

WHEN WAR LOOMS, PROTECT THE TRUTH AT ALL COST.

The tone and content of the accusations levelled by the imperialists at China has changed. From blaming China to now holding it responsible and demanding reparations, not for the deaths of its citizens, but as is the capitalist way, for their financial losses. The nature of these aggressive demands could lead to war. The purpose of this article is to disperse the myths behind which the neo-cons are plotting their intrigues.

On the 31st December 2019, Zhang Jixian, the heroic doctor from Hubei Provincial Hospital of Integrated Chinese and Western Medicine, who later lost his life to the virus, went on social media to warn about this novel outbreak. He was silenced by the police. His fate is used as the prize exhibit by the western media substantiating the cover-up which exposed the world to the pandemic. However, it is now clear this was not the case. The West may characterise China as a surveillance society but they are merely following in the footsteps of the CIA and US military who continuously spy on China.

In late November US intelligence operatives analysing the chatter and behaviours in China became aware that something was changing, and, that was the growing concern by the local and central state in China over a growing medical problem. They shared this information in the second week of November with NATO and Israel, none of whom took any action. *"The Times of Israel reported that U.S. intelligence agencies were aware of the disease as early as the second week of November and shared the information with President Donald Trump's White House, NATO, and Israel. The U.S. administration did not deem the report "of interest" while Israeli officials discussed the possibility of the threat but ultimately took no action."* https://www.salon.com/2020/04/17/us-intel-on-threat-of-coronavirus-shared-with-israel-and-nato-in-november-report_partner/

The same applied to the US. *"From that warning in November, the sources described repeated briefings through December for policy-makers and decision-makers across the federal government as well as the National Security Council at the White House. All of that culminated with a detailed explanation of the problem that appeared in the President's Daily Brief of intelligence matters in early January, the sources said."* <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/intelligence-report-warned-coronavirus-crisis-early-november-sources/story?id=70031273> So, around the time the brave Wuhan doctor went public, secretly the US government was being briefed by its own sources on the developing medical problem in China.

Not only was the US government being briefed by its own intelligence sources, but by the CDC itself. The CDC stands for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (note the prevention tag). Here is its mission statement: *"CDC works 24/7 to protect America from health, safety and security threats, both foreign and in the U.S. Whether diseases start at home or abroad, are chronic or acute, curable or preventable, human error or deliberate attack, CDC fights disease and supports communities and citizens to do the same."* <https://www.cdc.gov/about/organization/cio.htm>

On the 3rd of January, that is in the same week the Wuhan doctor went public, the CDC was informed by China of the threat this virus posed and in turn it tried to alert the US government up to and including the President. *On January 3, the CDC Director Robert Redfield was notified by a counterpart in China that a "mysterious respiratory illness was spreading in Wuhan [China]". Redfield notified HHS Secretary Alex Azar shortly thereafter, who shared his report with the National Security Council (NSC). According to The Washington Post, warnings about the virus were included in the President's Daily Brief in early January, an indicator of the emphasis placed on the virus by the intelligence community.* https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_the_2020_coronavirus_pandemic_in_the_United_States

Nor can it be said that the US authorities were unaware of the parlous state of US medical services at the time and how vulnerable the US was to the spread of the virus. *“Early February The Washington Post reported that HHS Secretary Azar, responding to concerns about a “startling shortage” of essential medical supplies (masks, gowns, gloves, etc.) wrote letters in late January and early February asking for additional funding.”* (Wiki above)

Thus, it can be argued that the culpability of not acting, does not arise from China’s failure to disclose, but the failure by the US and Britain as well as others, to pro-actively act on the information they had before them. At this point it is interesting to contrast President Xi’s view to that of President Trump. While Xi described the virus as the “devil” on January 28th in his discussions with the head of the WHO, this is the timeline for Trump’s comments. A few days later Trump was to say its going to be fine.

