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### FOREWORD

I am not criticizing anyone on the basis of how a person handles this “corona” situation, because it is a personal preference; in exchange it would be nice if no one criticized me on the basis of “they told all of us what to do and you are not doing it.” This paper contains two segments titled “Reality” and “Good News Going Forward.” If you belong to the “I was told what to do and am not willing to think” group, the “Reality” section might not be for you, so feel free to read the second one.

### REALITY

Going in, let me say: any life loss is tragic for the people who lost a loved one. Therefore working with data in this paper is not a humanity exercise; it is working with data only.

As a “house keeping” I am ready to stipulate:

- “Social distance” could work in handling the pandemic for the very same reason why the most obvious “pregnancy prevention” works the same way; if you keep any two persons more than 20ft distance from each other, the country’s pregnancy rate will become remarkably low, --and (in Corona’s case) the pandemic will die down.
- There are three questions should be asked:
  - What cost are we willing to pay for “practicing social distancing” by closing down the global economy?
  - Has anyone thought about the number of homicides, suicides, psychological disorder and all associated human and monetary costs caused by tens of millions of people losing their jobs and small company owners loosing their businesses?
  - In the name of “social distancing” we sent everybody home and locked the door. It is a frequent topic in the media that “a large segment of --especially young- people are contagious but show no or mild symptoms.” This nagging question has been coming back to me: in the name of “social distancing” didn’t we just send millions of young, infected but asymptomatic people home to their parents and grandparents and locked them into the same apartment? Just to be sure everyone gets infected?
- I stipulate that there are representatives of the younger generation in Corona cases and deaths. However, the vast majority are 65 and older and/or have one or more underlying condition of diabetes, heart problems or obesity

### Pure Data

Data I am using here is published in various materials; the text, the data and the reference link are included. With that, as of April 4th:

No. of US H1N1 cases (in 12 months between 2009-'10):	60,800,000
No. of US H1N1 deaths:	12,469
No of H1N1 deaths worldwide (let’s take a maine average):	330,000

No. of US reported Corona cases:	336,327
No. of US reported Corona deaths:	9,605

No. of US flu related illnesses per year:	35,500,000
No of US flue related deaths each year:	34,200

Global no. of Corona cases:	1,271,875
Global no. of deaths of Corona:	69,405As of 4/5/2020:

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Total no. of Corona cases in the US are **0.553%** of H1N1 cases

*This data shall be qualified by this “anecdotal” factor: it has been stated many times, “we have tested a fraction of the potentially infected people”, --while we have clear data on the no. of H1N1 cases. Let’s stipulate that there are 10 times more undetected, untested, asymptomatic cases.*

With that, let’s set the total no. of Corona cases in the US at **5.53%** of H1N1 cases (at 1,681,635 cases)

Using that data:

Total no. of Corona cases in the US are **3.58%** of annual flu cases (!!)

Total no of Corona deaths in the US are **36%** of the annual flu deaths (!!)

–It actually means, there are three times more people die in flu every year than have died in Corona.

S. Korea, the “pedestal” model reported **1.74%** case/death ratio

US, the “screwed up one” reports **2.85%**

**These questions should be asked:**

- **We didn’t close down the global economy on 330,000 deaths; why are we doing it at 69,405?**
- **We didn’t declare US national emergency, closed down the US economy, ordered “social distancing” at 60 million cases; why are we doing it at 1.7 million?**
- **Would the 1.1% ratio difference (between S. Korea and the US) be the reason everyone is cursing the Trump government for?**

### References:

“...The CDC estimated that from April 12, 2009 to April 10, 2010, there were **60.8 million H1N1 cases**, with 274,304 hospitalizations and **12,469 deaths in the U.S. alone**. They also estimate that **worldwide, 151,700 to 575,400** people died from (H1N1)pdm09 during the first year. Unusually, about 80% of the deaths were in people younger than 65 years of age...”

<https://www.biospace.com/article/2009-h1n1-pandemic-versus-the-2020-coronavirus-pandemic/>

“...CDC estimates that **influenza** was associated with more than **35.5 million illnesses**, more than 16.5 million medical visits, 490,600 hospitalizations, and **34,200 deaths during the 2018–2019 influenza season**. This burden was similar to estimated burden during the 2012–2013 influenza season<sup>1</sup>....”

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/burden/2018-2019.html>

As of April 3, 2020, **South Korea** confirmed **10,062 cases of infection including 174 deaths** after the first case of coronavirus in the country on January 20. As of the same date, 6,021 patients were released from quarantine after making a full recovery from the virus. In total, over 443 thousand people have been tested until now.

