

Kingdom Report

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Coronavirus Analysis: The things that don't add up and the things that do.

In about 2 months time we should know whether we have a coming world wide pandemic of 1918 Influenza proportions and a world wide coming Great Depression of 1930's proportion. My analysis of signs to watch for...

I have wanted to give you an analysis of the Coronavirus situation but needed far more information to get a handle on the situation. Here below is my preliminary analysis and some trends to look out for to determine where this thing is headed.

My first reaction was that something is fishy here. There is this enormous world response by governments like China of locking down whole population centers and travel restrictions and in fact shutting down sections of their economy for...what? A flu outbreak?

I looked at the data from the American government website of the Centers of Disease Control for yearly flu cases as far as mortality is concerned and here was their figures for this last winter season's annual flu statistics for America: (copied)

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Key indicators that track flu activity remain high but decreased for the second week in a row. Severity indicators (hospitalizations and deaths) remain moderate to low overall, but hospitalization rates differ by age group, with high rates among children and young adults.

CDC estimates that so far this season there have been at least 32 million flu illnesses, 310,000 hospitalizations and 18,000 deaths from flu.

Please note that bottom stat: 310,000 hospitalizations and 18,000 deaths from flu this last season and it is rated as "moderate to low" for the flu season. 310,000 in hospital and 18,000 dead and nobody bats an eyelid, no national emergency, no travel restrictions....just a normal seasonal posting on the CDC website.

Then I discovered yearly around the world about 800,000 children under the age of 5 die from pneumonia related virus infections. No international emergency.

Coronavirus comes out and 200 people now infected in America, 98,000 world wide with symptoms and the world governments and financial markets go into panic mode? Something did not add up. Somebody I suspected was not telling us what the real situation was. So I waited until more information came through and a clearer picture emerges.

That happened last night when I saw the following information a report from the World Health Organization:

The World Health Organization has announced that the death rate for those who contract the coronavirus is higher than originally thought. Even though getting the coronavirus only comes with a 3.4% mortality rate, the virus' rapid spread could bump that number even higher.

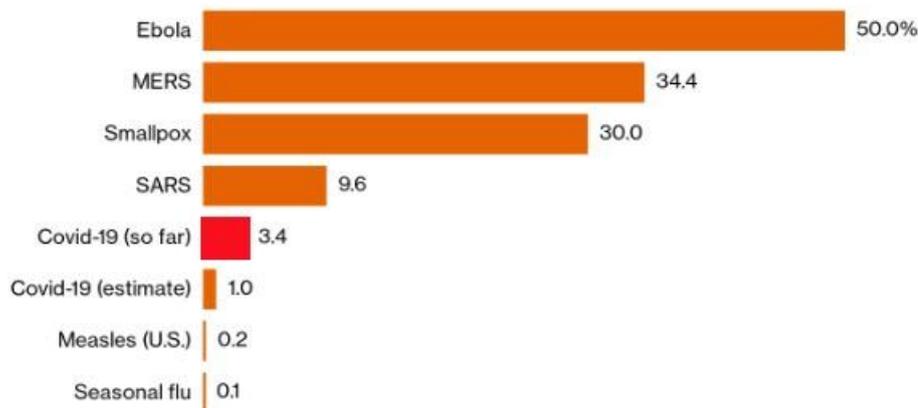
Originally, WHO assumed the death rate from those who get infected with the COVID-19 virus, was only 2%. That has been revised upwards to 3.4%.

“Globally, about 3.4% of reported COVID-19 cases have died,” WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said during a press briefing at the agency's headquarters in Geneva.

In comparison, the seasonal flu generally kills far fewer than 1% of those infected, he said.

How Covid-19 Stacks Up Against Other Infectious Diseases

Approximate case-fatality rate



Sources: World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control, MRC Centre for Global Infectious Disease Analysis

BloombergOpinion

Again, it's not like this is a huge jump considering the number of people who have been infected, yet **as this virus lingers, it has the unintended consequence of killing more than previously thought.**

Additionally, a Harvard scientist claimed that the **coronavirus could infect 70% of the population.** That means 5.3 billion people could catch it and if the mortality rate is now 3.4%, almost 180 million people globally could die.

