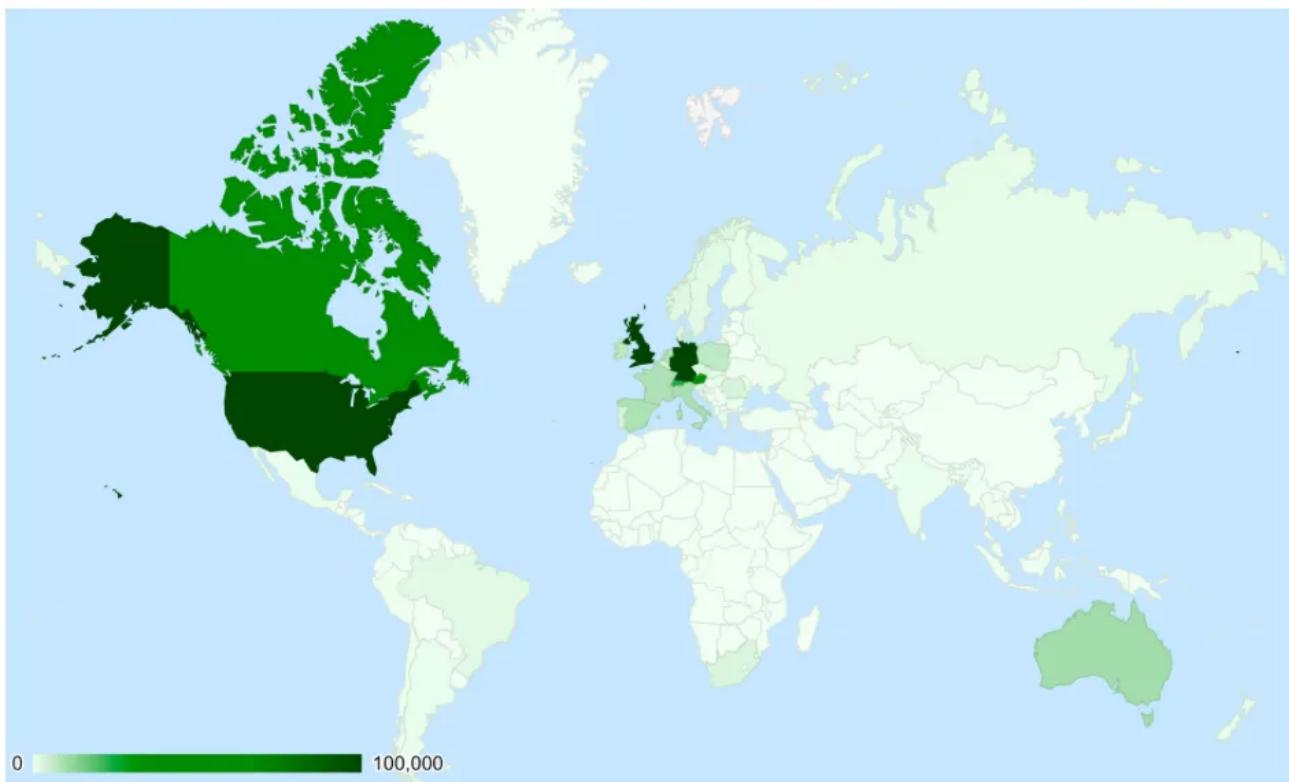
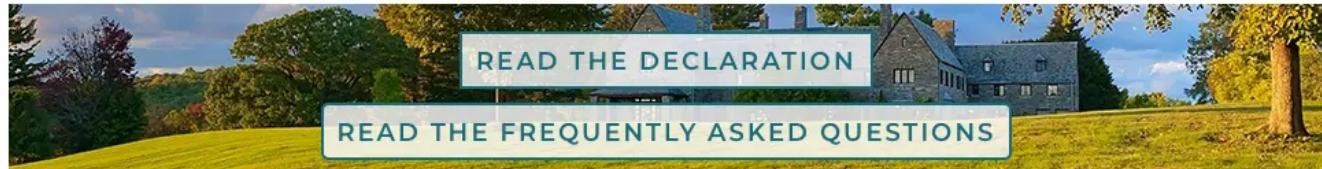
877,330

medical & public health
scientists

16,182

medical practitioners

47,845



Per the consent portion of the signature form, submitted information is stored in a database, protected in some way, and not passed on to third parties. Whether the statement “Personal information will not be displayed publicly” is supposed to apply to the signer’s name isn’t clear. That all but a few names *aren’t* featured on the site suggests it does.

Sign the Declaration

“*” indicates required fields

Your Name *

<input type="text" value="Prefix"/>	<input type="text" value="First"/>	<input type="text" value="Last"/>
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Zip / Postal Code & Country *

<input type="text" value="Zip / Postal Code"/>	<input type="text" value="United States"/>
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Signing as a: *

- Concerned Citizen
- Medical and Public Health Scientists
- Medical practitioner

Your Email *

Your email address will not be shared.

Consent *

- I agree to the privacy policy.

Please read the statement before signing.

By submitting this form, you agree that your submitted information will be stored in the signature database.

Personal information will not be displayed publicly.

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SIGN

How many, not who?

Because such decrees operate as petitions, and are used to lobby policymakers and steer public opinion toward sanctioned viewpoints, I see no real justification for publicizing only certain names.

If a donor-supported non-profit is saying nearly a million people signed a Very Important Document that was the genesis of the organization, shouldn't there be a way for the public and prospective patrons to verify the claim?

And if individuals can't be told whether their name is in a database, doesn't that raise questions about how the names were gathered, counted, and stored...and about what else they were used for?

I'm open to hearing an explanation or rationale from Eastman or Tucker.

The Great Barrington Declaration wasn't the only COVID-era "dissident document" to solicit endorsements, of course, but it remains one of the most elevated. That may be

due, in part, to how widely it was covered at the time by mainstream outlets such as *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times*. The Brownstone Institute has also been tireless in promoting it as something of a precursor to political victory, with two authors now holding prominent policy roles (Bhattacharya as NIH Director and Kulldorff as ACIP Chair).

Five years on, the question of who signed isn't just about a list of names — or whether I signed. It's about what the signatures were (and still are) meant to prove. If the enduring value is in *how many* versus *who*, then the Declaration's legacy seems to be less about science than it is about marketing.

Next article (added 13 October 2025)



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Great Barrington Declaration confirmation email sent and received more than year after signing

Commenting on "Who signed the Great Barrington Declaration?" reader Jen Young said...

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1 Clarification added 13 October 2025: Jonathan Engler sent his request to the email address listed on the GBD web page (gbdeclaration@gmail.com), whereas I sent mine to Lou Eastman's Brownstone email address. Still, someone should have responded to Engler, and if the general email address isn't monitored, then it should be removed from the site.

