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Do you kinda sorta secretly think your life is worth more than someone in Mexico? How about Zambia or the Sudan? I mean...really. "Those people" are nowhere near as sophisticated and rich and "blessed" as us. Are they? "God" clearly favours Canadians and Americans over "those places"... doesn't She?

This is the kind of low-level subtle racism I've heard from more than a few people over the last couple of weeks. Some of them are leaders of national political parties.

They were expressing tremendous indignation over the fact that Canadians are not going to be first in line for Covid vaccine shots. Our deep assumptions of being rightfully among the most favoured and privileged on the planet are showing.

How dare this be so!

I find the rising clamour, anxiety and outrage to actually be embarrassing and quite childish. The petulant shouting and carrying on amongst our politicians is fuelling this fire.

Get a grip.

Remember that, even a month ago, nobody (except Mr Trump- gadzooks it turns out he was right) was promising any vaccine until later in 2021. This was not good or easy news to take...but we largely accepted this as fact.

Now there are at least three vaccines suddenly available and we're in a Black Friday shopping frenzy. People are gonzo and are stampeding towards The Fix.

Although we were recently painting rocks with beautiful sayings and posting signs of support on our front lawn...this mad rush toward the vaccines has the distinct feeling of being a disappointing return to "everyone for themselves".

Call me naïve, but I really thought we were moving towards a time when care and consideration for others, especially the weak and infirm, was growing and would stay.

Seems I was wrong. Now weaker people and nations are going to be pushed aside or run over by the aggressive, rich and powerful.

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From what I've read, there are not going to be anywhere near seven billion vaccinations available within even two years. The scenario ahead is one we know quite well...the poor and the marginalized may never even see a vaccine. There may well be poor people in the world dying of Covid-19 for the next ten years or more.

Rich people, like us, will receive one or even more of the vaccinations and move on from this time to resume our privileged lives. (I know the anti-vaccinators won't but they will be protected by the vast number who do. So be it.)

Covid-19 will, once again, be something that happens somewhere else to unfortunate people. Kinda sucks to be them but, oh well...what can ya do?

Maybe we could practice some patience and think about fairness and taking care of each other? Remember all the good stuff we said was important to us during the height of the crisis?

I want the vaccine ASAP too and I know lives will be lost and businesses will close until it is widely distributed and immunity is established.

But maybe we could quit whining and remember this is a pandemic, not something awful that is just happening to us. This viral infection is worldwide and the vaccinations should be too.

Our concern should not be limited to when can get the vaccination but when everyone else does too.

As hard as that is, let's try to do that. Patience is a virtue. It's also, dare I say, Canadian.