

Cultural Conflicts *In the Coronavirus Crisis*

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The coronavirus outbreak is a test of our systems, values and humanity

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Our response to this epidemic must encompass, and in fact, focus on those whom society often neglects or relegates to a lesser status. Otherwise, it will mean long ingrained, differential treatment, based on race, gender, age, geography and the part of our societies, gain geographical equity, to of this virus requires outreach to all, and ensuring equitable access to treatment.





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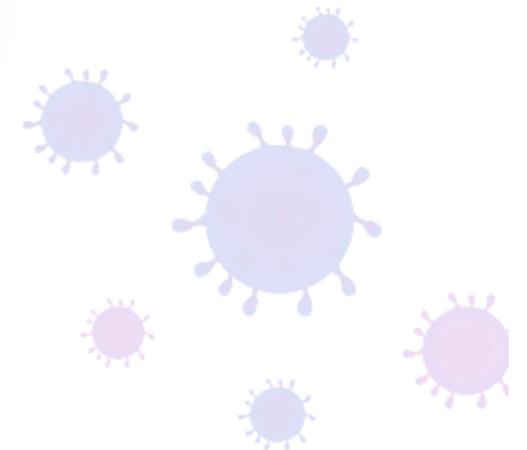
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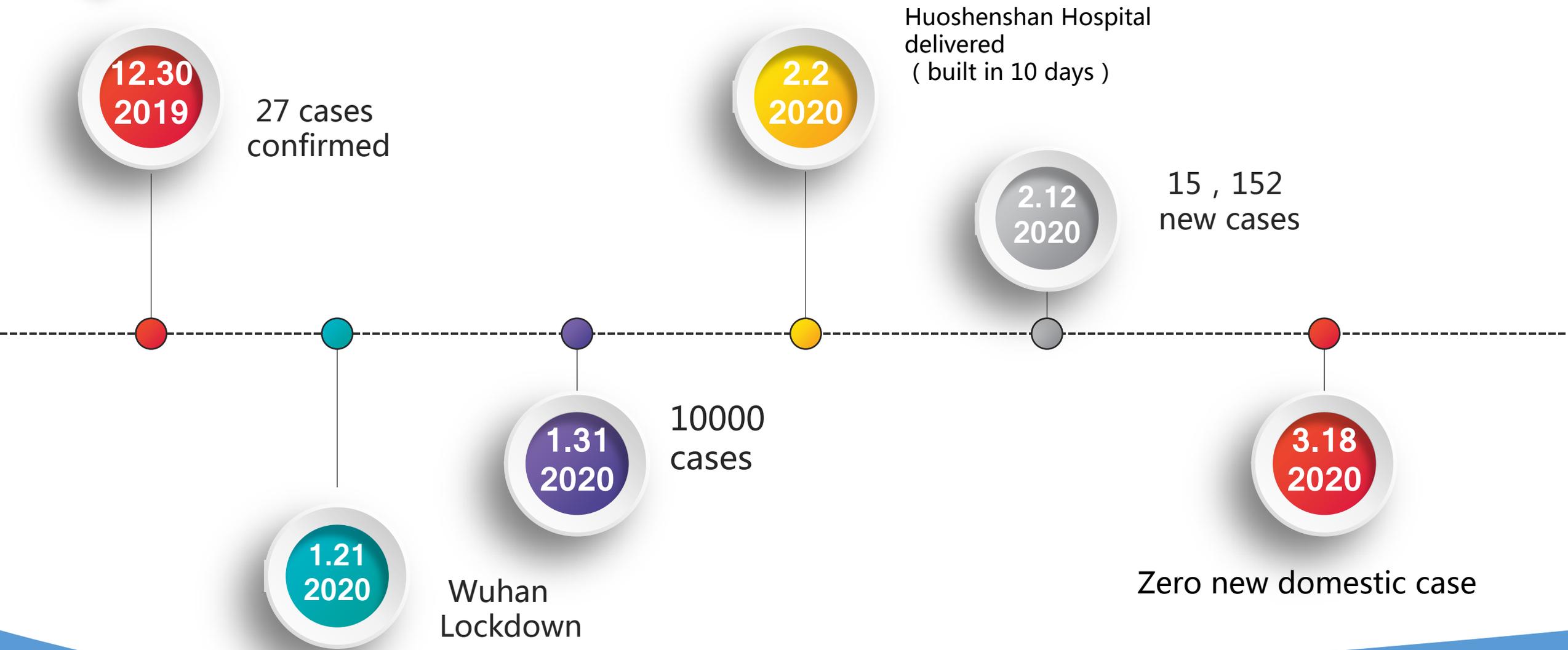
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Some numbers in China





