



How to Understand China's Measures to Fight Against COVID-19 and its Values and Contributions to other Countries

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Abstract

The symptom of COVID-19 has observed on January first at Wuhan city of china. The first large-scale study of the epidemic, released by the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention on February 18th, reports that the trend in new cases has peaked and is starting to fall. Thus, the China's government has taken an effective measure to control the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), in terms the draconian lockdowns and travel restrictions instituted nationwide. Then China has controlled within a specific period of time. However, the coronavirus disease has fatally disseminated throughout the world and killed thousands of people within a day. Therefore, most of the countries in the world which follow China's example, have been protecting the coronavirus while countries which initially criticized its controlling mechanism, have become harassed though later applied its measurement. In doing so, this article examines the China's splendid protective mechanisms to fight against COVID-19; and also its values and cooperatives to other countries in the world.

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1. Introduction

The current COVID-19 pandemic diseases and its transmission and killing rates have not happened before, in the history of human being. However, after it happened in Wuhan city of China in January 23, 2020, the China's government has immediately taken an effective controlling measurement to tackle the COVID-19 crisis.¹ Among others, some of the measures were include:-“isolation of whole cities, broadcast of critical information (eg, promoting hand washing, mask wearing, and care seeking) with high frequency through multiple channels, and mobilization of a multi-sector rapid-response teams is helping to curb the epidemic.” Following this measurement, China has controlled the diseases within a short period of time. When china has been trying to control, the COVID-19 disease has radically transferred to the world².

Consequently, On March 13, WHO said that Europe was now the center of the pandemic. A few days later, deaths in Italy surpassed those in China. Iran and Spain had also reported over 1000 deaths as of March 23, and many other European countries and the USA reported increasing numbers of cases, heralding an imminent wave of fatalities³.

Moreover, it has quickly distributed throughout the world without distinguishing the rich and poor, black and white countries. Paradoxically, the virus vanished in his initial place of china because of the strong leadership quality and art of President Xi. Then some countries which follow the china's model of prevention mechanism, who has minimized the cases and the rate of deaths while those leaders who are blaming and criticizing china and WHO, like President *Trump* of USA, have recorded in history being they left their country in social, economic and political crises due to the lack of leadership quality and initially unable to scale up China's model properly.

In doing so, this article explores the China's splendid protective mechanisms to fight against COVID-19; it assesses the values and cooperatives of China to other countries in the world. Finally, it provides the concluding and recommendation remark. Thus, the methods of this paper used both primary and secondary data. The primary source, includes; interviews with two PHD candidates and the secondary source include discourse analysis (articles and international organization reports) which are writtenon the COVID-19.

2. The Secret Behind China's Measures to Fight Against the COVID-19

When China first affected, and took different measures to control the COVID-19, the rest of the world was criticized by its lockdown protective measures. However, after a month later the virus began transmitting in a similar manner, in the United States and Europe. Then, with the advice of the World Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC), they changed their views and policies to prevent unnecessary infection and deaths. Yet, their lack of preparation and inability to implement the required actions to contain the spread are difficult to defend with excuses⁴.

Whereas, the China's government had restlessly fought with the COVID-19 virus, to save the lives of their citizens. In this time, "only in China and only under the leadership of President Xi can there be such effective measures to put this sudden and fast-spreading epidemic under control." So claims Wang Yi, China's foreign minister, when describing China's extraordinary mobilization to combat the new coronavirus—from the ultra-fast construction of new hospitals to the mass lockdown of Chinese cities⁵.

In line with this, I interview Ayele (2020) does China's response for the Covid-19 is a model of our planet? He told me with the most glaring evidence, which indicates China's commitment and harsh response to the coronavirus, has influential admirers, but Western nations recognize that public health fundamentally depends on public trust⁶. Again he expressed that, in that critical situation, the western ordered Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the director-general of the World Health Organization, to declared late last March that the outbreak of the novel coronavirus was an international public-health emergency, and he took pains to commend China for its response to the pathogen, instead of how we protect it⁷.

Similarly, I asked Yishaq (2020), how China controlled this virus and what is the secret behind against COVID-19? According to him, China actually is setting a new standard for outbreak response, and it's not an exaggeration. Again he advocated that, as the new disease, now called COVID-19, grew into a health crisis, Chinese officials had quarantined entire cities in a matter of days, suspended travel, closed schools and businesses, and imposed severe restrictions on who could leave their homes. Again by quoting the WHO director's speech, he expressed that, "China's local researchers rapidly sequenced and shared the virus's genome, allowing labs around the world to work on their own diagnostic tools. The authorities built two new specialized hospitals in 10 days, footage of which China's state-

owned media pumped out to the world on social media”. They leveraged their challenging scrutiny powers to scale up contact tracing, an essential measure in stopping an outbreak”. Even, at the beginning, President Donald Trump tweeted in praise of China’s great discipline.⁸

Even after subsequent reports indicated that the Chinese government’s secrecy and hostility to dissent had helped the outbreak spread, WHO officials have continued to laud Beijing’s response. At a conference in Munich earlier that month, Michael Ryan, the executive director of the organization’s Health Emergencies Program, maintained that people in China feel protected. “They feel like their government has stepped in aggressively and quickly to protect them,” he said. “That is the ultimate social contract between any government and its people”⁹.

