



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 02.04.2024

Article link : [Link](#) (Finland is the happiest country in the world)

1. According to the article, all the following are handled by local health departments except:

- A. Enforcing septic tank regulations
- B. Conducting maternal health programs and infant immunizations
- C. Ensuring food safety by amending laws as required
- D. Monitoring air and water quality readings

Explanation : C

All options except C are mentioned in the article.

2. Which of the following is the author least likely to agree with?

- A. Anti-government militia groups like People's Rights have been able to use the pandemic and the frustration and anger at public health directives, as a way to sort of recruit people into their movement
- B. In Flathead and communities in a number of states, the most vocal extremists against public health actions are the majority and this is a major cause of worry
- C. By focusing on pandemic shutdowns, groups like People's Rights have tapped into a reserve of people newly sympathetic to what they see as a broader fight for their "constitutional freedoms"
- D. Bundy's campaign serves as an end in itself, as his name is in the news and his views are becoming part of the public discourse, thereby making militia talking points part of the political mainstream

Explanation: B

Note the lines, 'So far, in the Flathead, Russell says he has yet to face the harassment Robinson did. But even if he does, both Russell and Robinson remain hopeful that the most vocal extremists are not in the majority in their community. "The loudest people are the fringe," says Robinson.'

3. Which of the following is not true about Montana's HB 121 and HB 257 bills?

- A. HB 121 gives county commissioners and city councils the final say on declaring health emergency orders and health regulations and fees
- B. HB 257 prohibits local public health departments from enacting ordinances that would limit customers' access to businesses or events at any place of worship
- C. HB 121 means that long-held public health regulations are more vulnerable to political pressure, especially if corporate interests and money are involved
- D. As of now, no other states have introduced or passed similar legislation that limits public health's powers and authority

Explanation: D

Refer to the line, ' At least 14 other states have introduced or passed similar legislation, and in many states, including Montana, Washington and Idaho, the language of those bills appears to be heavily influenced by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a well-funded legislative group known for developing model bills that advance conservative interests.'