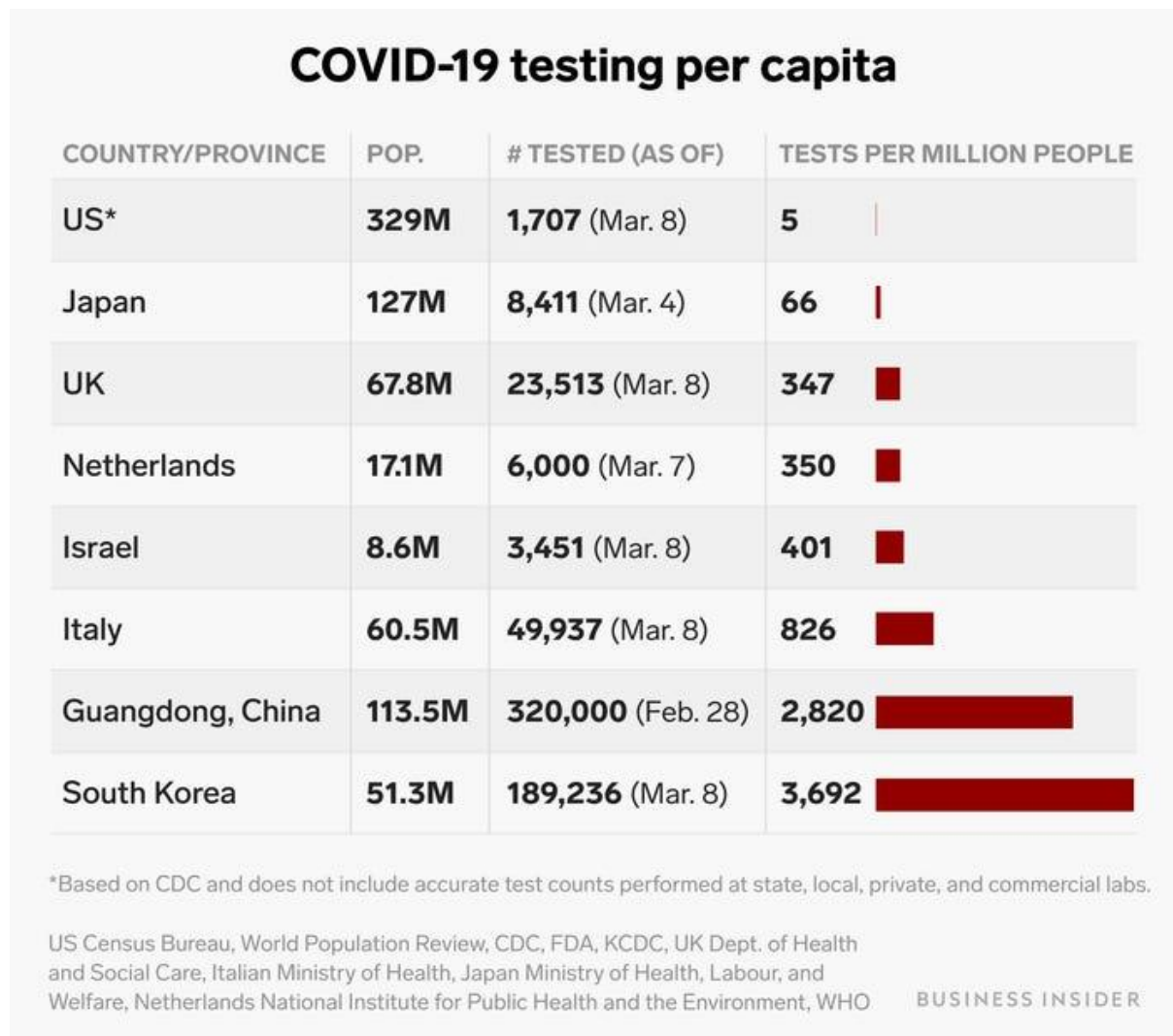
TRUMP’S RESPONSES TO THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

