

HERE ARE SOME THINGS ABOUT THE CORONA VIRUS YOU NEED TO KNOW?

Here are some questions about the corona virus that I'll try to answer.

- 1 Where did the virus come from?
- 2 Where it was first found?
- 3 How did it spread so fast?
- 4 Why was the reaction so much greater to the corona virus than other virus?
- 5 Has our approach to combating the virus the right one?
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1 Where did the virus come from?

Most experts think that it migrated from an animal, most likely the horse nose bat. It was implied that it came from a wet market in Wuhan, China.

2 Where it was first found?

The evidence indicates that it came from Wuhan, China since that was where the first cases were found.

3 How did it spread so fast?

To understand why one must look at the available information which varies? In the beginning it was believed that it came from the Wuhan wet market where people bought and ate horseshoe bats which carries the corona various.

According to some sources the horseshoe bats hadn't been sold in the market for several years. Another more logical belief is that the biological labs which were studying bat viruses were only a few hundred feet from the market. Somehow the virus escaped from the labs. The Chinese Party denies that this occurred but the evidence seems overwhelming that Wuhan was the source of the virus.

President Trump and Australia's Prime Minister Scott Morrison are asking for an independent investigating to determine just what happened.

Some of the reasons for their request are: the virus originated somewhere else, the virus accidentally escaped from the labs or the virus was intentionally released.

Both leaders want answers to these questions as some of the actions of the Chinese raises doubts. They want to know why China waited so long in alerting the world about the virus and why did they refuse to let doctors and scientists enter Wuhan to help and study the virus. They also said the virus wasn't communicable from person to person. Another thing that bothered them was why China closed down Wuhan and prohibited any of the people from visiting other places in China. At the same time they allowed the people of Wuhan to

travel to anywhere else in the world. Travelers from China who had been infected with the virus then spread it to other countries. Because of the nature of the virus it only takes a small number to begin the spread. It's like how a forest fire begins.

4 Why is the reaction so much greater to the corona virus than other virus?

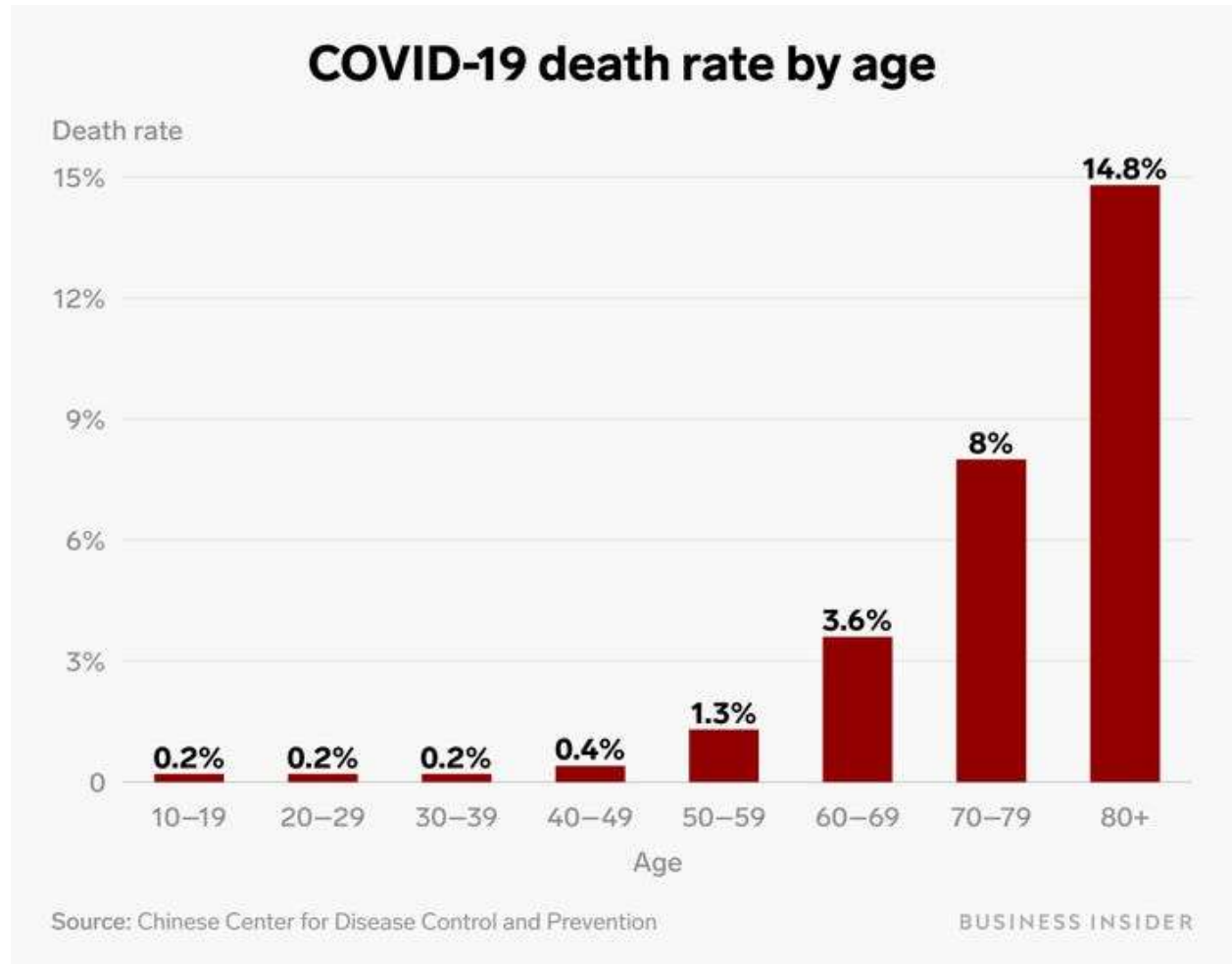
We have had the flu, SARS, MERS, Ebola, Miah; they had a death rate much higher than Corona virus. The death rates were: Ebola -90% SAR -10%, MERS -34%, Corona – 3.4%,* Flu -0.1% (we have a vaccine for the flu but in 1918 flu epidemic killed over a third of the world's population). I think these are some of the reasons why people have reacted to the Corona virus in a panic mode.