(It amounts to **1.74% active case / death ratio**. L.O.)

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/1095848/south-korea-confirmed-and-suspected-coronavirus-cases/>

Global no. of Corona cases (as of 4/5/20): 1,271,875

Global no. of Corona deaths: 69,405

Reported Cases / Reported Deaths ratio: 5.45%

US reported Corona cases: 336,327

US reported Corona deaths: 9,605

**US Reported Cases / Reported Deaths ratio: 2.85%**

[https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/?utm\\_campaign=homeAdvegas1?#countries](https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/?utm_campaign=homeAdvegas1?#countries)

If we accept the premise about the “testing a fraction of potential cases” and accept the 10x multiplier, then the US total cases / deaths stand somewhere between 0.29%-0.5%.

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Knowing S. Korea's radical culture, they don't have a 10x multiplier; they probably have 3x at the most. In that scenario:

**S. Korea's** case/death ratio stands at **~0.6%**

**US** case/death ratio stands at **~0.5%**

This data should still be modified (although: no one is doing it) by this fact: US reported flu and pneumonia related deaths "dropped" compared to any other year before in the same timeframe. Which further (downwards) modifies the data above. No one is tracking data of patients who died "with" Corona not "of" Corona.

*I guess it is rational to ask: with numbers like these, why are we not terrified by number of cases, deaths, the cost of the economy and the cost of human tragedy that the coming economy conditions will cause? In lost jobs, in suicides, homicides, abuse, in cost of treatments, families falling apart, kids losing college tuitions, people losing homes, apartments, businesses they worked for all their lives?*

***Again, I am not saying this Corona is not a bad thing. I am not saying that lives are unnecessarily lost is not tragic. Here is what I am saying: we must endure the cost of the current condition; it wasn't under our control falling into it. What is under our control: the cost of our actions today going forward, impacting our future.***

Of course, we have been guided by experts. While I like to ask many questions from, and relying on experts' data and thesis, --I also like to chose the "expert" well and use my own common sense and logic to think about the "advice". So, I am careful with "experts."

I spent the last four decades managing high-quality technical research teams; scientists have a built in tendency to "let's just make another try." Probably "the" most famous example is why the Soviet Union beat the US in sending the first astronaut (Gagarin) into orbit; because NASA decided to do "just one more" test flight. That's why. Scientists and engineers will "perfect" their product until their company files bankruptcy. We managed to have more than 16 million people filing for unemployment, and stopped the entire US economy because "experts" predicted numbers that have never materialized. Dr. Fauci is still glowing in his five min. fame wanting to "keep the country safe" (closed) for months. Dr. Fauci is doing what his profession dictates; but it doesn't make Dr. Fauci an economic and social expert. And we cannot go broke waiting for Dr. Fauci to feel safe. Dr. Fauci didn't exactly enhanced his credibility wanting to conduct "triple blind test" on a pharmaceutical product that has been around since 1938. As President Reagan said: *"Trust but verify"*

Along those lines, it is important to remember:

>>>>There was a team of 31 leading scientists in London, working in collaboration for the WHO Collaborating Centre for Infectious Disease Modelling MRC Centre for Global Infectious Disease Analysis. Abdul Latif Jameel Institute for Disease and Emergency Analytics Imperial College London. The team (and the study) was lead by Professor Neil Ferguson.

Their March 16, 2020 report stated:

***"....In addition, even if all patients were able to be treated, we predict there would still be in the order of 250,000 deaths in GB, and 1.1-1.2 million in the US. ..."***

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/medicine/sph/ide/gida-fellowships/Imperial-College-COVID19-NPI-modelling-16-03-2020.pdf>

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>>>>Not to mention the WHO's (the world's premier experts in diseases) January 14, 2020 tweet:  
***"Preliminary investigations conducted by the Chinese authorities have found no clear evidence of human-to-human transmission of the novel #coronavirus (2019-nCoV) identified in #Wuhan, #China,"***

<https://nypost.com/2020/03/20/who-haunted-by-old-tweet-saying-china-found-no-human-transmission-of-coronavirus/>

>>>>This 1/14/2020 tweet of course was followed by numerous boldfaced lies (protecting China and lying for them) by Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the WHO, who was put into position by the Chinese government, and has been pretty much a water carrier for them ever since.