- JAN 22:** “We have it totally under control. It’s one person coming in from China.”
- FEB 2:** “We pretty much shut it down coming in from China. It’s going to be fine.”
- FEB 24:** “The Coronavirus is very much under control in the USA... Stock Market starting to look very good to me!”
- FEB 25:** “CDC & my administration are doing a GREAT job of handling Coronavirus.”
- FEB 25:** “I think that’s a problem that’s going to go away. They have studied it. They know very much. In fact, we’re very close to a vaccine.”
- FEB 26:** “The 15 cases within a couple of days is going to be down to close to zero.”
- FEB 26:** “We’re going very substantially down, not up.”
- FEB 27:** “One day it’s like a miracle, it will disappear.”
- FEB 28:** “We’re ordering a lot of supplies. We’re ordering a lot of, uh, elements that frankly we wouldn’t be ordering unless it was something like this. But we’re ordering a lot of different elements of medical.”
- MAR 2:** “You take a solid flu vaccine, you don’t think that could have an impact, or much of an impact, on corona?”
- MAR 2:** “A lot of things are happening, a lot of very exciting things are happening and they’re happening very rapidly.”
- MAR 4:** “If we have thousands of people that get better just by, you know, sitting around and even going to work — some of them go to work, but they get better.”
- MAR 5:** “I NEVER said people that are feeling sick should go to work.”
- MAR 6:** “I think we’re doing a really good job in this country at keeping it down... a tremendous job at keeping it down.”
- MAR 6:** “Anybody right now, and yesterday, anybody that needs a test gets a test. And the tests are beautiful. They are perfect just like the letter was perfect. The transcription was perfect. Right? This was not as perfect as that but pretty good.”
- MAR 6:** “I like this stuff. I really get it. People are surprised that I understand it. Every one of these doctors said, ‘How do you know so much about this?’ Maybe I have a natural ability. Maybe I should have done that instead of running for president.”
- MAR 6:** “I don’t need to have the numbers double b/c of 1 ship that wasn’t our fault.”
- MAR 8:** “We have a perfectly coordinated and fine tuned plan at the White House for our attack on Coronavirus.”
- MAR 9:** “The Fake News Media & their partner, the Democrat Party, is doing everything within its semi-considerable power to inflame the Coronavirus situation.”
- MAR 10:** “It will go away. Just stay calm. It will go away.”
- MAR 13:** National Emergency Declaration

“On January 18, HHS Secretary Azar discussed the coronavirus outbreak with President Trump, who criticized Azar for being “alarmist.” However, it is not true that all members of the administration shared this complacency. Those not on bleach and tonic were making their own plans including financial plans. Congressman Burr head of the Senate Intelligence Committee was taking note of the briefings described above. He called a discrete lunch for his political backers to warn them: “In attendance, according to a copy of the RSVP list obtained by NPR, were dozens of invited guests representing companies and organizations from North Carolina. And according to federal records, those companies or their political committees donated more than \$100,000 to Burr’s election campaign in 2015 and 2016. But despite his longtime interest in biohazard threats, his expertise on the subject, and his role as chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Burr did not warn the public of the government actions he thought might become necessary, as he did at the luncheon on Feb. 27. And he was selling stocks” <https://www.npr.org/2020/03/19/818192535/burr-recording-sparks-questions-about-private-comments-on-covid-19> He was not the only one selling stocks, many politicians were.

Finally, action.

Its not necessary to delve too deeply into the testing fiasco in the US, Britain and Japan. The chart below taken from Business Insider says it all. It must be remembered that each of those countries became aware about the same time of the menace posed by the virus.



One of the reasons for the delay besides bureaucratic shambles, was the determination by the CDC and the NHS to develop their own gold standard testing kits with air-conditioning, central locking and rear-view cameras as standard. This was a period when national health agencies should have been co-operating using kits already perfected in South Korea and Taiwan, if not China itself. Had they done so, they could have substituted empty promises for actual testing kits and facilities.

Additionally, most of the major capitalist countries were short of personal protection equipment (PPE) as there had been little preparation for an eventual pandemic. I will never tire of saying that if they had spent just 1% per annum on what they spend on their military, they would have had ample stocks of kit. The words PPE came to stand for Promised Protection Equipment. The lack of stocks led to a scramble for new supplies, with the more nimble, like Israel's ruthless Mossad, being the most successful. It also became clear that most of the supplies emanated from China itself, where production was disrupted by its own lockdown. The same applied to the scramble for ventilators, which at the time was mistakenly seen as the only viable intervention for saving the lives of critically ill patients.