grassroots organization



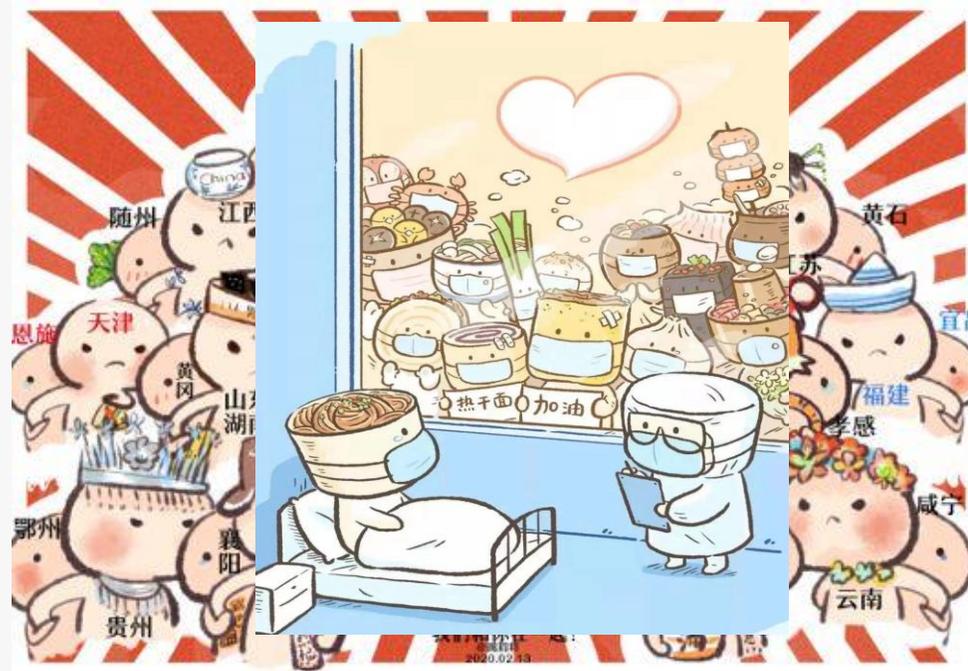
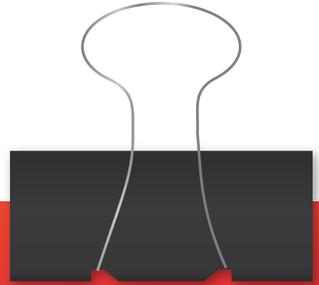
China



Western countries



a highly coordinated overall governance system



China

02

Bias and Prejudice





Of course there will be politics!



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White House Pushes U.S. Officials to Criticize China For Coronavirus 'Cover-Up'

| BLAME GAME |



China lockdown
=“cost of liberties”

Italy lockdown
=risk of economy for
Virus containment.

——the New York
Times standard



To fight the coronavirus, China placed nearly 60 million people under lockdown and instituted strict quarantine and travel restrictions for hundreds of millions of others. Its campaign has come at great cost to people’s livelihoods and personal liberties.



China May Be Beating the Coronavirus, at a Painful Cost
Beijing says its heavy-handed measures are working. Can other countries battling the outbreak learn from its efforts — or is the cure worse than th...
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Breaking News: Italy is locking down Milan, Venice and much of its north, risking its economy in an effort to contain Europe’s worst coronavirus outbreak.



As Coronavirus Spreads South in Italy, Top Official in Rome Tests Positive
In a vivid example that the virus is no longer limited to the north, the leader of the governing coalition’s Democratic Party, based in Rome, announced he ...
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In Youtube.com, you can find videos produced by BBC about Wuhan. But strangely, the Chinese version and the English version are very different in colors. Chinese netizens ridiculed that BBC used a “Hell filter” to Describe China.





Did China get better because of “collectivism” or “authoritarianism”?