>>>>We can list the tweet among other Tedros achievements that went like this: ***"The greatest enemy we face is not the virus itself; it's the stigma that turns us against each other."*** This pearl was written on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, upon President Trump closing the flight from/to China.

>>>>The March 30, 2020 report of Corona projections by The **Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME)**, an independent global health research center at the University of Washington stated:

"...Key findings

- Nationwide, a total of **82,141 COVID-19 deaths** (range of 39,174 to 141,995) are currently projected through the epidemic's **first wave**. US COVID-19 deaths are estimated to rise through April 15, the country's projected peak of deaths per day...."

[http://www.healthdata.org/sites/default/files/files/Projects/COVID/Estimation\\_update\\_033020.pdf](http://www.healthdata.org/sites/default/files/files/Projects/COVID/Estimation_update_033020.pdf)

As of 4/8/20 10:00am CDT, US reported deaths: **12,857**

>>>>While based on "experts" demand we locked the country down, *"A veteran scholar of epidemiology has warned that the ongoing lockdowns throughout the United States and the rest of the world are almost certainly just prolonging the coronavirus outbreak rather than doing anything to truly mitigate it. Knut Wittkowski, previously the longtime head of the Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design at the Rockefeller University in New York City, said in an interview with the Press and the Public Project that the coronavirus could be "exterminated" if we permitted most people to lead normal lives and sheltered the most vulnerable parts of society until the danger had passed. "[W]hat people are trying to do is flatten the curve. I don't really know why. But, what happens is if you flatten the curve, you also prolong, to widen it, and it takes more time. And I don't see a good reason for a respiratory disease to stay in the population longer than necessary," he said.*

[https://www.thecollegefix.com/epidemiologist-coronavirus-could-be-exterminated-if-lockdowns-were-lifted/?utm\\_source=whatfinger](https://www.thecollegefix.com/epidemiologist-coronavirus-could-be-exterminated-if-lockdowns-were-lifted/?utm_source=whatfinger)

Prime example of how "experts" cannot really agree on most things is the **"face mask"** utilization. I watched an interview with a N.Y. based doctor, whose hospital is singularly dedicated to Corona. That's all they do. He works there 16 hours a day. So, you might say he is in the thick of it. He said: "99% of your protection amounts to 'don't touch your face.'" He also wasn't big on face mask saying: "Unless you spend considerable time with someone who is infected in a small, closed area (such as a car), you have little to no chance to be infected through air flow."

At the same time, some research group out of Finland declared: you can speak in a grocery isle, and your infected air will not only linger for two minutes but will infect the two isles over.

***So, whom do you believe?***

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Also, I don't claim to know much about face mask, but I constantly see this: people wearing mask touching all kinds of things (in glove or w/o), then adjust their mask on their faces by grabbing the center point of the upper edge of the mask. Now: isn't "that" point of the mask is the closest one to your nose when it is slipping down, and about 2" away from your eyes when it is "up and adjusted?" The point you touch 5 times every 30 min? Just askin'.

*So now, you –again- are left to your own facilities to decide who is right and who is wrong. –which is very hard for about 80% of the society. It is also demonstrative how little “experts” know about it and how expressive verbis they talk about it (I will get back to this in a minute).*

It was also my view (and I wrote about it) from day one that we are handling it not in the total opposite way we supposed to, but close to it. Here is why (in my view):

- Part of the Italian culture, background and society dictates that multiple generations live together in one (most of the times) small –up to 700 sq. ft- apartments. The Italians admitted two facts

- Young people many times have no symptom
- We don't know who has it because we are doing limited testing

Armed with these two information, they ordered everyone home; the untested, asymptomatic young generation back to their parents and Grandma Julia. They have just generated “the” most infectious pandemic there is. In the meantime, all hotels were empty, where the young generation could have been segregated –paid for by the government- from parents and grandparents; added value could have been the positive economic impact on hotels.

- We had done the same with college kids who lived in dorms. We closed the dorms down, sent everyone home (instead of keeping everybody where they are). Achieved not the same, but similar drastic effect they had in Italy.
- Instead of locking down the entire society, we should have explained everyone to keep the elderly and the sensitive (pregnant mothers) away from everybody else.
- Well, ...(as the argument goes) we will never know how many more deaths we would have had if we kept everything open. Actually ... you are wrong. Dead (no pun intended) wrong. As of April 6, 1:40pm CDT, Sweden (**where they kept everything open**) had 7,206 cases at 477 deaths. (<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/sweden/>)

Again, I know most of you hate data, but I will share it with you anyway:

### Comparison between the UK and Sweden

UK population: 66.44M, Sweden population: 10.36M;

No. of Cases / UK: 51,608, Sweden: 7,206

No. of Deaths / UK: 5,373, Sweden: 477

#### Calculations

Population ratio Sweden/UK: 15.59%

Case ratio Sweden/UK: 13.9% (almost the same)

UK Case/Death ratio 10.41%

Sweden Case/Death ratio **6.61% (!!)**

### Against the “Hot Spot” –Spain

Spanish population: 46.6M, Sweden population: 10.36M;

No. of Cases / Spain: 135,032, Sweden: 7,206

No. of Deaths / Spain: 13,169, Sweden: 477

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### Calculations

Population ratio Sweden/Spain: 22.23%

Case ratio Sweden/Spain: 5.33%

Spanish Case/Death ratio: 9.75%

Sweden Case/Death ratio: **6.61% (!!)**

### Summary

**In Sweden,**  
***where they kept the economy going,***  
**the Case/Death ratio is**  
**63% of the UK data and 67.8% of the Hot Spot Spain data.**

Let's for the sake of conversation assume, Sweden will not spike out of proportion. Based on that assumption what really happened here:

- The Wuhan virus (a.k.a. Corona) got out
- It was more infectious than a normal viral pneumonia, but not by a significant factor
- While China and the WHO were lying about it in chorus, the media around the world picked it up
- Social media (that was maybe 1/10<sup>th</sup> during H1N1 than it is today) was a crucial tool how various crowds were exciting each other
- Without closely examining what happened in Italy (beside the argument above, there are more than 100,000 Chinese workers in Italy; when Wuhan happened, all with visa flew out of China into Italy), the "expert" community jumped on the wagon, irresponsibly talking about astronomical numbers (such as: "1.1-1.2 million projected deaths in the US"); this created – through media and social media- a feedback loop between the crowds and the "medical experts."
- The grenade had gone off; the first vicious cycle was created between the "experts" getting their 5 min. fame (feeling important) and the social media crowd, whipping each other into a frenzy. This created the second vicious cycle, between the hysterical crowd and the political establishments. Politicians had no other choice but doing what they did.
- In essence, governments were forced to set public policies based on the "medical experts" data; the same medical experts who –as data shows- didn't know a thing about it. This is as screwed up as we could have managed it.
- Looking all these, the governments around the world were under huge pressure to do something; "medical experts" gave the basis of policies, and policies drove politics in the equation. Politicians knew: if they didn't demonstrate "responsible" approach, they won't be reelected. What the adorable "public" thinks about "responsible approach" was well demonstrated in the "meetoo" movement. If President Trump left the economy open and there were two (2) corona related deaths (not 70,000-80,000), socialists (pardon me: "democrats") would have been screaming from roof tops: "there could have been one life saved, if he closed everything." This is when Facebook and Twitter based low IQ mess rules.
- Immunology "experts" are going to spend lots of time "explaining" why they projected results turned to be 5x-22x over established reality (like: 2.2M deaths vs ~less than 100,000). Again (and again): every single death is a tragedy. However in this case one must look



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at/review/interpret numbers because ***global public policies were set, resulting in destroying global economy based on complete, overblown, vastly exaggerated, therefore meaningless stupidity (by the “experts”)***. It might sound a “cold hearted calculation” but a government is going to set up a far different public policy regiment at a projected infectious death-rate not reaching the annual flu level, and at a rate 10 times over the flu related annual death count. Not to mention that the *aforementioned* public policy is going to cause twice the deaths in suicides, homicides, drug overdose, alcoholism and opioid than the original disease we “protected” the public from in the first place. This is the direct death count; psychological issues, poverty, lost jobs come on top of that. I am strongly convinced that this corona is going to forever stay as a dark stain on the global “immunology scientific experts” resume. On those who were paddling this hysteria.

I made my case. Have I convinced anyone? No. But it is entirely beside the point. Believers will always be just that. Believers.

## GOOD NEWS GOING FORWARD

As they say, “every downturn presents opportunities.” The Wuhan virus is no exception. Let’s see just the major ones.

### Globalization

I believe, someone will write a paper in about 25 years saying: Corona had shaken the global order back where it was supposed to be. In doing so, Corona might have avoided a far larger problem (such as WW III). In very large part because the most significant victim of Corona by far was: Globalization. Corona killed it. It is dead as a doornail. It’s finished. It hopefully will take a century to raise its ugly head again. It took the democratic-turned-liberal-turned-progressive-turned-socialist-turned-communist crowd four decades to build it, force it on everyone, eliminating hundreds of thousands of companies, hundreds of millions of jobs, causing serious national security problems, downgrading societies, causing divisions, and changing hundreds of millions of people’s life for the worse.