A new narrative.

The dependency on China, not only for protective gear, but reagents and other chemicals needed to combat the virus, was a wake-up call. Latterly that has been used to attack China itself. In any pandemic as vast as this one, it is likely that suppliers will be overwhelmed. Under these conditions there is a propensity for standards to fall as production is ramped up and difficulty is found obtaining the correct raw or processed materials. This will be exacerbated by new entrants seeking to make a quick buck as well as middlemen and spivs entering the market thereby disrupting it. But that is the nature of capitalism itself, and it is not unique to any specific country.

There is no doubt, that as a result of faulty Chinese masks and other protective equipment, lives have been lost, both carers and patients alike. But to then twist this to say it is deliberate Chinese Foreign Policy to provide faulty gear so as to deepen and prolong the pandemic in the West, is to turn words into bullets. But this is what the neo-cons are beginning to do. This is the stuff of pogroms. But this has not stopped the US state of Georgia or those opposed to globalisation itself, accusing China of malicious conduct. For useful coverage of this narrative follow the link to *China Continues to Flood The World with Defective Medical Supplies*. <https://www.zerohedge.com/markets/china-continues-flood-world-defective-medical-supplies>

Holding China responsible.

Bourgeois politicians need only two qualities, to lie and to deflect. By deflecting, we mean the ability to cover their own inaction and incompetence by deflecting criticism. Deflection is of course the enemy of that quintessential aspect of human experience – learning from one's mistakes. It is clear that a number of countries responded differently to same body of evidence, with South Korea and Taiwan on the one side, and the US and UK on the other. Two consequences follow. In inverse proportion to the financial damage done by their incompetence, fingers in these imperialist countries are now being pointed at China.

The problem escalates when politicians, by deflecting, act as transmission belts for the dissemination of falsities into the population as a whole. Instead of anger being directed towards them and their failings, anger is directed at China. China is presented as having acted in a negligent and malign manner instead of acting to protect the rest of the world, as though China had an interest apart from other countries. Every failing is magnified and taken out of context. While it is true that China suppressed information from the public, no leeway is given to China for the novelty of the virus which struck it

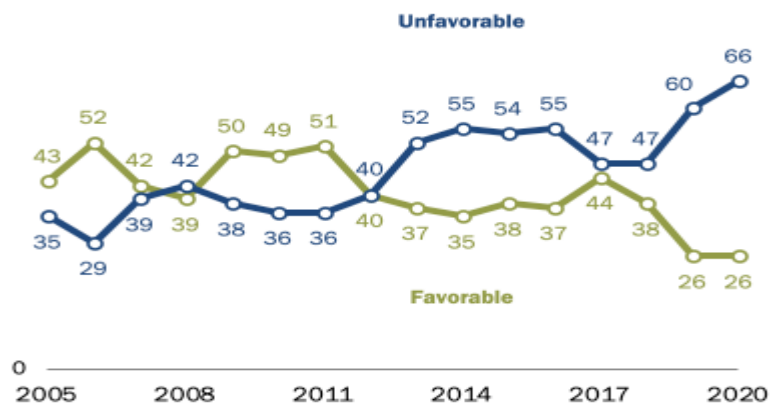
which required a period of assessment. It is a bit like the film *Sully, Miracle on the Hudson* where the two pilots flying US Airways flight 1549 were criticised for not turning back immediately to an airport the moment the birds struck their plane. As the captain replied, no one had done this before, and time was needed to assess options. Clearly had the virus first struck US first rather than China, the world would be a much sicker place.

The graph below, commissioned by the Pew Foundation shows how attitudes in the USA have hardened against China in recent years. It is now the case that two out of every three Americans (north) are antithetic towards China. This antipathy is beginning to be as prevalent in the minds of Democratic voters as it is with Republicans.

Negative views of China continue to grow in U.S.

% who say they have a ___ opinion of China

100%



Note: Don't know responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted March 3-29, 2020. Q5b.

