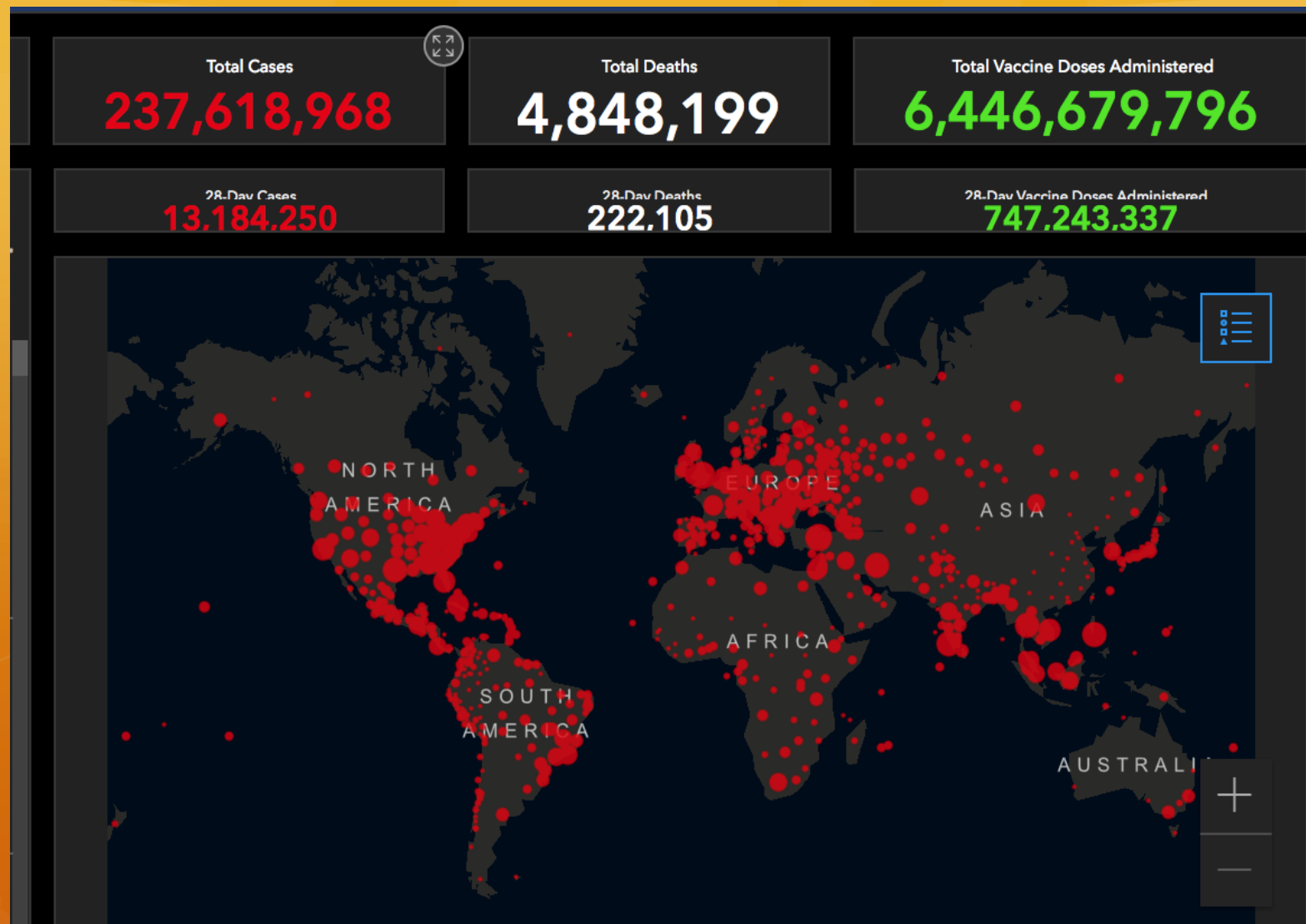


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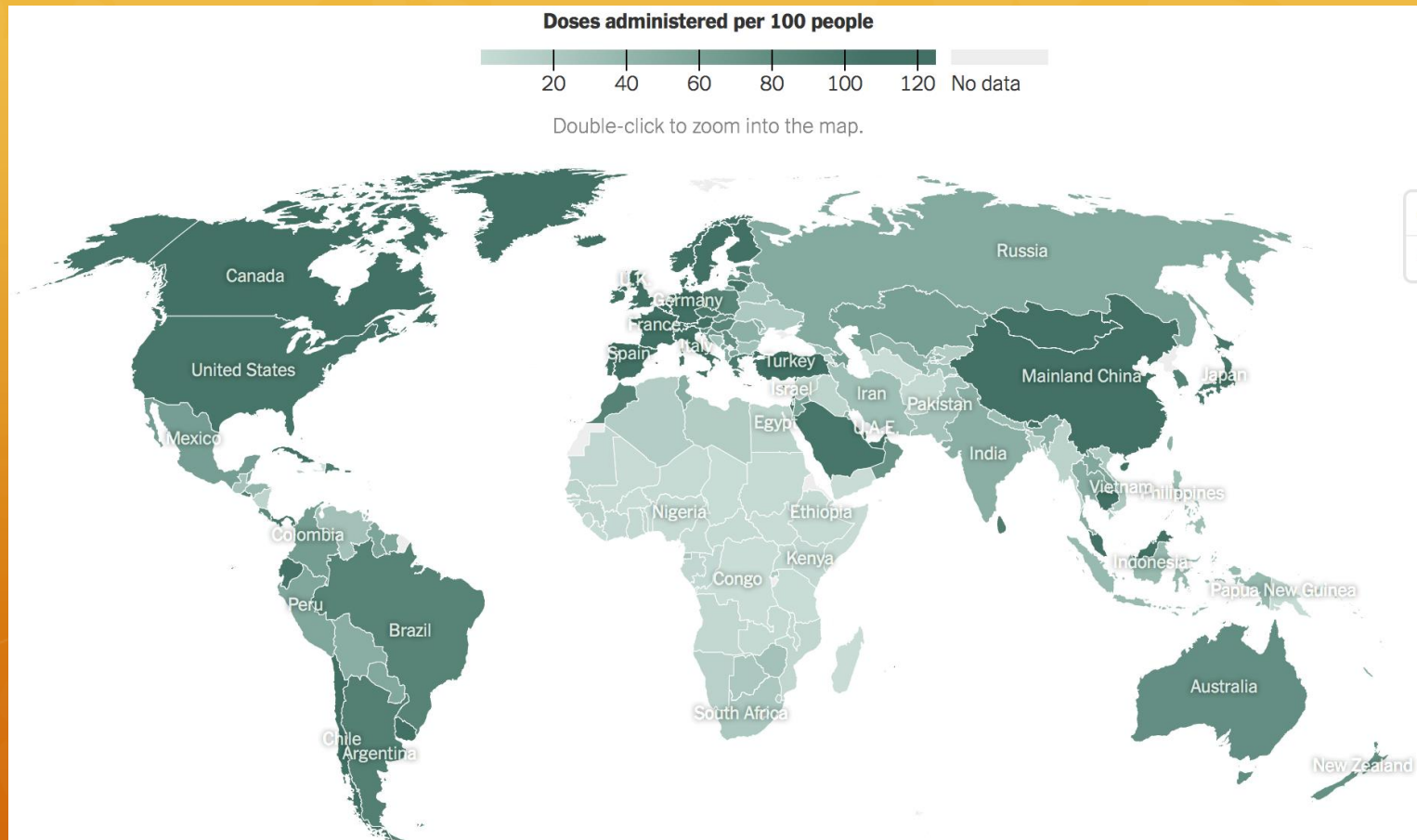
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# (Part 1) Uni John Hopkins – Covid -19 data-(10/10/21)





# A snapshot of Vaccine doses administered per 100 people – world-wide



# The ideal solution



- ✿ To reach normalcy through '**herd immunity**' will in theory need 80 to 100% of the world population vaccinated  
But.....



# The New Delta Variant



**WHY DELTA IS DIFFERENT | COVID-19**

ORIGINAL COVID-19 STRAIN	DELTA VARIANT
	

Delta spreads more easily. It infects more people and spreads faster than other variants of the virus that causes COVID-19.

**DELTA VARIANT 2X MORE CONTAGIOUS**

TV 6 5:01 PM  
55°

WEATHER

TIPTON	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	☀️ HI 82 LOW 58	☀️ HI 81 LOW 61	☀️ HI 80 LOW 60

A news broadcast graphic comparing the original COVID-19 strain and the Delta variant. It features a diagram showing one person infecting two others for the original strain, and one person infecting six others for the Delta variant. Text states "Delta spreads more easily. It infects more people and spreads faster than other variants of the virus that causes COVID-19." and "DELTA VARIANT 2X MORE CONTAGIOUS". The graphic also includes a weather forecast for Tipton, Monday (HI 82, LOW 58), Tuesday (HI 81, LOW 61), and Wednesday (HI 80, LOW 60), along with a TV 6 logo and a 5:01 PM timestamp.