The Japanese bank Nomura came out with a statistical model to analyze the possible spread of Coronavirus compared to the 2009 H1N1 Influenza outbreak: It started in the US in late April 2009 and spread with great intensity. By 11 June, it had reached 74 countries with a total of 30,000 cases and it was on this date that the WHO declared a global pandemic (it has not declared one since); by early November it had reached over 200 countries with 0.5m cases. Nomura estimates that over the same period since the initial outbreak, the number of COVID-19 cases is about 3x more than 2009 H1N1, **and if it tracks the 2009 H1N1 case trajectory there could be 1.5m COVID-19 cases by June 2020.**

Which is why all governments around the world are now going into lock down mode to stop this thing spreading as little as possible, In Italy, no soccer games, in Japan and Italy and China, schools closed. In Iran which has a serious outbreak they just released 54,000 prisoners to clear out the jails.

What governments are doing is limiting what is known as the RO number to below 1. An R-2 number means that 1 person infects 2 people. A R number below 1 means that the spread of the virus will die out. At the moment the calculated R number for this virus is R 1,4 to R 2,5.

That is the problem with this virus....it is highly contagious. Unlike SARS which is very lethal but the SARS virus sits in the lungs and is difficult to spread. This one sits in the throat and is breathed out and the RNA strands can sit on surfaces for more than

a day and anyone can pick it up through contact and once infected there are no symptoms for at least 2 weeks while that person can continue to spread the virus.

The further problem with this virus is that it is new and it is mutating. It means unlike flu which we all have contracted and have built up antibodies we have not contracted this yet and we have not built up antibodies and there is as yet no vaccine.

What Now?

In the next 2 months we are going to know if we have a world wide pandemic or not. If we do we have a major international health crisis and an even greater world economic disaster ahead.

Two days ago the American government expert group gave a press conference and Dr. Farci said if it goes national 70% of the population will contract it. 80% of those will be fine, they will have mild symptoms and can carry on with work and life; but 15-20% will need hospitalization care...intensive care. The American health care system is not able to take on that kind of medical emergency...and neither is any other government medical service in the world.

As with all virus attacks, those with strong immune systems survive, those with weak or compromised immune systems die. That means the elderly will be the most affected. In Africa it will devastate whole nations. Half the population of Zimbabwe is starving from lack of food. The people's health is terrible from lack of nutrition. Aids is rampant in South Africa with a third of our population HIV+ and weak immune systems.

If the coronavirus hits Africa and spreads, we are in serious crisis...the deaths will be in the millions. We don't have medical facilities and we do not have nutritional supplements and our people by the millions have been migrating into massive urban agglomerations. China has instituted national travel bans to stop people movement, Israel this week stopped all flights from Europe.....Africa is unable to stop people movements.

Apart from the human tragedy in Africa the world economic system is highly leveraged and highly vulnerable. Think of this....the entire economic system is critically dependent on the movement of money....I get paid I pay for my goods, the shop pays the factory, the factory pays the suppliers and workers. Most people live paycheck to paycheck totally dependent on that monthly flow of finance. The world economy more so....how many companies are going to survive if the finances stop flowing for 2-3 months while the world goes into lock down mode to avoid spreading and contracting the virus?

Already the world airline industry is on the brink of disaster. They do 40 million flights a year. The planes are already emptying out.; Who wants to do a tourist trip to Europe this year? The world tourist industry is 10% of world GDP and the Chinese middle class are the world's biggest source of tourists. Who wants to go on a boat cruise with 4,000 other people and find out the whole boat is quarantined because 5 passengers are virus positive?

Who is going to go to the sports stadium packed with 20,000 people close together and possible get infected by someone next to you shouting and heavy breathing droplets of virus into the air? And the thousands in the big shopping mall? Buy online if you can.

What happens to globalization and the world supply chain of parts and chemicals that come out of China or Korea (which is going into lockdown mode)? 80% of America's medicine comes out of China including the critical chemicals needed to make medicines. And the major auto plants that need critical car parts from China?

Who goes to their local mega-church of 2000 people on Sunday morning when the virus is spreading? Who sends their children to school with the possibility that the virus can infect your child?

The world will survive the deaths of millions, life will go on. But the world economy will not just go on. When companies go bankrupt and the chain of debt defaults gathers pace, you cannot resurrect a bankrupt company tomorrow or a national currency or the intricate global financial system.

In about 2 months is my estimate of when we will know whether we have a world wide pandemic on our hands and another 1930's style Great Depression or whether the extreme measures now being taken by governments to restrict movements and intervene immediately to care for the infected before they spread the virus will stop this from breaking out into the world general population.

I will keep you updated with new information as the situation develops.