The primary reason was fear as the virus was new, strange, communicable person to person, wide spread and fanned by the media. Fear tends to alert a person of danger which may be physical or emotional. One's response in a physical situation is a biochemical reaction. The response to an emotional danger varies from person to person. Even if the danger isn't real but the person believes it is the body and brain will react much in the same way as with actual physical danger. Here are some of the things that will trigger emotional fear. Fear often develops when a person faces something threatening and they don't understand it or know how to cope with it. This tends to create anxiety and more fear. People often feel overwhelmed, loss of control and even that they may die. Since they don't understand the situation they are vulnerable to information which may have a positive or negative effect. An example is a television program or newspaper showing the dangers, which may be accurate or not, of the virus or whatever is occurring. Compounding the problem is that humans are social beings and want to be part of the group. Most individuals will do and accept whatever helps them to identify with the group. It is often called herd mentality or mob hysteria. In these situations many people's beliefs and actions are irrational and tend to follow whatever the group believes or does. They will usually do it even if it is counter to what they really believe.

5 Has our approach to combating the virus the right one?

The initial actions were probably the best even though they were unpopular with many people, the press and governments. The closing of the borders at the time was consistent with what we knew which wasn't much. It bought us some time but it was doomed to fail because the virus had already infected individuals in this country and others because the Chinese failed to stop infected individuals from traveling. The followings are my observations, evaluation, and opinion. The national lockdown in the beginning was the right move but it has been a mistake

to continue it. We now have enough information about the virus to know how to proceed rationally rather than emotionally. In the beginning it was understandably as we had little valid information or facts. The President made the correct decision by bringing the medical resources, scientist, governments, and industrial and business leaders together to study and develop a cure and vaccine to combat the virus. The mistake was continuing the lockdown when the experimental data indicated that few people under 60 were in great danger.



According to the best data available if you are healthy and under 60 your odds of dying from Corona virus are slightly higher than being struck by lightning. Yet the lockdown for all people continues which has and is devastating our economy. It is also increasing our national debt by trillions of dollars. Recent finding indicate that over 50 percent of virus deaths have occurred in nursing and old age caring centers located in 6 states. The Constitution is being violated by many politicians. They say it is for public health. In my opinion the politicians are using the virus danger as a way to increase their power and agenda. In fact one congressman said that this virus crisis is a perfect

opportunity to structure and achieve our goals. (These are not his same words but the same meaning).