# The Biggest Risk - remains!

- ❁ The mutations of more effective, infectious & deadly variant strains. May render present vaccines ineffective.
- ❁ We may reverse back to square one – or worse!
- ❁ Boosters have been introduced against the advice of the **WHO** still desperately calling for pledges of vaccines for the low-income countries to materialize.
- ❁ In this divided world can it heal itself? It is clear that a more collective and global solution is required. But countries are taking care of self first! The virus is not waiting for us wake up to the reality of its smartness,
- ❁ Let's move to the second part of the presentation.

# PART II

- ❁ **As North, East Asian and Indo-Pacific countries respond to the growing influence of China in the new international order, could the UK's post-Brexit “Global Britain” strategy end up being a “White Knight” for the democratic camp?**



# SUPER-POWER Presence & Rivalries in the Indo-Pacific Region



# Seychelles says no to Foreign Military Base





# Blue Economy Concept & concrete Actions

1. **Maritime Security –Confront** Piracy. Successfully received, prosecuted and incarcerated as well as repatriated Somali pirates! It hosts the Regional Coordinating Centre in Victoria
2. **Innovative Finance mechanism** – Debt Swap for Conservation. The World's first Sovereign **Blue Bond** – SeyCCAT –DBS
3. First **Maritime Spatial Plan** – 30% EEZ biodiversity hotspots and species protected
4. **Joint management of 300.000 sq Kilometers of Plateau de Mascareign** shelf in the Indian Ocean – avoiding confrontation.
5. Development of Blue **Economy land-based infrastructure support** . Ports, Cold STORE, etc..
6. First Fisheries Transparency Initiative Report –(FiTI) 2020
7. Completed the **Feasibility for Mariculture** – potential for investment – Started study in 2010 - 2016. Launching on Saturday

# **“A Global Britain Strategy ”**

## **My Core understanding**

- ◆ **A freer force for ‘Good’ for the world**
- ◆ **To Promote & defend Human Rights; Rule of Law & Order and Democracy**
- ◆ **Fortify and strengthen the Commonwealth as well as other global partnerships**

# Can Global Britain Strategy be the 'White Knight of the Democratic Camp'?





# The UK High Court & the International Court of Justice ruled & advised in favor of Mauritius



# UN General Assembly Resolution 73/295 in favor of Mauriius





# Forcefully evicted Chagosians want to go home



# Room to negotiate an amicable settlement

- ❁ The major political parties in Mauritius Parliament appreciates and accepts the American military stabilizing base on Diego Garcia
- ❁ They are willing to give a 99 year lease to the American / UK if need be.
- ❁ US-UK has a clear choice to lead the 'free world' by example and uphold the core values of "Global Britain"
- ❁ Or continue to feed doubts to possible key allies on their sincerity to the values they publicly say they are committed to and are promoting!.
- ❁ They can definitely "**Build a Better & Stronger alliance of the Commonwealth**" of allies if it practices what it preaches"

# Consequences of in- action by UK & US

- ❁ UK's stance on rejecting the ICJ Advisory Opinion and the UN General Assembly resolution are not sustainable
- ❁ British Labour Party has officially committed to comply with ICJ when & if they come to power
- ❁ The UK has become the first UN Security Council Member to lose its seat on the ICJ
- ❁ Those are definitely not the attributes of a White Knight for the democratic camp.



# Shadow over the 'White Knight' status for the democratic camp

- ❁ After Brexit – Uk's effort to establish itself as a "Global force for Good" – can be hampered by its own refusal to abide by **the rule of law**.
- ❁ Sooner or later it is the hope that UK will realize that its own interest will require it to get on **the right side of history**. And that **Might** is not necessarily **Right!**
- ❁ Strong and committed allies in the Indian Ocean or elsewhere should not be bullied or taken for granted,
- ❁ UK's quest to 'Build Bette & Strongerr' on the Global Arena is welcomed. But it should practice what it preaches.

# Compromise can boost Cooperation



# The Power & Beauty of Freedom & Democracy

- ◆ All the achievements of Mauritius & Chagosians would not be possible without assistance and pro-bono support from multiple stakeholders
- ◆ Legal firms and personnel, diplomats, sympathetic NGOs and ordinary citizens
- ◆ They are collectively upholding the core values expressed of a “Global Britain”
- ◆ It is in that spirit to “Do Good for the world” that gives credence to the term “**White night**”: