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Corona measures: Drosten and Lauterbach want to block evaluation

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What do Christian Drosten and Karl Lauterbach have to lose if the measures they demand and support are subjected to an evaluation? Apparently a lot. That is why they

do just that.

In March 2021, the German Bundestag instructed the Ministry of Health to set up a commission of experts to assess the effectiveness of containment measures in Germany – from lockdowns to masks. This committee should complete its assessment by June 30, 2022 and publish a report by the end of September.

The committee finally met via video conference on April 22, which was apparently delayed because communication with Karl Lauterbach's ministry was a major problem. In the hours following that meeting, the committee chair informed members that he had finally heard from Lauterbach. **The health minister had floated the idea of extending the assessment deadline to December 31 and suggested that the committee's mandate could eventually be redefined. Apparently, the Social Democrat, who has stood out as a permanent reminder and constant warning for the last two years, now wants to use all the power that this office offers him in his function as Federal Minister of Health.**

As the [world](#) reports, Christian Drosten had previously spoken out against the plan to examine the effectiveness of containment measures:

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*... [A]n an internal virtual meeting in March, the Charité virologist Christian Drosten spoke out against an individual assessment of the containment measures. In a nine-minute speech, he said there was too little data, it was too early for such a study, **and one could "get into the devil's kitchen,"** according to WELT information. Faced with this intervention by Drosten, who has been a key adviser to policymakers since the pandemic began, the committee turned to the Ministry of Health for further guidance.*

However, nothing came of it. Because the committee had a mandate from the Bundestag, the legal force of which does not depend on Drosten's feelings. The Bundestag is still above any so-called experts when it comes to law and order in the Federal Republic.

When Welt asked the Health Ministry for comment on the recent delays, a spokesman for Lauterbach said the experts did not have sufficient data and that the ministry was consulting with the Bundestag on how to deal with it. He even denied that the committee's work would be delayed, which is a blatant lie. According to the article, the newspaper has documents and unofficial statements from committee members that prove the opposite.

remove our mandate to assess containment measures after so many hours of work.

We are supposed to believe that lockdown measures have been very successful in the past and that they remain an important tool for future waves. **Lauterbach himself has promised lockdowns to return in the fall because he didn't get his vaccination mandate. At the same time, no one should be allowed to evaluate the effectiveness of these supposedly crucial measures. We must not know which of them work and which don't. That would be dangerous, even for a panel of experts.** Because these so-called experts would then turn out to be charlatans who simply imposed any measures and then continued to maintain them despite the knowledge of their uselessness. Why? For fear of losing face? Or maybe out of a complete loss of reality because they wallowed in fantasies of omnipotence?

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