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The coronavirus has spread around the world infecting and killing people. As of May 11, 2020, 4,238,203 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 286,079 deaths have been reported worldwide (World Meter, 2020). With a total of 1,300,696 confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in the United States with 78,771 deaths as of May 10 (Centers for Disease Control, 2020). Many countries are faced with the challenge of handling this deadly disease. The coronavirus has no boundaries and affect everyone rich or poor, it doses not discriminate between male or female, it attacks without notice. America has become one of the countries with the highest level of the coronavirus which has impacted the country, killing thousands of people in different states. The American government is doing what they can to combat the spread of the coronavirus by looking at many different strategies, such as finding a cue for the virus. This essay will demonstrate that the American government could have better prepared the country to limit the spread of the coronavirus by implementing a variety of strategies on the on set of the virus into the country and by learning from how the virus has impacted other countries that were already affected by the virus.

Given the severity of the coronavirus the American government should of immediately close all borders and limit travel from countries that were greatly impacted such as Wuhan, where the virus is said to originate while enforcing stricter travel restrictions. Stricter travel restrictions not only for countries with the virus but all countries because people connect throughout the world especial through air travel. The American government should see that these travel restrictions are enforce and followed by all. Therefore, limiting the number of cases imported into the country. “… arriving travelers who have visited mainland China in the prior two weeks are supposed to be stopped and questioned, but those protocols have not been applied to travelers from other countries where the virus has spread significantly.  On Friday, health officials in Washington state announced that a woman there who had traveled to South Korea, which has reported more than 3,000 cases, had tested positive for the virus.” (Jacobs and Fink). Thus, showing why the government needed to close all borders immediately to prevent the importation of case into the country and putting the public at risk. Other travelers entering the country also said that nothing was done when they enter. “Anjali Goel, 18, a New York University student studying in Italy, returned home this past week after the university shut down its campus in Florence. She said she was surprised when a customs officer at Washington Dulles International Airport simply waved her through without asking any questions”. (Jacobs and Fink). Therefore, showing that whatever protocols that was in place to deal with travels was not enforce properly and putting the American public at risk.

Secondly, Honest communication from the White House about coronavirus to the public would of better prepare the country and limit the spread of the virus. When the right information is given people are better able to prepare themselves and take better precautions. While the public was informed about the coronavirus, the information that was given was downplayed and more of a propaganda especially from the president. The American public was not well informed about the coronavirus and how to prepare themselves and family to deal with this situation from the begin. President Trump address the American nation as if the coronavirus was not a serious problem and will eventually go away. “We have it totally under control,” Trump told [CNBC](https://www.cnbc.com/2020/01/22/trump-on-coronavirus-from-china-we-have-it-totally-under-control.html) on Jan. 22. “It’s one person coming in from China, and we have it under control. It’s going to be just fine.” He’s claimed that he has “total” authority over the U.S. response to the virus, … He’s accused the media of stoking “hysteria” around the virus while also failing to report the full scope of the danger. He’s even claimed that the virus will disappear like a “miracle,” only to declare a few weeks later that he “felt it was a pandemic long before it was a pandemic.” (Elliot). Thus, not preparing the public on the severity of the coronavirus and giving them important information that would off help to limit the spread of the virus. “Such rudderless national leadership has left the application of measures to respond to the spread of the virus across the country severely uneven” (French). Indicating that there were no real measures in place yet to handle the coronavirus.

Finally, the American government should off have in place an emergence response team to deal with pandemic of such magnitude as was in place during the Obama presidency. With having a team in place to deal with pandemic on the onset the government would have better prepared the country and limited the spread of the coronavirus. Because, that team would immediately look at all angles of the virus and make recommendation right away that the country can adhere to. “One still hopes for the best, but fears the worst, because amazingly, Washington seems to have squandered the month-long or so opportunity to prepare for the crisis that events in China had presented” (French). “The next critical test for the**United States** is the test of competency in the face of a major public health crisis. So far, only local governments in places like New York and Washington State to name but two, as well as residual career officials in public service, are keeping the country from completely failing this test” (French). Therefore, suggesting that the American government need to work together to better prepare the country to limit the spread of the coronavirus. The American government should also have paid attention to how the virus was affecting other countries such as china and Italy and take precautions. Learn from their mistake on preventing the virus from spreading to such magnitude beyond their control. If this was done the American government would of limit the spread of the virus and better prepare the country.

While these are all great strategies that the American government could have taken to better prepare the country to limit the spread of the coronavirus it would have be challenging to do so. As my opponents shows that if President Trump and the government handling of the coronavirus was taken more seriously by its administration and put these strategies in place on the onset of the coronavirus it would of better prepare the country to limit the spread of the virus. However, I say this wouldn’t have be possible to some extent because of the American believe in their fundamental right to freedom and with the restriction that these measures proposed it will infringe on their rights. As President Trump and some Americans do not take this virus seriously and follow the restrictions that are lay out to limit the spread. As demonstrated by “A crowd of a few thousand gathered at Wisconsin’s state Capitol on Friday, the latest demonstration by conservative activists against statewide stay-at-home orders meant to slow the spread of the coronavirus” (Epstein and Nolan). With many more protest happening all over the country, for most believe in making their own decision on how they choose to deal with the coronavirus and would not follow what was recommended by the government.

In sum everyone live is very important and I hope that the government and the American public can work together to control the spread of the coronavirus. In the hope that America can return to a normal life as before the coronavirus.

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