You can love President Trump and you can hate him; one thing you will give him (unless your IQ number is smaller than your shoe size): whatever he has been doing as a president, he has been talking (yelling, arguing) about all his adult life (in this aspect he is very similar to Bernie Sanders; actually this is the only aspect of Bernie I have great respect for). Trump came at “the” best possible time to the White House; when the socialist-liberal crowd was about to finish the “take-over” and in the process eliminating the United States of America. Trump’s most significant and most lasting achievement is not the Supreme Court Justices, not that he eliminated NAFTA, not that he shook the US economy, military, etc. back together, not for walking away from that awful Paris Accord and Iran deal (although each of these would make him one of the best president in US history); his most significant achievement: he stopped globalization on its track. Stopped it cold. Then came Corona -- that killed it.

I wrote a book back in 2009 putting this into the foreword:

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*“...I argue that Globalization, the crowning achievement of the global liberal movement (assisted and taken advantage of by the social-communist progressive crowd):*

- Is the polar opposite to “freedom”;*
- Relies on centralized control that is against human exceptionalism and achievements; therefore globalization must bring everyone to the lowest common denominator;*
- Is at its very core flawed because it leaves the human element and nature out of its model and equation; therefore to make it work it must centrally control people’s life;*
- Is a model that throughout history has never worked because the paradigm is anti-human behavior, resulting in market and social breakdowns...*
- ...carrying the potential for a global financial collapse, and the US losing its global leadership position, with its economy decimated. The European Union will disintegrate and global political structures will move to the far left and into chaos. “Globalization is a menace”..”*

So, you might say I’ve been thinking about this for some time. Corona brought out issues and data no one knew: 95% of all pharma products come from China? 80% of all generic drugs used by the US military are coming from China? Crucial jet engine parts, auto parts, robotic equipment parts are made in China? We –thank to the American liberals’ love fest with globalization- mostly destroyed any and all national security related supply chains. Europeans did the same. It is insane. And –thanks to corona- it is over. Over for good.

### Our Society

After 9/11, our country was one. We were The United States of America. Right after 9/11, there was an article written by Cornel Nistorescu in the Romanian newspaper Evenimentul zilei ('The Daily Event' or 'News of the Day'). It is worthwhile to read and think about. It is also worth remember it today.

*~ An Ode to America ~ Why are Americans so united? They would not resemble one another even if you painted them all one color! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations and religious beliefs. On 9/11, the American tragedy turned three hundred million people into a hand put on the heart. Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the Army, or the Secret Service that they are only a bunch of losers. Nobody rushed to empty their bank accounts. Nobody rushed out onto the streets nearby to gape about.*

*Instead the Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand.*

*After the first moments of panic, they raised their flag over the smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps and ties in the colors of the national flag. They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car a government official or the president was passing. On every occasion, they started singing: “God Bless America!”*

*I watched the live broadcast and rerun after rerun for hours listening to the story of the guy who went down one hundred floors with a woman in a wheelchair without knowing who she was, or of the Californian hockey player, who gave his life fighting with the terrorists and prevented the plane from hitting a target that could have killed other hundreds or thousands of people.*

*How on earth were they able to respond united as one human being? Imperceptibly, with every word and musical note, the memory of some turned into a modern myth of tragic heroes. And with every phone call, millions and millions of dollars were put into collection aimed at rewarding not a man or a family, but a spirit, which no money can buy. What on earth can unites the Americans in such way? Their land? Their history? Their economic Power? Money? I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs and murmuring phrases with the risk of sounding commonplace, I thought things over, I reached but only one conclusion...*



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***Only freedom can work such miracles.***  
*Cornel Nistorescu*

We were really like this, --and we lost it. Let's not name names as to who did it, born Americans would not know the difference anyway, but those of us coming from Eastern Europe, Russia and other likeminded places know: the "America" I came to (in '86), the "America" we saw for a brief period after 9/11, and the "America" we had on November, 2016 had nothing to do with one another. The society was completely split; blacks against whites, poor against rich, there was Black Lives Matter, Stop Wall Street, the "99%", the "1%", the "disrespect the police", Americans against immigrants just to name a few. I always thought it is an European tempo to split families, lose friends, disallow to talk politics at work place and disallow political discussions in families. Now we had all this on election day in 2016. Then came corona. People had gone back to their 9/11 roots, started to recognize neighbors, help others with no regard to what political view the "other" represented. I'd say, we got "half of America back"; I just wish we remembered all this and kept doing it w/o the quarantine and the associated flea circus.

### **Our Ingenuity**

It somewhat proves Mr. Nistoresu's point, that when we Americans have a serious problem, we wake up (from all the whining that is going on in normal times) and grab the bull by the horn sort speak. A It is well known how America had to be dragged into WWII; in 1939 the US Air Force (at that time named as US Army Air Corps) had 800 combat aircraft. Getting into WWII woke up the nation and it produced 80,000 aircrafts by July of 1944.

Corona had the same wake-up call effect on us. People started to be creative in selling products, raising funds and providing services. It is a great possibility that many areas of our society will change as a result of Corona.

### **The Losers**

There are a fair amount of losers; the number one (or: no.2. behind "globalization") loser by far will be China.

China wasn't doing well going into Corona to begin with.

- Their "one child" policy resulted in a roughly 150 million block that represents their "1-2-4" problem: 1 child – 2 parents – 4 grandparents. Credible Chinese friends told me about 15 years ago that this unstoppable tsunami has been coming at them and will "reach shore" around 2024. By then, every single one of this 150 million will have to produce enough revenue to keep six (with deaths: 4.5) people financially OK (through pension). It is impossible.
- If this was not enough, the problem was compounded by the fact that in China, girls represent far lower value than boys; thus the high number of abortion when the fetus is a girl. China has a huge and chronic problem having very few women.
- If the two above weren't bad enough, China have been keeping wages low in order to be the world's Manufacturing Inc. Which is all well and nice, except, with low wages you will never build a middle class, nor will create a significant internal market. So now, you have 150 million people making low income, but by 2024 they have to keep approx. 700 million elderly financially stable and giving them reasonable healthcare.

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- Before Corona, China was living on one thing and one thing only: the various (especially the US) governments' blind, dumb stupidity. Donald Trump has been right over the last 3 decades; what we have been doing to ourselves with China is criminal.

Then came Corona.

With "globalization" is being dead China is going to lose a large portion of its manufacturing and it will be an exponential process. Just like India (when software developing companies started to move out), they will have to raise the price which will generate an exponentially growing cycle in losing industries. China has been very careful keeping their people employed. Beijing knows: this is the only way to avoid uprising against their communist (Stalinist, Maoist) methods of (i.e.) "socially" scoring people and using the score to allow people doing various (basic) things (such as getting on an airplane).

All these "China will retaliate", "China is weaponizing" talk are just uninformed noise. China is in deep trouble today, and they know it.

### Overall

I strongly believe that the US is going to be the only country that will get out of this Corona exercise relatively unharmed. Although it will take some significant doings, but the US is the only country that financially can weather a storm like this. I believe Western EU's northern part will come out first in Europe, South EU will struggle, but the real victims in Europe will be Eastern EU, especially countries without the euro. Now: under normal circumstances, not having euro is a blessing (it is another topic entirely which I wrote about a decade ago), but as far as Brussels and the ECB's limited funding is concerned, non-euro Eastern EU will be the last area the bosses of the European Union will worry about. It might even help the (long overdue) break up of the EU; Frankfurt and Paris simply not going to have enough funds to sponsor Italy, Spain, Portugal and Greece after a nationwide lock-down like Corona. Italy might be pushed to the brink of a Brexit-type good-bye.

## CLOSING

As data shows, this Corona flea circus has been a completely unnecessarily exercise and numbers are showing it. By now, more and more people talk about "we should have quarantine the vulnerable only", "we should have segregated the young from the old", we should have taken a look at the Swedish model", etc. But all that is under the bridge, --here we are. It's a mess. 17 million people filed for unemployment in the US alone in a three weeks period.

But it resulted in many good things: it brought a lot of actual data to the surface that cleared a few people's eyes about globalization, about "items concerning national security", about China, just to name a few. We also got mellower, friendlier to each other. We covered lots of ground we lost over the last decade and a half. Lots of humanity surfaced. We actually cheer doctors and nurses as they walk into the hospital. Just like we did with fire fighters and ambulance people after 9/11. With this closing down, we learned to appreciate the work of our car mechanics, store clerk, cleaning lady, waitress, taxi and bus drivers. We learned to appreciate other people and their work.

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Who knows? We might even learn not to differentiate between people based upon their income. Now, --that would be an achievement.