



Letter to the editor

Response to the Editorial – Whose life is it anyway?

Resposta ao Editorial - Afinal, de quem é a vida?

Respuesta al editorial - ¿De quién es la vida de todos modos?

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Dear Editor,

When reading the title " Whose life is it, anyway?" and the editorial published in this prestigious magazine, the reader has the opportunity to "stop", even if only for a few minutes, and "reflect" on his/her own life, the lives of those around him/her, and even the lives of people we don't know. As commented by the authors: "The pandemic brought about several discussions, not only in relation to health, but also to social and economic issues"¹, and one could add environmental and political issues, the latter a determining variable for the current situation in Brazil.

The pandemic of COVID-19 has caused a deep and extensive health crisis in several countries. In Brazil, we face an unprecedented crisis in the health system and have registered more than 15,282,705 cases and 425,540 deaths². As the country tries to contain the advance of COVID-19, Brazil faces a scenario with the presence of 92 strains or more of the new coronavirus circulating in the national territory since the beginning of the pandemic³.

The strains are being followed and treated by different scientists and health specialists, however, there is a variant of the new coronavirus, which "I" call "Policy" that is resistant, and has generated deep and lasting impacts to the Brazilian population. This is a "variant" in which science, under the management of the current rulers of the country, takes a secondary role, and what prevails is a partisan, short-sighted and irrational vision, in the quest for power. The "Parliamentary Inquiry Commission (PIC) of COVID-19" was recently instated by the Federal Senate to investigate the actions and

omissions of the Federal Government in confronting the pandemic and the collapse of health care in the state of Amazonas in the beginning of 2021.

The variant "Politics" has been aggressive and lethal to the Brazilian population, leaving a legacy of unprecedented deaths in the country. The health of citizens is a matter of state and not of government, and in this context, it is necessary to put aside party differences, or even the personal reasons and emotions of those who govern, in order to prioritize the right to life for the population.

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