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The last 2 MMWR reports have been more positive than usual and I find encouraging. I am not asking for CDC to give their opinion but I am asking that they report not just the doom but a balanced report. You can make data say what you want it to say based on what you chose to report and to the novice, they have no clue you are shaping the narrative. In a biased manner. There are always good news and they seem to omit these as it pertains to COVID and so these last 2 are showing positives. Have we been able to at last to impress upon them that it is easy to see how they report? And now they are forced to balance? To me all we want is the right information for the public to be informed. No biases, on either side. No agenda. Maybe they are not deliberately espousing an agenda and this is how they do it all the time. So no ill intent but if so, then this is not the right way to do things. And so this change I have seen, even if short lived, is very refreshing.

So have you seen this shift? Maybe you are having a huge impact and this is tremendous. Well done!

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