Collectivism

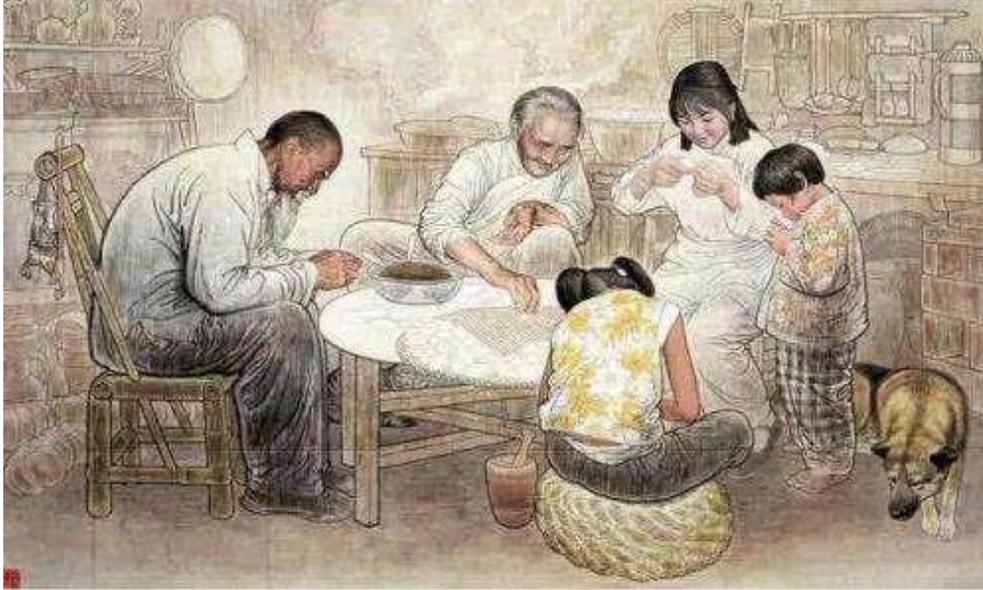


authoritarianism





Inter-subjectivity is more important in Chinese culture





Bias and prejudice are mutual



CDC confirms first coronavirus case originated in U.S.

03

Mask or not?





For some reasons the Chinese don't resist Face masks

- Air pollution
- The SARS experience
- Fashion





The Chinese don't understand the westerner's resistance to masks



mask

A call for unity in Sheffield

◀ why should I wear a mask if I'm not sick? ▶

- You don't wear a mask just for yourself.
- A mask is not the marker of the sick ones.
- A mask might not be political expression.

04

Chinese medicine





BY EVAN HALPER
AND JANET HOOK

WASHINGTON — It was another tough break for Joe Biden in his struggle for relevance while the nation wrestles with the pandemic: The former vice president was poised to appear before the vast audience of ABC's "The View," but before his interview started earlier this week, the show vanished from TV screens as network affiliates cut away to cover New York's governor and Washington's mayor addressing the coronavirus threat.

That encapsulated the brutal challenge Biden's presidential campaign faces as he tries to connect with voters preoccupied with more pressing matters than

insists in the background of this ever-changing public crisis. Fresh polling this week shows a diminished lead for Democrats in November, and Trump's approval rating mostly stable despite heavy criticism of his early efforts to downplay the significance of the pandemic.

That leaves Biden in uncharted territory, a candidate awkwardly adjusting to the new reality of virtual campaigning and struggling to find a message that gets him back on voters' radar.

He is making a concerted effort this week to raise his public profile, holding daily media events from a television studio newly installed in his home in Wilmington, Del., where he is housebound due to the pandemic. [See Biden, A10]



EVAN VOGLI/Associated Press

JOE BIDEN, left, with Bernie Sanders before their March 15 debate, had just shifted to a general election stance as the U.S. COVID-19 crisis began blowing up.



DAKE FANG/Associated Press

A MAN shops for masks at a pharmacy in Wuhan, China, in January. That month, Fang Fang started her online diary, which has gained millions of followers.

Wuhan's voice of truth

Novelist's online diary is a window into life and death in the epicenter of the pandemic

BY ALICE SU

SHANGHAI — Locked down in Wuhan, China, for a week, then a month, then two, Fang Fang sought solace in words.

The novelist has called Wuhan home for more than 60 years. On Jan. 23, when the coronavirus outbreak that would soon become a pandemic was spinning out of control, China quarantined her city of 11 million. Many residents panicked, flocking to supermarkets or fleeing to other towns before the lockdown began.

Hospitals were already under strain. Coughing, feverish patients crowded hallways as doctors struggled with insufficient protective gear and testing equipment. They were running out of beds too. All eyes in China turned to Wuhan's unfolding disaster. What



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FANG FANG, shown in 2012, has long been criticized for her realist portrayals of China.

erupted there would spread as the rest of the country began sequestering as well.

On Jan. 25, Fang Fang started her diary.

What began as a reflection on her own sorrow, anger and anxiety has become a window into life and

death in Wuhan. Her musings have more than 4 million followers on Weibo, the Chinese blogging platform, and many more on WeChat, the social media app where thousands of comments flood each of her entries the moment they are posted.

Hers is a voice of rare authenticity, an antidote to the flood of Chinese propaganda celebrating the country's victory over the coronavirus. She weeps, she shouts, she describes corpses in bags, dragged away and burned while their loved ones mourn alone. She curses those who concealed the truth and won't apologize even as thousands die. While state media trumpet hero stories and upbeat slogans, Fang Fang speaks plainly of her people's suffering.

Wuhan's voice of truth
[See Wuhan, A4]

TO \$1,200 FOR MOST AMERICAN adults, the bill includes \$500 billion in loans to struggling businesses, \$377 billion in loans and grants for small businesses, \$150 billion for local, state and tribal governments struggling with a drop in revenue and \$130 billion for hospitals.

The package also blocks foreclosures and evictions during the crisis on properties where the federal government backs the mortgage; pauses federal student [See Stimulus, A6]

MORE COVERAGE

Mortgage relief for homeowners

The state reaches a deal with major banks to help those facing foreclosure or struggling to make payments. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Planes stack up on desert airfields

Demand for storage of disused jets surges as the coronavirus pandemic pummels the air travel industry. **BUSINESS, C1**

Good reception for local radio

Stations see increases in listeners and social media engagement as DJs open up and fans feel connected. **CALENDAR, E1**





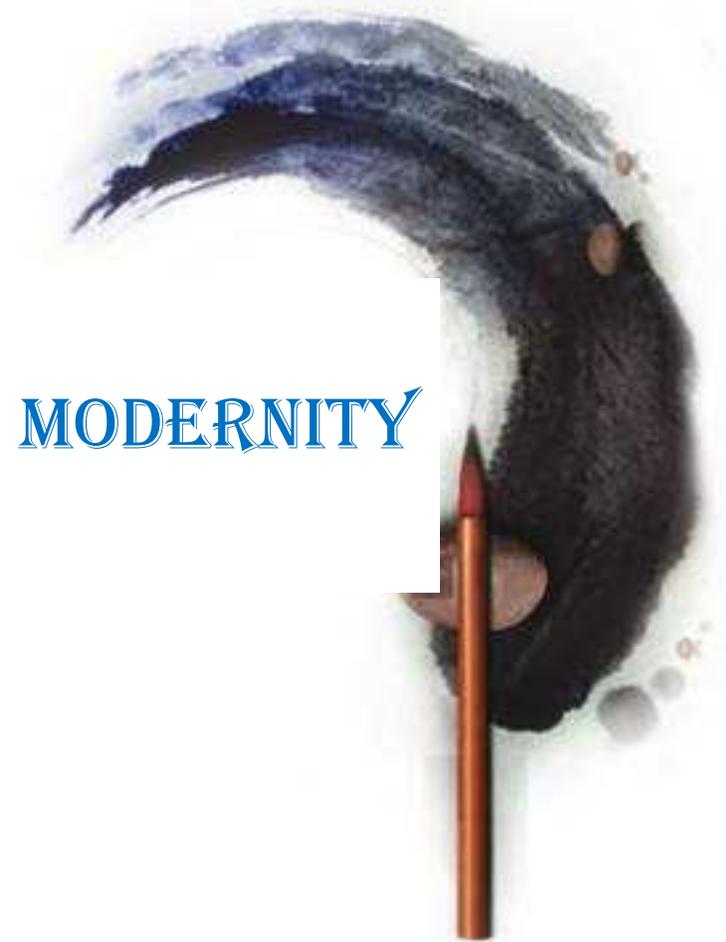
Doctor Li and his treatment



Doctors have treated hundreds of patients by using the appropriate injection therapy. The therapy is engaged by simple and effective, but also a little bit of adverse effects. This is fabricated by injecting 0.5% of phenol into acupoints according to traditional Chinese medicine's acupuncture principles. However, what needs to be pointed out is that phenol is a high-risk poisonous chemical.



TRADITION



MODERNITY