"U.S. Views of China Increasingly Negative Amid Coronavirus Outbreak"

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<https://www.pewresearch.org/global/2020/04/21/u-s-views-of-china-increasingly-negative-amid-coronavirus-outbreak/>

This volatile and febrile public mood is being exploited and ramped up by regional and national leaders. *"Congressman Greg Steube (FL-17) introduced the Chinese Government COVID-19 Accountability Act. This legislation will hold China financially responsible for the detrimental economic impact of COVID-19 on the American economy. The state of Missouri is even suing China through its courts. The state of Missouri is suing the Chinese government over the coronavirus, alleging that nation's officials are to blame for the global pandemic. The Chinese government lied to the world about the danger and contagious nature of Covid-19, silenced whistleblowers, and did little to stop the spread of the disease,"* he said. *"They must be held accountable for their actions."* <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/apr/22/missouri-sues-china-for-not-doing-enough-to-stop-coronavirus-spread> Of course countries cannot sue each other, the matter is always settled out of court by force of arms.

Even John Bolton, he who treasures the truth had to tweet: *China silenced coronavirus whistleblowers, expelled journalists, destroyed samples, refused CDC help, and concealed counts of deaths and*

infections. It's fact there was a massive coverup. China is responsible. The world must act to hold them accountable.

And it is not only in the USA that this pogrom type talk resonates. It is found in UK right wing circles as well. ***“CHINA owes Britain £351 billion in coronavirus compensation and the government should pursue it through the international courts, a study has concluded.*** *The report, to be published tomorrow by the Henry Jackson Society (HJS), a British foreign policy think-tank, claims China directly breached international healthcare treaty responsibilities. Experts calculated the G7, the world's leading economies, face a bill of £3.2 trillion.*

Change in the balance of economic power.

What is unsettling is that this pogrom type talk is taking place and is escalating in the middle of the pandemic. If this is the case, then we need to be on guard for what will occur at its end. The menace in Mike Pompeo's words is ominously clear. *“But there will be a right time,” Pompeo added. “After we've managed to address this crisis, after we've managed to get these economies back on their feet, there'll be a time for the world to evaluate responsibility for what took place.”* In other words when our aircraft carriers are free of the virus or their crews have been inoculated.

As things stand, the USA will be hit harder financially than China by this virus unless China is the victim of a second wave of the pandemic. This is purely due to the competence of a rising state versus the incompetence, even decadence, of a falling state. In quantitative terms it is likely that China has lopped a minimum of two years from the ten years which need to elapse before it pulls level with the USA in terms of GDP.

Thus, in terms of aggregate GDP this virus should allow China to leapfrog the USA this decade. Of course, GDP only tells a partial story, albeit a prominent story. GDP is a picture of value production not physical production, but in terms of the latter, China has long since leapfrogged the USA. This has been made glaringly clear by the virus where the USA has had to go cap in hand alongside other countries bartering for the kit needed to contain this virus.

At the very least, the major imperialist countries are seeking to overcome the embarrassment arising from their depleted productive resources by vowing to change international supply chains, currently centred on China, away from China. This will be an expensive business, strategic decisions always are, but some of it is bound to take place to the detriment of China. The only response by China to this fracturing of the global economy will be to carve its own sphere of interest. This will no doubt be assisted by China's response to the epidemic which has shown its state acting resolutely and decisively, even ruthlessly against the virus, compared to the hesitant, even confused response by the other imperialist states.

We live in dangerous times, not only because of a mutated virus, but because truth itself is mutating.

Postscript.

The World Food Programme's latest report estimated that over a quarter of a billion people in poorer countries will be facing acute hunger by the end of the year. I believe this to be an understatement. It is not only the loss of jobs in these countries, but equally the loss of remittances from migrant workers employed in wealthier countries. If even 10% die of starvation that will equal half of the deaths caused by the Spanish Flu. The saddest thing of all, is that most of these deaths will go unrecorded and unreported. <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/coronavirus-food-shortage-global-hunger-covid-19-a9476021.html>

Brian Green, 26th April 2020.