



WHAT WOULD YOU CALL IT?

Wilful killing: “[Causing death] by act or by omission...if death is the foreseeable consequence of such an omission.”

Criminal negligence: [Causing death by] “...doing anything, or omitting to do anything that it is [one’s] duty to do, or show[ing] wanton or reckless disregard for the lives or safety of other persons.”

Culpable Homicide: “... is murder (c) where a person, for an unlawful object, does anything that he knows or ought to know is likely to cause death, and thereby causes death to a human being, notwithstanding that he desires to effect his object without causing death or bodily harm....”

Crime against humanity: “*An act committed against any civilian population and in a widespread or systematic manner, and must be based on a policy by a State, an organization or a group*”

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THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL CALLS IT SOCIAL MURDER

Editorials

Covid-19: Social murder, they wrote—elected, unaccountable, and unrepentant

After two million deaths, we must have redress for mishandling the pandemic
Murder is an emotive word. In law, it requires premeditation. Death must be deemed to be unlawful. How could “murder” apply to failures of a pandemic response? Perhaps it can’t, and never will, but it is worth considering. When politicians and experts say that they are willing to allow tens of thousands of premature deaths for the sake of population immunity or in the hope of propping up the economy, is that not premeditated and reckless indifference to human life? If policy failures lead to recurrent and mistimed lockdowns, who is responsible for the resulting non-covid excess deaths? When politicians wilfully neglect scientific advice, international and historical experience, and their own alarming statistics and modelling because to act goes against their political strategy or ideology, is that lawful? Is inaction, action? How big an omission is not acting immediately after the World Health Organization declared a public health emergency of international concern on 30 January 2020?

At the very least, covid-19 might be classified as “social murder,”