Furthermore, the World Health Organization said that, after nearly two months’ quarantine since COVID-19 outbreak in China, hundreds of thousands of people in China did not get COVID-19 because of this “aggressive response.” For WHO, the other miracle response of the Chinese government against COVID-19 is:-

The range from filling the skies with drones to help share information, spraying disinfectant, delivering packages and taking people’s temperature; releasing of robots which help medical staff to deliver door to door packages to various patients; keep kids at home of which over 20 provinces joined the “home-schooling” program, with over 12,000 primary and secondary schools and over seven million students attending classes through live streaming; work-from-home method; minimize human interaction; the use of tech platforms where 700 tech firms added protective medical equipment to their stock between January 1 and February 7; people making their cities virus-resistant by building emergency centers such as building hospitals to locking down an entire city to speedy national coordination of public action¹⁰.

In general, as to the African Research Institute, using these various mechanisms and systems, China is really setting a novel standard for outbreak response, and it is not an exaggeration but a fact that should be matched and congratulated. This novel standard China is setting confirms why Chinese hospitals, which were overflowing with COVID-19 patients a few weeks ago, at present have empty beds. For instance, “central China’s Hubei Province closed its last temporary hospital in early March after all 15 such hospitals were cleared of patients.

The last batch of 49 patients left Wuchang Hospital at 3.30 p.m. on March 10. Wuchang Hospital was the earliest one to be put into use and also the first hospital to discharge patients and start psychological counseling. It offered 784 beds and treated 1,124 patients. It discharged 833 patients, transferred 291 others, and had no deaths or cases of medical staff being infected”¹¹.

In line with this ideas, both the interviewees’ (2020) argued that, this means that China has proven that containment is possible. Its methods and mechanisms are emerging as a panacea to fight against COVID around the world, as shown it in the following section¹².

3. China’s Cooperation and Values to Our Planet

Following China’s trumpet celebration on controlling the COVID-19, Europe and the United States, have become the land of the devastating consequences of the pandemic COVID-19 virus. Thus, the World Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have regularly informed to all countries about the risks and protecting mechanisms. But most countries have failed to take serious measures whether due to a failure to consider the virus as a threat or their mismanagement. Because the attitudes of the highest levels of leadership of those countries were not changed and understood the virus similar to a world war against a common enemy, rather than criticizing China as a risk taker¹³.

For this reason, Ayele (2020) expressed that, following the swept off COVID-19 in China, many national governments have responded swiftly, but many are yet to take the threat of COVID-19 seriously—eg, ignoring WHO’s and China’s recommendation on avoiding mass gatherings. Especially, the USA and other European countries who breaths by the lung of America is initially instead of protecting the virus in their country, they were blaming and criticizing the Chains administration as a dictator government and claimed China to be responsible for this crisis. However, due to the alarming increase of the case of the virus and deaths which is extremely greater than that of China, the initial slow response in countries such as the UK, the USA, and Sweden now look increasingly permitting in line with the China’s mirror¹⁴.

Then leaders scramble to acquire diagnostic tests, personal protective equipment, and ventilators for overwhelmed hospitals, there is a growing sense of anger. The patchwork of harmful initial reactions from many leaders, from denial and misplaced optimism, to passive

acceptance of large-scale deaths, was justified by words such as unprecedented. Europe and even the USA have shown that putting off preparation, in either the hope of containment elsewhere or a mood of fatality, is not effective¹⁵.

As a result, to protect a public-health crisis, unanimously governments in the United States and the rest of the world are forced to consider measures of Chinas—such as requiring health checks, limiting movement, and instituting quarantines—that infringe on individual liberties. But they did not easily control the virus, then hide their weakness the westerns have been raises an uncomfortable question to China: That is authoritarian governments better equipped than democracies to meet the challenge of an epidemic¹⁶.

Whatever the case, without hesitation, the Chinese-style quarantine models become the best precautionary approach to pandemic outbreaks. While the number of nations affected augmented daily, the opposite has occurred in China. Cases are doubling in Europe every five days, which means Europe alone could have over 100 times the number of cases in a month if it is not contained properly. Initially, Italy could be considered the main source of the European outbreak, and consequently Spain, Germany and France are close behind. The Netherlands, Canada, the United Kingdom, Switzerland and the United States with over 3, 300 cases as of March 16, 2020 are close behind this second group¹⁷.

Thoroughly, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), having now spread to 211 countries and territories, has produced a dramatic situation throughout the world. Though it's become the agenda of the world scientist, they have not still occurred the preventing mechanism for the virus. "It was identified as the most significant pandemic faced by humanity in the past 100 years, not because of the number of deaths it has caused – remember that AIDS has already killed 32 million people – but because of its rapid spread and the unprecedented economic damage and global lockdown it has generated"¹⁸. In doing so,

The current coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has testing healthcare systems like never before. Italy (2) and Spain (7), both close to the top of the World Health Organization (WHO) ranking of best health systems, are struggling with many deaths and overcrowded hospitals. The United States has surpassed these countries with victim estimates that might exceed 80 000¹⁹.

Thus, USA, Italy, England, Spain, and Germany have become the most vulnerable by the COVID-19 till recently. Therefore, as European nations, the United States and other parts of the world enter the acceleration stage of the epidemic, they have a fairly solid study in how to respond to the COVID-19 and that is by applying the Chinese-style quarantine model²⁰.

Particularly, Italy has started applying exactly the Chinese-style quarantine model, at the beginning others also like the U.S., the UK and Europe are imposing the Chinese-style quarantine model by imposing a work-from-home policy and cutting off work to travel immediately. Furthermore, some corporations from For instance, the Premier League, Champions League, Europa League and every of the biggest sporting events is in the world on the verge of cancellation. This shows that, is a testament that if the U.S., the UK, and European nations as well as the rest of the world follow the China-style quarantine model, it would usher a further decrease in the spread of the epidemic globally²¹.

Secondly, the next wave of infections will hit Africa and Latin America. Most African or Latin American countries have only tens or hundreds of ventilators, and many health facilities do not have even basic therapies such as oxygen. Poor healthcare systems would soon be overwhelmed should infection spread widely. People living in poor, overcrowded, urban areas are especially vulnerable; many do not have basic sanitation, could not self-isolate, and have no paid sick leave or social security. In response to the threat, WHO has launched the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund, which has raised more than US\$70 million, and some regional organizations have taken strong, proactive action, sharing information and receiving donations of testing kits and medical supplies, but very limited regards to the rate of transmission²².

Thus, the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates the limited scope of compulsory and institutional power. Even the powerful countries (the United States) were affected first, they were unable to force other countries to act to restrict the virus. Similarly, Italy could not make European Union countries share health supplies²³. But in this disastrous period, China has been emerging as a life saver for the world, particularly in the developing countries, in terms of its material, technical and ideological support.

Concerning to this, Yishaq(2020) advocates that, among others, China's response and support in material, human and moral to these countries are irreplaceable, especially, China's support will have been memorized in Africans generations. Beyond that, the China's

government and its Capitalist like Mr. Jack Ma's cooperatives for Ethiopians have been recorded entirely in the heart and history of Ethiopians. Additionally, China's medical doctors and other health professionals came to Ethiopia to share their experience and trained Ethiopian health professionals; for us, this was a historical and never forgotten support of China to Ethiopians. By and large, all the measures of China and specially its model of state of lockdown have been applied in most of the regional states of Ethiopia as it is²⁴.

According to African Research Institute (2020), it is never too late to learn from China and get this virus under control. This is because,

Since the outbreak occurred in December 2019, China's message to the world has always been tied to the people and lives saved. As we build a global system linking all humans, we should have it in mind that we need to make history now by adhering to the Chinese slogan of saving lives. So that when we look back five decades from now, we can say that was the dawn of the era we are living in. An era where the community of a shared future for mankind was established. Now is the time for us to support each other on a worldwide scale and China has a lot to offer if the rest of the world is open to listening and seeking help²⁵.

In general, from our perspective, Ethiopia has taken a strong response to tackle this pandemic and to protect our people, it applied a state of emergency and national policies around COVID-19 prevention and response starting onwards the beginning of March. Particularly, it has been implementing the Chinese-styles of protecting mechanisms such as, systematic contact tracing, testing is in conducting, implemented a national lockdown, closing schools and religious spaces. Therefore, China is not only shared us the mechanisms to protect the virus, but also the guidances, trainings how to tackle it, its professional doctors, financial and ideological support for Africans.

4. Conclusions and Recommendations

When COVID-19 controlled by China, the rest of the world, people have been facing the danger of this virus. Meant, though it emerged in China, now it controlled in its land. Currently, the rest of the world still now have been in crises in both human life and economic reduction. Thus, every effort is now being put into controlling the COVID-19 crisis using the China's model in all states of the world. That is, many governments have resorted to

implementing strict lockdowns, and other measures of China as researchers show the effectiveness of China's approaches in containing the virus. But still now it increases at increasing rates, particularly in developing countries like Ethiopia.

However, there is no real integration and association among states to tackle the COVID-19 virus except the China's government. Without exaggerating, currently, the China has become the first state in the world in both protecting the pandemic diseases and in supporting the world to save the lives of humans without any difference between rich and poor. In doing so to protect the virus throughout the world, we recommend the following resolutions.

Primarily, all states in the world, should have stayed in taking the model of Chinese-style to protect the virus parallel to their economic development. Then, all states should work in cooperative, and collaborative unanimously. Moreover, the world scientists should have searched the medicine of COVID-19 commonly without any government influence of those states. If it so, for sure, in addition to its protective mechanisms, we will find the remedial medicines of this pandemic virus within a short period of time. If not, it will exist entirely as Armageddon to destroy the world.

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