6 What have been the effects of the lockdown approach?

As I said before it has been devastating to the economy, country and most of all the people. Look at the economy. Just about 6 weeks ago the stock market and employment was at all-time high. In February the stock market was 29,551.42 and today it closed at 23,185.62 which indicated that people have lost billions or trillions of dollars. What is even worse is that the country has gone from a record of people employed to over 30 million people now unemployed. If the information on television and other media sources is to be believed few things have caused more human tragedy and deaths than the Corona virus. It is going to take a long time for many businesses and manufacturing companies to recover.

Little is mentioned about what it is costing in our efforts to cope with the virus. It appears that the Federal Government is spending about 8 trillion dollars or more. This is money that we don't have so it is printed or borrowed. In either case it is bad for almost all of the people now and in the future. Millions of Americas have lost their jobs and many are going bankrupt. The government has helped many and at the same hurt others. This is an example they imposed rent control but many of the property owners depend on that income since they still have to pay taxes, mortgages and upkeep

I could write a book on the devastating effects the virus and our actions that have and will have on the people and country. I'll simply say that it has been the worst disaster the country has had since the Civil War. Yes I know about World War II as I'm a veteran of that war.

7 What needs to be done and why it will be difficult to do.

Accept the facts unless an effective treatment and or a vaccine is developed the virus is going to continue and spread. If a treatment or vaccine aren't developed then eventually almost everyone is going to be exposed to the virus. The results will be that some people will die but most will survive and become immune to virus. The ones that are at the greatest risk are people over 60 years' old and young people with serious health problems. We should do every practical to safe guard these persons but recognize that unless they are in a bubble they will be exposed. It's sad but we aren't going to be able to save everyone no matter what we do. The government can help but individuals are going to have to assume responsibility for their welfare. What would happen if the US ended the lock-down and other

restrictions? There is Sweden which never closed its borders or imposed restrictive regulations. The following is information about Sweden and Georgia. They have both operated on open a society concept. Sweden has always and Georgian the last 10 to 14 days.

The measure is the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases per million people. This is data about Sweden.

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United States: 2,220.79

Sweden: 1,368.61

Norway: 1,288.27

Denmark: 1,250.3

The differences among Sweden, Norway and Denmark are not significant, Jennifer Kates, director of global health and HIV policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation, told PolitiFact. The rate in Sweden is about 26% and New York City 21+%.

This is data from Georgia's Public Health Department about the infection and death rate in Georgia.

This is infection rate at the beginning of the ending the lock-down regulations and the present day.

August 20, 2020 confirmed cases 593

Average cases for 7 days 74.4

May 2, 2020 confirmed cases 316.6

Average Cases for 7 days 13

The data seems to indicate that our initial approach was right and Georgia's data indicate that it is time to open up and get the country moving again. Don't expect it to happen soon even if the President seems to favor it. Why won't we when the evidence indicates that it is the best thing to do for the people and country. There are two major factors and they are power and fear. Because of the corona virus many politicians and local and national leaders have achieved almost

dictatorial power. They can make and enforce almost any law or regulation they want. This gives them control of their people without much opposition. Their excuse is that it for public safety and health. One thing that history and human behavior studies have shown us is that few people will voluntarily give up power once they have it. The public is faced with a problem like that of the genie. Once the genie is out of the bottle it's hard to put him back in. You may ask why did they give them this power and why they don't they take it back? There isn't anything in the Constitution that gives them this power. The answers to these questions are the mind-set of the people and their fear. People in this country have developed the belief that the safety and welfare of everyone is their responsibility and especially the government. The people have respect for the law and most follow it without question. In the beginning people obeyed because it made sense. As time has gone by and we now have more information about virus and its effects it's time to change and begin opening the country. Conflicts are occurring with the governments, especially with some governors and local officials who don't want to relinquish their power. The Federal government has indicated that there is an effective treatment to reduce the effects of the virus. In addition they said there appeared to be more being tested and that they may have a vaccine by the end of the year. We know who is most vulnerable and they know what they need to do to protect themselves. There is little reason for the others not to go to work. There is a hospital in South Carolina that has a device at the entrance door that registers a person's temperature when they walk through the door. If a person's temperature isn't normal they are stopped and tested to determine if they have been exposed to the corona virus. It would be simple to add the device to any school or industrial plant. Since this device is available and the risk is so low it makes no sense not to have schools open. For many people to work they have to have someone to watch their kids and school do this very well.

The people are going to overcome their fears and stop the power grab of some officials. When they do this we can begin to return the country back to being the greatest and most powerful country in the world.

