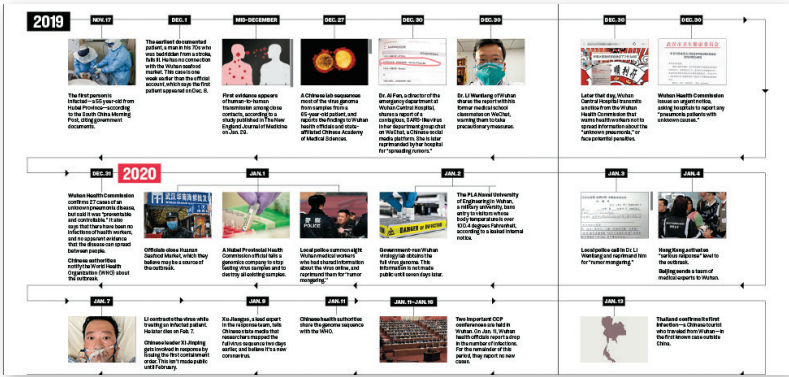


How the Chinese Communist Party Endangered the World

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The Chinese Communist Party’s coverup led to a pandemic that now threatens the lives of people around the globe. What really happened, and what lessons can we learn?

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Editor's Note

We hope this finds you and your loved ones well. We live in challenging times right now, and this special edition is intended to explain the reasons behind why we find ourselves in such a situation.

Daily life in Australia has been upended, as governments seek to stop the spread of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) virus (see “Giving the Right Name to the Virus Causing a Worldwide Pandemic” below). The virus is highly transmissible, and in some cases, deadly.

Businesses have been shuttered and large numbers of people have lost their jobs with almost no notice. While the federal government is scrambling to provide aid, many households are suddenly facing economic uncertainty, if not hardship.

Some of the businesses that have closed may not be able to reopen. With the stock market responding to the pandemic with a devastating plunge, many people's retirement savings may be threatened.

These are times that test us. In normal times, we tend to focus on the day-to-day. In abnormal times such as these, we may find our thoughts turning to what is fundamental.

Ultimately, character and morality count. If our encounter with the CCP virus pushes us to look within and ask ourselves how we can become better people, then perhaps we will have found a blessing in this chaos.

The immorality and corruption of the Chinese regime helps explain the fundamental way in which we must look at the pandemic.

If the CCP had shown compassion for the Chinese people and if it had acted honestly and openly, much of China, and the world, could have been spared this calamity.

A recent study by the University of Southampton found that if “non-pharmaceutical interventions—such as early detection, isolation of cases, travel restrictions and cordon sanitaire ... could have been conducted one week, two weeks, or three weeks earlier, cases could have been reduced by 66 percent, 86 percent and 95 percent, respectively—significantly limiting the geographical spread of the disease.”

In fact, the CCP, out of concern for its power, censored knowledge of this new, highly transmissible, SARS-like illness for six weeks, allowing millions to travel from the epicentre in Wuhan to the rest of China. The virus quickly spread across China and around the world.

Now, the CCP is waging a propaganda campaign claiming it has been a model in fighting the disease. The same campaign has been disseminating the lie that the virus originated in the United States.

This special edition sets the record straight. If the world understands why the CCP virus has wreaked such havoc, then it will understand the need to reject the CCP and its contagion of lies, selfishness, and lust for power.

EDITORIAL

Giving the Right Name to the Virus Causing a Worldwide Pandemic

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There has been controversy recently about what to call the virus that has unleashed a worldwide pandemic. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) prefers “novel coronavirus.” Others have referred to it as the “Wuhan virus,” after its place of origin, as is common in naming diseases.

The Epoch Times suggests a more accurate name is the “CCP virus,” and calls upon others to join us in adopting this name.

The name holds the CCP accountable for its wanton disregard of human life and consequent spawning of a pandemic that has put untold numbers in countries around the world at risk, while creating widespread fear and devastating the economies of nations trying to cope with this disease.

After all, CCP officials knew in early December that the virus had appeared in Wuhan, but they sat on the information for six weeks. They arrested those who tried to warn of the danger, accusing them of spreading “rumors,” and employed the regime’s rigorous censorship to prevent media coverage and to delete any mentions of it from social media.

What might have been contained was allowed silently to spread, showing up in all of China. Individuals who might have protected themselves became victims, in numbers far greater than the CCP has admitted. By late January, there were reports that all of the crematoria in



Medical staff move a patient infected with the CCP virus from an ambulance to a hospital in Seoul, South Korea, on March 9, 2020.

Wuhan were operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week to deal with the crush of dead bodies.

Meanwhile, the measures taken to quarantine and treat the population of Wuhan were grotesquely inhumane. Apartment buildings were welded shut. Temporary “hospitals” were created that actually served as jails for those believed to be sick with the virus. Locked into these places with no medical treatment and little food, the unfortunates were trapped there until death.

In lying about the danger facing China, the CCP was acting according to its usual script. The CCP’s dominant narrative is that the Party is “great, glorious, and correct.” The presence of the deadly CCP virus in Wuhan, or, in 2003, of the SARS virus,

doesn’t fit the script. As with SARS, the first response was denial.

But in dealing with this virus, denial is not acceptable. The world needs to know its origin, and the CCP has refused to cooperate. Outside experts have not been allowed into Wuhan.

And there is understandable concern about the activities of the Wuhan Institute of Virology, China’s only P4 lab, one meant for working with easily transmitted pathogens that can cause fatal illness. As the official narratives offered for the source of the virus have been disproven, questions have been raised about whether the CCP virus leaked from the institute.

In any case, as questions about the origin of the virus have gone unanswered, the CCP has begun

throwing out wild charges that the United States is responsible. This will be met around the world with perplexity, if not ridicule. President Donald Trump has pushed back by referring to the “Chinese virus.”

But the CCP likely intends these charges of U.S. responsibility for its domestic audience. The CCP has victimized the Chinese people in its first denial of the virus and now seeks to victimize them again by shifting responsibility for its actions to others.

And this points out why the name “CCP virus” is needed, to distinguish the victims from the victimizer. The people of Wuhan and of China are the victims of the CCP’s arrogance and incompetence, expressed in this viral pandemic.

The name CCP virus also sounds a warning: Those nations and individuals close to the CCP are the ones suffering the worst effects from this virus, as is seen in the raging infections in the CCP’s close ally Iran and in Italy, the only G-7 nation to sign onto the Belt and Road Initiative. Taiwan and Hong Kong, which have rejected the CCP—Taiwan in a recent landslide national election and Hong Kong in months of massive demonstrations—have had relatively few infections.

Finally, the CCP virus reminds the people of the world that the source of the virus is itself evil. This is a communist virus, and with the name CCP virus, The Epoch Times reminds the world of the cure: ending the CCP.



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Retired U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Robert Spalding in Washington on May 29, 2019.

Chinese Regime Using Pandemic to Advance Global Ambitions, Expert Says

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As the world grapples with a sprawling health crisis, the Chinese Communist Party is using the pandemic to expand its global influence, according to China expert Robert Spalding.

The Chinese regime has seized upon the fallout from the pandemic as an opportunity to extend its control on the global supply chain and to deflect responsibility for having created the disaster, the retired U.S. Air Force brigadier general and author told The Epoch Times in an interview.

He describes it as “unrestricted warfare” in full force.

A strategy crafted by Chinese military officials in the late 1990s, unrestricted warfare—as he explained in his book, “Stealth War: How China Took Over While America’s Elite Slept”—refers to using a series of unconventional warfare tactics designed to accomplish the goals of war without engaging in actual combat.

In playing out this campaign, the regime has combined different elements of warfare—economic, trade, political, information—to “create a convergence of challenges” for the United States and other Western democracies, Spalding said.

“It’s hard for people to grasp how powerful this new type of warfare is, because we’re so used to the traditional type of warfare, with planes and ships and bombs and tanks,” he said.

On the information warfare front, Chinese diplomats and state media have recently peddled conspiracy theories speculating about the virus’s origin and putting the blame on the United States, while fake accounts linked to Beijing have flooded Twitter to act as “cheerleaders for the government.”

“They’re covering up the actual truth while essentially creating a new truth on the ground and new facts on the ground,” Spalding said. “Because they control all the data coming out about the coronavirus or the CCP virus, then it’s all according to the narrative that they themselves control.”

Profiting Amid a Crisis

As the outbreak strains the global health system and weighs on medical supply chains, there are concerns that China is using the much-sought-after supplies for its own gains. White House economic adviser Peter Navarro told Fox Business last month that China had been stockpiling the N95 face masks by imposing an export restriction.

In the meantime, millions of the masks are flowing to European countries from China as part of aid packages.

“They see the coronavirus as an opportunity to do that, particularly because countries are going to be relying on them for medical supplies because they’re going

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A Chinese worker looks on as a cargo ship is loaded at a port in Qingdao, Shandong Province, China, on July 13, 2017.



to have the only factories open,” Spalding said. “They’re trying to essentially make it look like the Chinese Communist Party is the savior of Western Europe.”

The United States is heavily reliant on medical supplies from China, the world’s largest producer of active pharmaceutical ingredients, according to a November 2019 U.S. congressional report; the spreading pathogen only exacerbated the problem. While Chinese officials denied there were official export bans in place, from late January to February, protective equipment manufacturers were asked to sell their products internally. China also produced half of the world’s masks prior to the outbreak.

China’s state-run news agency Xinhua, in an implicit threat in early March, said the United States would “plunge into the mighty sea of coronavirus” if China chooses to retaliate by controlling medical supply exports.

“We’ve offshored it, we don’t have it anymore. We can’t even produce for our own selves,” Spalding said.

A number of countries, among them Spain, Turkey, and the Netherlands, recently complained about defects in Chinese exports of medical supplies for combating the virus.

Meanwhile, Beijing has been outlining policy measures since February to bolster its economic ambitions, Horizon Advisory, a U.S.-based independent consultancy, said in a report.

“Beijing intends to use the global dislocation and downturn to attract foreign investment, to seize strategic market share and resources—especially those that force dependence [on China],” according to the report.

The municipal government of Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province, told a local newspaper that it’s “possible to turn the crisis into an opportunity—to increase the trust and the dependence of all countries around the world of ‘Made in China.’”

The State Council, a Cabinet-like agency, also highlighted 5G technology and artificial intelligence—the signature tools for China’s pervasive surveillance state—as two

of its top strategic objectives to showcase.

“In times of fear, it seems attractive, but what you allowed them to do is essentially insinuate themselves even deeper into the veins of your society,” Spalding said. “Their goal is to be able to have this coercive power over the world, and they’re using the CCP virus to basically perpetuate, accelerate, and deepen that.”

Rewriting History

Throughout the outbreak, Beijing’s response can be characterized as a web of coverup, denial, and lies that make it the unmistakable culprit, according to Spalding.

“What we can say with certainty, with absolute 100 percent certainty, is that the Chinese Communist Party created the global pandemic,” he said.

On at least on two occasions—Jan. 1 and Jan. 3—Hubei and national health officials told Chinese labs to stop testing and to destroy existing evidence, according to reports by Chinese media outlet Caixin.

While U.S. federal health authorities repeatedly offered to send researchers to China since Jan. 6, only two were eventually allowed into the country—more than a month later.

By the time Wuhan imposed a drastic lockdown on Jan. 23, more than 5 million locals had left without undergoing a health screening, carrying the virus to other parts of the world. Then, as the outbreak became severe in the United States in March, Chinese diplomats began an aggressive disinformation campaign that accused the U.S. Army of bringing the virus to Wuhan.

A central tenet about the nature of the regime is its need for control, Spalding says.

“When it saw this virus come out, it was worried about its legitimacy.”

Internal documents obtained by The Epoch Times, as well as insider accounts, indicate that Chinese officials have made a top priority to control the outbreak narrative, both inside and outside of China.

Spalding is critical of the World Health Organization’s name for the disease caused by the virus. The name COVID-19—which the WHO says stands for “coronavirus disease 2019”—doesn’t clearly designate its origin in China, allowing the Chinese regime to whitewash its bungled response to the outbreak, he said.

“We, in some ways, are still perpetuating Chinese Communist Party propaganda because we allow them to name things,” he said. “Naming things is very powerful.”

This crisis, he says, also demonstrates the limitations of global trade and the importance of being self-sufficient in the manufacture of crucial supplies.


“We shouldn’t be reliant on a regime that repudiates everything that we stand for, and uses ... that supply chain tie to coerce us into abandoning our own principles,” he said.

Timeline of CCP Coverup

THIS TIMELINE CHRONICLES the early stages of the viral outbreak in China and the Chinese regime’s coverup. Despite the evidence, Chinese authorities played down the severity of the outbreak for weeks, while suppressing vital information about COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus. By the time authorities implemented the first

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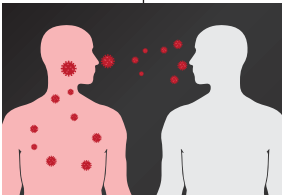


The first person is infected—a 55 year-old from Hubei Province—according to the South China Morning Post, citing government documents.

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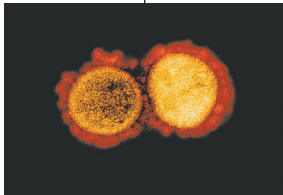
The earliest documented patient, a man in his 70s who was bedridden from a stroke, falls ill. He has no connection with the Wuhan seafood market. This case is one week earlier than the official account, which says the first patient appeared on Dec. 8.

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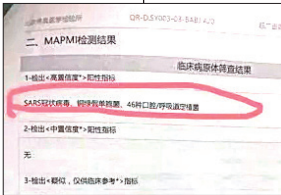
First evidence appears of human-to-human transmission among close contacts, according to a study published in The New England Journal of Medicine on Jan. 29.

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A Chinese lab sequences most of the virus genome from samples from a 65-year-old patient, and reports the findings to Wuhan health officials and state-affiliated Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences.

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Dr. Ai Fen, a director of the emergency department at Wuhan Central Hospital, shares a report of a contagious, SARS-like virus in her department group chat on WeChat, a Chinese social media platform. She is later reprimanded by her hospital for “spreading rumors.”

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Dr. Li Wenliang of Wuhan shares the report with his former medical school classmates on WeChat, warning them to take precautionary measures.


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Wuhan Health Commission confirms 27 cases of an unknown pneumonia disease, but said it was “preventable and controllable.” It also says that there have been no infections of health workers, and no apparent evidence that the disease can spread between people.

Chinese authorities notify the World Health Organization (WHO) about the outbreak.


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Officials close Huanan Seafood Market, which they believe may be a source of the outbreak.



A Hubei Provincial Health Commission official tells a genomics company to stop testing virus samples and to destroy all existing samples.



Local police summon eight Wuhan medical workers who had shared information about the virus online, and reprimand them for “rumor mongering.”



Government-run Wuhan virology lab obtains the full virus genome. This information is not made public until seven days later.

The PLA Naval University of Engineering in Wuhan, a military university, bans entry to visitors whose body temperature is over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, according to a leaked internal notice.

JAN. 2




Li contracts the virus while treating an infected patient. He later dies on Feb. 7.

Chinese leader Xi Jinping gets involved in response by issuing the first containment order. This isn’t made public until February.

Xu Jianguo, a lead expert in the response team, tells Chinese state media that researchers mapped the full virus sequence two days earlier, and believe it’s a new coronavirus.

Chinese health authorities share the genome sequence with the WHO.




Two important CCP conferences are held in Wuhan. On Jan. 11, Wuhan health officials report a drop in the number of infections. For the remainder of this period, they report no new cases.

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Countries around the world start imposing border closures and travel restrictions.



Medical staff treat CCP virus patients at a hospital in Wuhan on March 19, 2020.

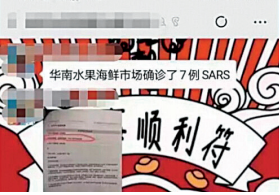


A nurse wearing a protective mask and gear comforts another as they change shifts at the Cremona hospital, in Italy’s northern Lombardy region, on March 13, 2020.

containment measures on Jan. 23, it was too late. The disease had already spread around the country and overseas.

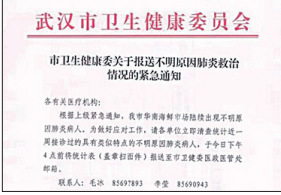
Less than two months later, the outbreak has morphed into a pandemic, spreading to more than 185 countries and territories.

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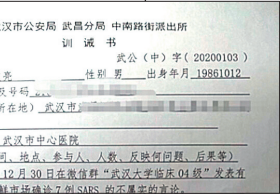
Later that day, Wuhan Central Hospital transmits a notice from the Wuhan Health Commission that warns health workers not to spread information about the “unknown pneumonia,” or face potential penalties.

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Wuhan Health Commission issues an urgent notice, asking hospitals to report any “pneumonia patients with unknown causes.”

JAN. 3




Local police call in Dr. Li Wenliang and reprimand him for “rumor mongering.”

JAN. 4




Hong Kong activates “serious response” level to the outbreak.
Beijing sends a team of medical experts to Wuhan.

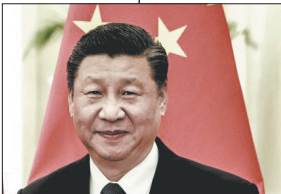
JAN. 13



Thailand confirms its first infection—a Chinese tourist who traveled from Wuhan—in the first known case outside China.




South Korea reports its first case, a 35-year-old Chinese woman who traveled from Wuhan.




Chinese leader Xi Jinping makes his first public remarks about the disease, calling on authorities to take swift action to combat the outbreak, in a speech reported by Chinese state media.

JAN. 28




U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar says Beijing declined an offer to send a team of health experts to China. On Feb. 7, he says the United States had been offering for more than a month.

JAN. 30



The WHO declares the outbreak a global health emergency.



Patients lie in bed inside the new coronavirus intensive care unit of the Poliambulanza hospital in Brescia, Italy, on March 17, 2020.

EDITORIAL

To Resist the Chinese Communist Party Virus, Say No to the CCP

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This year, the CCP virus (commonly known as the novel coronavirus) spread rapidly while the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) concealed the real situation in China, causing incalculable losses to the world.

The plague seems to be unpredictable, but the way it spreads indicates the virus has a goal and a purpose: It is seeking out the CCP in order to eliminate it and the factors associated with it.

So far, the CCP virus has spread to most countries in the world, with more than 2.6 million people infected and 205,000 dead—assuming one takes at face value the official Chinese death toll of 4,642. In fact, many Chinese believe the real number is at least 10 times that.

Facing a huge loss of life and economic devastation, the governments and peoples of various countries urgently need to reflect on the relationship between the plague and the Communist Party, and what individuals and countries should do to avoid the epidemic and save themselves.

The Communist Party’s dark history is intertwined with war, famine, plague, and death. The Epoch Times editorial series “Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party” states that “the essence of communism is an evil specter” whose ultimate goal is to destroy mankind. The CCP is the biggest embodiment of this specter.

The CCP’s 70-year tyranny has killed 80 million Chinese people and destroyed traditional Chinese culture and morality. In the past 30 years, from the Tiananmen Square massacre of pro-democracy students in 1989, to the on-going persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, which began in 1999, the suppression of and misrule over the Chinese people have brought catastrophe to China and the rest of the world.

For nearly 40 years, the CCP has used globalization and economic incentives to bring other countries under the Communist Party’s influence. CCP infiltration beyond China’s borders runs deep in the political, economic, cultural, and educational spheres. Overt examples of PRC influence include the Confucius Institutes programs, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), and telecom giant Huawei. By trapping people and governments within its system of economic interests, the CCP leads them to accommodate its atheist ideology, tolerate its tyrannical rule, and betray the divine.

Misfortune is certain to befall those countries and regions that increased their engagement with the CCP and endorsed it. The path of the CCP virus as it has spread around the world goes through the countries, cities, organizations, and even individuals that are closely related to the CCP.

New York City the Hotspot

As of April 27, according to data from the Johns Hopkins University statistics website, there were more than 967,000 confirmed cases and 55,000 deaths in the United States. The number of confirmed cases in New York state accounted for one-third of the national total, and the number of deaths accounted for nearly half.

Ever since President Richard Nixon’s visit to China in 1972, the United States has provided critical support to the CCP in various forms in the fields of politics, military affairs, diplomacy, economics, finance, education, and science and technology. Later, when the United States helped China to become a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), it gave the CCP access to the international community and caused huge amounts of Western wealth to be transferred to China, making it the “world’s factory.”

Only in the last few years has a general reevaluation of the U.S.–China relationship begun to take place, as American politicians, officials, and think tanks come to realize the role the United States has played in building up mainland China to the benefit of the Communist Party.

Without the help of the United States, and without the support of so many multinational companies, high-tech giants, and large financial groups, the CCP could not have quickly developed from a regime on the verge of economic collapse to an emerging hegemon capable of challenging the United States.

As the world’s No. 1 metropolis, New York City is the global center for the economy, finance, commerce, and media. It is also the location of the United Nations headquarters and has a great influence on global politics, education, and entertainment. With its special status and influence, the city of New York has played

a major role in helping the CCP to achieve its agendas and advance its interests.

Wall Street, which represents American financial capital, has “transfused blood” to the CCP for many years and has become the behind-the-curtain financier helping the Chinese Communist regime prolong its life.

By infiltrating New York’s economy, finance, commerce, media, culture, education, and other fields, and the Chinese-American community, the CCP has channeled wealth and technology back to China. While exporting its ideology and abuse of human rights to the world, it has attempted to seize world leadership and challenge the United States.

These factors have made New York a major target of the CCP virus.

Devastating Situation in Iran

The CCP considers Iran an intimate comrade-in-arms. While the official epidemic figures from Iran aren’t as high as those from some other countries, analysts believe Iran’s figures of confirmed cases and death toll must be greatly underreported. Similar to the CCP, Iran’s authoritarian regime has likely concealed the true scale in an attempt to “maintain social order.”

Many high-ranking Iranian officials have been infected, and many have died as a result, including Iran’s first vice president and the deputy health minister.

The CCP has been supporting Iran for years, offering economic aid and weapons. It has even provided key nuclear weapons technology to Iran in order to threaten and constrain democratic countries.

In the past 10 years, the CCP also made huge investments in Iran, becoming Iran’s largest trading partner. The CCP openly violated international sanctions targeting the Iranian regime and imported a large amount of oil from it.

For the BRI, which the CCP launched in 2013 to export communist hegemony, Iran is an important geographical and strategic hub from which the CCP can penetrate Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Countries in Europe

Aside from China and Iran, out of nations with higher numbers of cases (5,000 or more), Spain has the highest relative number (at least 466 per 100,000 people), with more than 225,000 cases and 23,000 deaths. Three close relatives of Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez and the deputy prime minister have been infected.

The severe epidemic sent a strong warning to Spain that the government’s pro-communist policies have brought misfortune to the country.

Spain was the first EU country to make friendly gestures toward the CCP after the Tiananmen Square massacre on June 4, 1989.

Sánchez chose to build closer relationships with the CCP after taking office in 2018. Not only did he reconfirm Spain’s “strategic partnership” with the Chinese regime, but he also praised the BRI. When the CCP was criticized by various countries for concealing the epidemic, Sánchez still repeatedly expressed support for it.

Italy is the hardest-hit area in Europe. The root cause of its being hit hard by the CCP virus is due to the intimate relationship between the Italian government and the CCP.

Italy is a member of the G-7 and a developed and democratic country. Despite the opposition of its allies, it formed an alliance with the CCP in March 2019 to “strengthen a comprehensive strategic partnership.” Italy is also the first EU country to sign onto the BRI.

Italy has 74 sister-city relationships with communist China, including in the Lombardy region, which has the highest number of infections and deaths, and cities such as Milan, Venice, and Bergamo.

Major European countries such as the United Kingdom, France, and Germany are now also caught up in the CCP virus pandemic. People have suffered huge losses, and even the British prime minister has been infected.

One thing these countries have in common is that they have been “close to” the CCP in recent years. For instance, the CCP wants to use Huawei’s 5G technology to infiltrate the world, but the United Kingdom, France, and Germany have ignored U.S. warnings and given the company the green light.

The areas with the worst outbreaks in these countries—London in the UK, Oise in France, and North Rhine-Westphalia in Germany—have also forged friendly relations with the

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21 Million Fewer Cellphone Users in China May Suggest a High CCP Virus Death Toll

NICOLE HAO

The number of Chinese cellphone users dropped by 21 million in the past three months, Beijing authorities announced on March 19. Deaths due to the CCP virus may have contributed to the high number of account closings.

Cellphones are an indispensable part of life in China.

“The digitization level is very high in China. People can’t survive without a cellphone,” Tang Jingyuan, a U.S.-based China affairs commentator, told The Epoch Times on March 21. “Dealing with the government for pensions and social security, buying train tickets, shopping ... no matter what people want to do, they are required to use cellphones.”

“The Chinese regime requires all Chinese to use their cellphones to generate a health code. Only with a green health code are Chinese allowed to move in China now. It’s impossible for a person to cancel his cellphone.”

China introduced mandatory facial scans on Dec. 1, 2019, to confirm the identity of the person who registered the phone. As early as Sept. 1, 2010, China required all cellphone users to register phones with their real identification, by which the state can control people’s speech via its large-scale monitoring system.

Furthermore, Chinese people’s bank accounts and social security accounts are bundled with their cellphone plans; apps on Chinese phones check SIM cards against the state’s database to make sure the number belongs to the user.

Beijing first launched cellphone-based health codes on March 10. All people in China must install a cellphone app and register their personal health information. Then the app can generate a QR code, which appears in three colors, to classify the user’s health level. Red means the person has an infectious disease, yellow means the person might have one, and green means the person doesn’t.

Beijing claimed that the health codes are intended to prevent the spread of the CCP virus, commonly known as novel coronavirus.



A security guard is reading his cellphone, while securing the entrance of a nearly empty shopping mall, in Beijing on Feb. 27, 2020.

21 Million Cellphone Users

China’s Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) announced on March 19 the number of phone users in each province in February. Compared with the previous announcement, which was released on Dec. 18, 2019, for November 2019 data, both cellphone and landline users dropped dramatically. In the same period the year before, the number of users increased.

The number of cellphone users decreased from 1.600957 billion to 1.579927 billion, a drop of 21.03 million. The number of landline users decreased from 190.83 million to 189.99 million, a drop of 840,000.

In the previous February, the number increased. According to MIIT, the number of cellphone users increased in February 2019 from 1.5591 billion to 1.5835 billion, which is 24.37 million more. The number of landline users increased from 183.477 million to 190.118 million, which is 6.641 million more.

According to China’s National Bureau of Statistics, the country’s population at the end of 2019 was 4.67 million larger than in 2018, reaching 1.40005 billion.

The 2020 decrease in landline users may be due to the nationwide quarantine in February, during which small businesses were shut down. But the decrease in cellphone users can’t be explained in this way.

According to the operation data of all three Chinese cellphone carriers, cellphone accounts increased in December 2019 but dropped steeply in 2020.

China Mobile is the largest carrier, holding about 60 percent of the Chinese cellphone market. It reported that it gained 3.732 million more accounts in December 2019, but lost 0.862 million in January 2020 and 7.254 million in February 2020.

China Mobile’s performance in the same months in 2019 was markedly different; it gained 2.411 million more accounts in January 2019 and 1.091 million more in February 2019.

China Telecom is the second-largest carrier, holding about 21 percent of the market. It gained 1.18 million users in December 2019, but lost 0.43 million users in January 2020 and 5.6 million users in February 2020.

In 2019, it gained 4.26 million in January and 2.96 million in February.

China Unicom, which hasn’t yet published the data for February, shares the same experience as the other two telecoms in January 2020 and in early 2019. The company lost 1.186 million users in January 2020, but gained 1.962 million users in February 2019 and 2.763 million users in January 2019.

China allows each adult to apply for at most five cellphone numbers. Since Feb. 10, the majority of Chinese students have taken online classes with a cellphone number due to their schools being ordered to stay closed. These students’ accounts are under their parents’ names, which means some parents needed to open a new cellphone account in February.

Analyzing the Numbers

The big question is whether the dramatic drop in cellphone accounts reflects the account closings of those who have died due to the CCP virus.

“It’s possible that some migrant workers had two cellphone numbers before. One is from their hometown, and the other is from the city they work in. In February, they might close the number in the city they work in because they couldn’t go there,” Tang said. Typically, migrant workers would have gone to their home city for the Chinese New Year in Janu-

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Tang Jingyuan, China affairs commentator

ary, and then travel restrictions would have prevented them from returning to the city where they held a job.

However, because there is a basic monthly fee to hold a cellphone account in China, the majority of migrant workers—the lowest income group—are likely to only have one cellphone account.

China had 288.36 million migrant workers as of April 2019, according to the Chinese National Bureau of Statistics.

On March 17, Meng Wei, spokesman of China’s National Development and Reform Commission, said at a monthly press conference in Beijing that except for Hubei, all provinces reported that more than 90 percent of their businesses resumed operations. In Zhejiang, Shanghai, Jiangsu, Shandong, Guangxi, and Chongqing, almost all businesses resumed production.

If both the number of migrant workers and the level of employment are accurate, more than 90 percent of migrant workers have gone back to work.

The economic dislocation caused by shutdowns in China may have also led some people who have an extra cellphone to cancel it. With business poor or stopped, they may not want to carry the extra expense.

“At present, we don’t know the details of the data. If only 10 percent of the cellphone accounts were closed because the users died because of the CCP virus, the death toll would be 2 million,” Tang said.

The reported death toll in China doesn’t line up with what can otherwise be determined about the situation there.

A comparison with the situation in Italy also suggests the Chinese death toll is significantly underreported. Italy adopted similar measures to those used by the Chinese regime. The CCP virus death toll in Italy of 4,825 translates to a death rate of 9 percent. In China, where a much larger population was exposed to the virus, the reported death toll of 3,265 translated to a death rate of only 4 percent, less than half that reported in Italy.

Activities in the outbreak epicenter of Hubei Province seem to contradict the reported death toll in China. The seven funeral homes in the city of Wuhan were reported to be burning bodies 24 hours a day, seven days a week in late January. Hubei Province has used 40 mobile cremators, each capable of burning five tons of medical waste and bodies a day, since Feb. 16.

Lacking data, the real death toll in China is a mystery. The cancellation of 21 million cellphones provides a data point that suggests the real number may be far higher than the official number.

The Epoch Times refers to the novel coronavirus, which causes the disease COVID-19, as the CCP virus because the Chinese Communist Party’s coverup and mismanagement allowed the virus to spread throughout China and create a global pandemic.



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Flags on display outside the New York Stock Exchange on April 9, 2020.

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Chinese Communist Party. When the pandemic hit the world, the experiences of European countries sounded the alarm to the world.

Severity in China’s Neighboring Countries Varies
Compared with European and American countries, the situations in the areas near mainland China more clearly illustrate the relationship between the epidemic and the CCP. Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan are all close neighbors of mainland China. The numbers of people infected in Hong Kong and Taiwan are far lower than those in Japan and South Korea. The key difference is in these countries’ attitudes toward the CCP.

Currently, Japan and South Korea each have more than 10,000 confirmed infections. In Hong Kong and Taiwan, which have closer trade and economic relations with mainland China, the number of confirmed cases is only 1,037 and 429, respectively. Among them, the early cases in Hong Kong were imported from the mainland, and later infected persons included riot police and pro-government personnel. The vast majority of cases in Taiwan were imported from abroad.

Since establishing diplomatic relations with the CCP regime in 1992, South Korea has gradually strengthened its economic and trade relations with the CCP. Since the current government came to power, it has moved closer to the CCP and has increased bilateral investment.

Although the relationship between the Japanese government and the CCP is not close, a large number of Japanese companies have invested in China, thereby relying on the CCP and transferring vital resources to it. Japan and the CCP have formed 256 ties of friendly provincial and municipal relations. Among them, Hokkaido, Tokyo, Aichi Prefecture, Kochi Prefecture, and other areas are experiencing serious outbreaks of the CCP virus.

Although Hong Kong and Taiwan have extremely close economic and trade relations with the mainland, the people of Hong Kong and Taiwan haven’t been blinded by their financial interests. In 2019, the people of

Hong Kong launched large-scale protests against the CCP’s control and even risked their lives to stand up to it. The brutal suppression of the Hong Kong protests lay bare the true face of the CCP and awakened the Taiwanese people. Voting this January for a pro-free world president showed the determination of the people of Taiwan to keep their distance from the CCP. The results of the presidential election saved Taiwan.

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In Taiwan today, people aren’t quarantined at home and the economy hasn’t been suspended, yet the number of infections and deaths remains among the lowest in the world. The key to Taiwan’s anti-epidemic success lies in its distrust of the CCP and its refusal to blindly follow the World Health Organization (WHO), which is being controlled by the CCP.

The epidemic situation in Hong Kong and Taiwan reveals the secret of the success of prevention and self-help during the CCP virus pandemic: Only by rejecting the CCP can we resist the CCP virus.

Rejecting the CCP
Major plagues always come on suddenly and then, at a certain point, disappear without a trace. Historical records show that every plague had a clear target.

The bubonic plague at the end of the Ming Dynasty was a typical example. The transition from the Ming to the Qing dynasties, also known as the Manchu conquest of China, was a decadeslong period of battles between the Ming army, the Qing army (established by the Manchu clan in Northeast China), and the Li Zicheng army, a rebel peasant force.

The bubonic plague in this period of time pointed at the Ming army only, leaving the Qing and Li Zicheng armies unaffected.

It can be seen that the arrival of a plague is not accidental. The CCP virus epidemic was triggered by the CCP’s crimes, and it spread globally

due to the CCP’s concealment. The spread of the virus shows a clear pattern: It is selectively targeting the CCP and is aimed at eliminating the CCP and those who are pro-communist or who have close ties with the CCP.

All regions that are hard-hit by the virus outside China are those having intimate ties with the CCP, those who have supported the CCP in terms of trade, investment, or helping the CCP improve its international image. Likewise, individuals who have been the CCP’s supporters often find themselves vulnerable to the CCP virus.

In fact, this spreading pattern helps to point out a life-saving path for all nations and people all over the world. It is a path that directly connects to the spiritual side of all beings.

Recently, there were several cases of people recovering from the CCP pneumonia miraculously after they condemned the CCP. Some cases can be found in media reports.

In March, three key politicians of the Vox party, Spain’s third-largest party, contracted the virus. They are Santiago Abascal, president of Vox; Javier Ortega Smith, secretary-general and the second most prominent official in the party; and Macarena Olona, member of the congress of deputies for Vox.

Amazingly, all three recovered from the CCP pneumonia shortly after they strongly condemned the CCP.

At an EU meeting, Vox proposed a resolution against the CCP and WHO. At a domestic parliament session, Vox requested an international investigation into the culpability of the Chinese communist regime.

In February, Connie Brix, a Danish woman, was infected with the CCP virus while traveling in Spain. Her condition worsened in March. After Brix learned about the CCP’s cover-up of the outbreak, she berated the CCP angrily for wreaking havoc on the entire world. Two days later, Brix’s symptoms disappeared and she, too, recovered miraculously.

In mainland China, after a patient was diagnosed with the CCP pneumonia, he denounced the CCP for concealing the epidemic and other evildoings. He then recovered, with all symptoms disappearing completely.

However, he was then deceived by

the CCP’s brainwashing propaganda and thought the CCP’s medical system was his savior, having provided an effective cure. He even felt thankful for the CCP. As a result, the CCP virus returned—he had a relapse and tested positive again.

These true stories tell us that one’s understanding of and attitude toward the CCP will determine whether he or she is immune to the virus. Rejecting and condemning the CCP is an effective cure for the virus.

Conversely, supporting the CCP, endorsing the CCP, or establishing a close partnership with the CCP, will likely invite the virus. Some may even experience a relapse if they choose to side with the CCP.

Everyone longs for peace and health amid a global pandemic. Facing this sudden disaster, the limitations of modern technology and management methods become obvious. Please keep in mind that the divine has been caring for humanity for thousands of years.

Look up at heaven, uphold your inner goodness, reflect on your actions, and reject the CCP—the representative of the greatest evil. By doing so, you will be protected by the divine. This is the most fundamental protection for mankind.

If someone is infected with the CCP virus, we suggest that he or she sincerely says “down with the CCP.” Maybe a miracle will happen.

Staying away from the CCP and condemning the CCP can help any individual, organization, or country alleviate or even avoid the CCP pandemic entirely. They may then embrace a wonderful future.

The pandemic occurred because of the CCP, and the situation will change when people change their attitudes toward the CCP. For various reasons, some people are reluctant to accept and believe this statement. They are also reluctant to face this serious issue.

Out of concern for the health of mankind and out of a sense of responsibility, we intend to reveal the truth and let more people benefit from it so that they can be free from the virus. We hope all kind-hearted people will get through this catastrophe as soon as possible.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Chinese Communist Subversion of WHO Undermined Global Pandemic Response

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The World Health Organization (WHO) is facing a flurry of criticism for its response to the CCP virus pandemic, and much of the problem can be attributed to the growing influence the communist regime in China has on the organization. Critics mainly point out that the WHO was too slow to recommend travel restrictions and some other preventive measures, and also that the agency accepted information from China at face value, despite numerous red flags.

While China experts were sounding alarms about a coverup, the WHO continued to praise China’s response and never warned the world that data coming from the regime was suspect.

WHO, an agency of the United Nations, has long been swayed by Beijing’s political preferences. Its current head, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, is a former member of a Maoist group in Ethiopia.

As The Epoch Times previously documented, China has been increasing its power over U.N. institutions for years. Beijing’s clout has now gone so far, it undermines WHO’s basic functions, such as providing timely and accurate information about the world’s health situation.

Case in point: the CCP virus.

Timeline

The CCP virus, commonly known as the novel coronavirus, broke out in the central Chinese city of Wuhan around November 2019, before spreading across China and the world.

As of April 14, there are some 2 million confirmed cases of the virus, which causes the disease COVID-19. Almost 130,000 deaths have since been attributed to the disease worldwide.

The WHO has said that Chinese authorities first informed it about the outbreak on Dec. 31, 2019. While that would have been a golden opportunity to mitigate the spread of the virus worldwide, the WHO conveyed none of its information to the world that day.

It appears that only one country had its ear close enough to the ground at that point to respond meaningfully—Taiwan.

By Dec. 31, the island nation off the coast of mainland China had already started monitoring travelers coming on flights from Wuhan. Taiwan authorities also told the WHO that day that Taiwanese doctors had learned from their mainland counterparts that health care workers had been falling ill with the mysterious new virus.

That was crucial information, since it indicated the virus was spreading from person to person. The WHO, however, ignored it, Taiwan officials later said.

It was to be expected of the WHO to ignore that warning. The CCP considers Taiwan a breakaway province and has pressed the U.N. to ignore Taiwan’s existence as an independent country.

Taiwan has been denied membership in the WHO, whose personnel are prohibited from using documents or even information from official Taiwan sources without prior special permission, according to a leaked 2010 WHO memo.

Such permission would involve “coordination with the Permanent [UN] Mission of China in Geneva,” the memo stated.

While Taiwan was getting its response to the virus underway, the situation in Wuhan was quickly deteriorating.

On Jan. 2, The Epoch Times reported on the efforts of the CCP to block information about the outbreak and the high levels of anxiety spreading throughout the city.

A Wuhan Health Commission directive prohibited all medical facilities in the city

WHO advises against the application of any travel or trade restrictions on China based on the information currently available on this event.

The World Health Organization in a statement following the outbreak in Wuhan

In a March 20 tweet, Tedros repeated CCP propaganda, saying that ‘for the first time, #China has reported no domestic #COVID19 cases yesterday.’

World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus attends a daily press briefing on the CCP virus at the WHO headquarters in Geneva on March 11, 2020.

(Foreground) World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (L) shakes hands with Chinese leader Xi Jinping on Jan. 28, 2020. (Background) The logo of the World Health Organization.

“from publicizing medical information without permission,” and online discussions about the outbreak were quickly censored. On Jan. 1, Wuhan police said that they had detained eight locals who had spread “rumors” about the outbreak.

As it turned out, at least some of the suppressed whistleblowers were doctors who had tried to warn colleagues about the new virus.

Panicked locals cleared Wuhan pharmacies of surgical masks and over-the-counter preventive Chinese medicines. China expert and physician Tang Jingyu-an warned a government coverup might exacerbate the spread of the virus.

Meanwhile, the WHO remained silent.

By Jan. 3, the WHO was informed by Chinese authorities of 44 cases, 11 of them severe. That was likely the tip of the iceberg.

On Jan. 5, The Epoch Times reported, citing multiple experts, that the CCP had likely been covering up information about the virus, which was detrimental to controlling the outbreak.

That day, the WHO commented for the first time about the outbreak, disclosing that it had known about an outbreak of a “pneumonia of unknown cause” in Wuhan for five days and recommending that it should be “handled prudently.” But the agency didn’t recommend “any specific measures for travelers.”

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Personnel at Taiwan's Centers for Disease Control use thermal scanners to screen passengers arriving on a flight from Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, at Taipei's Taoyuan International Airport in northern Taiwan on Jan. 13, 2020.



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“Looking after itself, not listening to the WHO in this particular case, I think actually helped,” said Dr. William Stanton, vice president of the National Yang-Ming University of Taiwan and a former U.S. ambassador to China, in a recent interview with The Epoch Times’ Jan Jekielek.

The WHO only managed to get its team to Wuhan for “a brief field visit” on Jan. 20.

On Jan. 17, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sent personnel to screen travelers coming from Wuhan to three major U.S. airports—JFK, Los Angeles International, and San Francisco International, which were getting the highest traffic from the outbreak’s epicenter. More airports were added to the list in subsequent weeks.

On Jan. 20, China confirmed human-to-human transmission.

On Jan. 23, the day the CCP put Wuhan on lockdown, the WHO announced that, despite some internal disagreements, it wouldn’t declare the outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern.”

By then, cases had already started to crop up around the world, including in the United States.

Three days later, Taiwan banned flights from Wuhan and arranged special flights to return its people from the city.

On Jan. 28, while visiting China, the WHO’s Tedros urged the countries of the world “to remain calm and not to over-react,” expressing confidence in the CCP’s epidemic control, Chinese state-run media reported.

On Feb. 3, three days after President Donald Trump prohibited foreigners who had recently been in China from traveling to the United States, Tedros voiced opposition to travel bans, saying measures that would “unnecessarily interfere with travel and trade” weren’t needed.

In a March 20 tweet, Tedros repeated CCP propaganda, saying that “for the first time, #China has reported no domestic #COVID19 cases yesterday.” While for China experts, the news all but confirmed that the CCP numbers were fake, Tedros touted it as “an amazing achievement, that gives us all reassurance that the #coronavirus can be beaten.”

Statistical modeling, eyewitness accounts, and documents provided to The Epoch Times have shown that Chinese authorities concealed the true scale of the outbreak in Wuhan and other parts of China.

Tedros, however, repeatedly praised China for “transparency” in its response to the outbreak—something experts and government officials around the world have emphasized as being the most lacking.

The Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit established in the 1990s by the U.S. government, published on April 10 a detailed timeline of the CCP’s coverup of the epidemic and of the WHO’s culpability in it. The organization also announced it would be adding the

global CCP virus deaths to the historical death toll of communism.

“The WHO has abdicated its responsibility to the entire world population in order to carry water for the Chinese Communist regime,” the foundation’s executive director, Marion Smith, said in a release.

A Personal Connection

While part of the CCP’s influence over the WHO was coming from the U.N., another part of it was played by Tedros himself.

Tedros is a former Politburo member of the Tigray People’s Liberation Front, a Maoist group that had waged a guerrilla war in the 1980s against the Soviet-backed Mengistu regime in Ethiopia.

“The nearest you would put [Tigray’s ideology] to would be North Korea today,” according to Trevor Loudon, an expert on communist movements and front groups.

In the early 1990s, as the regime at the time lost financial support from the collapsing Soviet Union, a coalition of Tigray and other groups overthrew it and ruled the country until 2019.

While on the surface, the government embraced market reforms and democratic elections, ideologically it remained socialist, Loudon said, especially in terms of foreign policy.

“They still keep up their foreign communist connections,” he said in a telephone interview with The Epoch Times.

Tedros, a former health and later foreign minister of the African nation, naturally maintained strong ties with the CCP, embracing projects such as the “Belt and Road” initiative, which serves the CCP to expand its geostrategic influence.

Tedros scored the WHO’s top post in 2017 with strong backing by the CCP’s lobby, despite allegations that he had covered up three cholera outbreaks during his tenure as health minister.

“Chinese diplomats had campaigned hard for the Ethiopian, using Beijing’s financial clout and opaque aid budget to build support for him among developing countries,” Sunday Times columnist Rebecca Myers wrote at the time.

Tedros denied covering up the cholera outbreaks, saying it was just “acute watery diarrhea.”

He has proven adept at playing into Western sensitivity to accusations of oppression.

When an adviser to his British opponent for the WHO leadership brought up the cholera coverups, he accused him of having a “colonial mindset.”

When Taiwan called him out for ignoring its information about the CCP virus, Tedros accused Taiwan of racist attacks.

That accusation seems to have done little to deflect the criticism; a petition calling for Tedros’s resignation has garnered nearly a million signatures.

“I think we have to take a much harder line in terms of how the WHO has handled this virus,” Stanton said. “Because it’s clearly been simply a mouthpiece, in my view, of the PRC [People’s Republic of China] government.”

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Chinese police officers at Beijing Railway Station in Beijing on April 4, 2020.

Instead, it did the opposite. “WHO advises against the application of any travel or trade restrictions on China based on the information currently available on this event,” it said.

Five days later, the WHO addressed the outbreak again.

“From the currently available information, preliminary investigation suggests that there is no significant human-to-human transmission, and no infections among health care workers have occurred,” the agency stated, contradicting information that had been provided by Taiwan.

“WHO does not recommend any specific health measures for travelers,” WHO said. It instead released general information on how to deal with virus infections.

On Jan. 12, WHO said there was “no clear evidence of human-to-human transmission,” slightly adjusting its language.

“Preliminary investigations conducted by the Chinese authorities have found no clear evidence of human-to-human transmission,” WHO announced two days later, never expressing a shadow of a doubt about the Chinese communist regime’s official statements.

At this time, Taiwan had already arranged for its own fact-finding team to travel to Wuhan.

“They didn’t let us see what they didn’t want us to see, but our experts sensed the situation was not optimistic,” Taiwanese government spokesperson Kolas Yotaka told NBC News.

Soon after the team returned, Taiwan initiated testing and reporting requirements for its hospitals.

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Marion Smith, executive director, Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation

Telling Chinese People the Truth About the CCP

CATHERINE YANG

It's not just Americans who are only now realizing the extent of the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) influence and its deceptions—many Chinese living in mainland China are in the same boat.

For nearly 20 years, Jianglan Xiao has taken sharing the truth with the Chinese people as her mission. Working from California, she's trying to warn people in China about the CCP's lies. With the rise of the CCP virus, commonly known as novel coronavirus, they are starting to really listen.

The CCP is capable of vile, outright evil, and it carries out these acts in broad daylight, said Xiao, who grew up in China. "I know, because I know the CCP," she said.

Xiao's father was a school president, which meant that during the Cultural Revolution in the 1960s and '70s, he was sent to labor camps—but not before being publicly denounced and humiliated. This was the norm for all scholars and intellectuals. As a child, she didn't understand what was happening; she only thought that if everyone was saying her father was bad, he must have been bad.

For years, she felt ashamed of him and didn't even want to call him her father.

That's the level of brainwashing the CCP is capable of meting out, Xiao said. It isn't something many in the West can understand, having never experienced it firsthand.

Turning Points

But, in 1998, Xiao's world changed. She was gifted a book by a kind dentist she met who had made an impression on her. When she read it, she realized it was a guide to being a better person.

"Zhuan Falun," the main text of the spiri-

tual practice Falun Gong, teaches truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance. Xiao realized it was completely at odds with the culture she lived in, but that was who she now wanted to be. She took up the practice and did the five meditative exercises every day.

A year later, Xiao got married and moved to the United States. Only a few months after her move, she heard some very upsetting news. Her sister told her that in China, Falun Gong (also known as Falun Dafa) had been officially banned by the Chinese Communist Party and that those who refused to renounce the practice were being detained and sent to "re-education camps"—in other words, brainwashing centers.

At the time, in 1999, the number of Falun Gong practitioners in China had risen to an estimated 70 million to 100 million—many more than the number of CCP members.

While Xiao was shocked, she knew what the CCP was capable of and could see why the Party wouldn't want something so antithetical to its culture to thrive.

"Falun Dafa teaches us to be good people," she said. "The CCP does not want us to be good people."

For Xiao, the CCP's actions also cemented the fact that the Party stood for evil; how else could one be opposed to truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance? Far worse, the CCP began a vicious propaganda campaign that deceived Chinese citizens into believing that the persecution of the peaceful practice was justified.

Calling China

In 2001, from her home in California, Xiao



Jianglan Xiao has made calls to China from California for nearly 20 years, letting Chinese people know the truth about the Chinese Communist Party and news the regime won't let them hear.

COURTESY OF JIANGLAN XIAO



Wen Su informs Chinese nationals at the Sydney Opera House about the true nature of the Chinese Communist Party, in Sydney. She has been persecuted by the Chinese regime for practicing Falun Gong.

COURTESY OF WEN SU

and an elderly neighbor began calling people inside China to try to share the truth with them.

"This was back before we had cellphones," she said. "Some people would scold and curse us, and sometimes I just had to put the receiver down until they were out of steam. And then some of them would listen, and some would believe."

All media in China are state-run and publish the same Party propaganda. With nowhere else to turn to for information, everyone with whom Xiao spoke believed the CCP's lies. "But we had to let them know [the truth]," she said.

Xiao made many calls in those first years, in her spare time. Over the past 10 years, Xiao said, she has dedicated one morning per week to making the calls. And since the spread of the CCP virus, she has been trying to do more whenever she can.

Xiao, and others like her, try to call police stations and centers that are involved in the persecution of Falun Gong. Often, they speak to people directly involved in the oppression—those who say they have orders to go to practitioners' homes, confiscate their books and belongings, and make arrests.

The listeners are almost always terrified, Xiao added, but she and other callers appeal to their humanity, and sometimes that approach works. Some listeners realize that the CCP is wrong but are scared to challenge the Party. Others will stay on the line for only a few seconds before hanging up, but will stay on longer during a subsequent call, listening for minutes at a time.

'Tuidang'

In 2004, amid this brutal persecution of Falun Gong, The Epoch Times published "Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party." The editorial series detailed the history of the CCP and laid bare its crimes against humanity. The truth shocked Chinese people living in China and abroad, and sparked a global movement to quit the CCP, also known as "tuidang" ("quit the party").

The series has since been made available in 33 languages and has inspired more than 350 million people to quit the Chinese Communist Party and its affiliated organizations, to date.

Since the publication of the series, and the start of the movement, Xiao and other callers have asked listeners to withdraw from

the CCP.

CCP Virus Coverup

Things took another turn with the rise of the CCP virus.

"Last December, we already knew about the CCP virus, that it started in Wuhan, but they didn't want to listen," Xiao said. At the time, the CCP was still covering up all news of the virus as if it wasn't spreading in China.

By January, the dam had broken, and people appeared to be starved for the truth. "Since January, they listened very well," Xiao said. But it was short-lived.

Only a week or two later, telephone calls began to be preceded by an automated message from the state reminding citizens to not "spread rumors." The reminder that the surveillance state was watching spooked listeners. Xiao noticed that more people were suddenly hanging up on the calls.

Outreach in Sydney

Ms Wen Su migrated to Sydney from a city in Northeast China in 2001 and has committed herself to clarifying the facts about Falun Gong at the Sydney Opera House over the last 7 years.

Having experienced profound changes to her health after practising Falun Gong, the former doctor sees it as her mission to clarify the facts to mainland Chinese people who have been influenced by the Chinese Communist Party's systematic propaganda campaign.

Ms Su recalled that it was an impossible task at the beginning. Inherently shy, Ms Su always avoided speaking in public.

"When I first started, I was extremely nervous," she recounts. "Many times I just stood there, watching busloads of tourists pass by. They appeared cold and hostile towards us. I just couldn't find the courage to approach them."

She says that her sense of mission helped her overcome her fears.

Ms Su travelled to the Opera House every day, clarifying the facts to tourists and helping them withdraw from the CCP. She gained confidence over time and is now able to talk to an entire group of tourists in a calm and composed manner.

Since the beginning of the CCP virus outbreak, Ms Su switched her focus to making phone calls to mainland Chinese residents in Wuhan, Shenzhen and Shanghai. She helps them understand the facts about the CCP virus pandemic.

She has received mixed reactions. About a third of the listeners are open to listening to what she has to say.

"Normally if they're willing to listen, they will withdraw from the CCP and its affiliated organisations," Ms Su said. For many of the mainland Chinese residents, however, Chinese regime's misinformation campaign has affected them so deeply that they completely reject the idea of quitting from the Party.

"I will continue with what I am doing," Ms Su said. "I have a mission to help the Chinese people see through the destructive lies."



A Falun Gong practitioner takes part in a candlelight vigil at Lincoln Memorial in Washington on July 20, 2017, to honor the lives lost since the Chinese regime launched the persecution eighteen years ago.

A New Epoch



John Tang.

Dear Reader,

As a young Ph.D. candidate who had arrived from China in the 1980s with little more than the clothes on my back, I was looking to make a life for myself in America.

The promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness was new and exciting to me, a far cry from the totalitarian regime I had been living under.

It was truly a life-changing experience. For the first time, I could speak without fearing repercussions from the state. I could take every breath knowing that the next one was a protected, inalienable right.

But though I now lived in a free nation, I was keenly aware that the communist regime still ruled my home country with an iron fist. This was illustrated for me in striking detail when, in 1999, Chinese communist leader Jiang Zemin began a crackdown of the spiritual practice Falun Gong.

I believe that we need both the light of truth and the guidance of tradition now more than ever.

As a Falun Gong practitioner myself, my life had been enhanced by its principles of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance.

And while I was free to practice my faith in America under the First Amendment, I watched as my friends and family in China lost their homes, their jobs, their freedom, and even their lives, simply for refusing to renounce their faith.

What's more, I watched as the media overseas began to parrot the Chinese Communist Party's disinformation about how we were dangerous, how we were insane, how we were a nuisance to society, and how we deserved to be eliminated.

I watched until I couldn't bear to just watch anymore.

I knew that one of the main reasons that this persecution was allowed to go on was because people didn't have access to the truth. Though I could try to convince people one by one, it would be much faster if I could reach the masses.

And with that, in 2000, The Epoch Times was born.

From the start, our founding

principles have been truth and tradition—truth, so that injustice around the world can be exposed, and tradition, so that we can uphold the best of what makes us human.

As the year 2020 continues to unfold, I believe that we need both the light of truth and the guidance of tradition now more than ever.

With the CCP's disinformation once again blanketing the world, endangering the lives of millions with falsified reports about the novel coronavirus, I'm incredibly thankful that I can do more than just watch.

Today, we are a multinational media that spans 35 countries and 21 languages. We are prepared to debunk every lie with evidence and uncover those who pose a threat to the international community, wherever they may be. We strive to dig deep for the facts of the situation while leaving the opinions up to you.

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In truth and tradition,

John Tang, CEO
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A PETITION TO CONDEMN THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

The current global pandemic might have been avoided had the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) been transparent about the virus's early spread.

Instead, **the CCP engaged in a deliberate cover-up.** It arrested whistleblowers and medical professionals, destroyed evidence, and lied about the fact

that the virus could be transmitted from human to human.

These events have exposed the CCP's influence over the World Health Organization, as well as other institutions in the West, including academia and the media.

For decades, the CCP has worked to actively undermine the free

nations of the world in an effort to spread its influence and cover-up its crimes against the Chinese people. It has used economic incentives to encourage companies and individuals to cooperate with the CCP while abandoning the principles of a free society.

It is time for the world to take a stance against the

CCP and condemn it for the loss of life, economic destruction, and fear its pandemic has caused around the world, as well as its horrendous human rights abuses inside China, and its corrosion of nations and societies around the world.

Show your support by **signing this petition** to condemn the Chinese Communist Party.

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CCPVirusTruth.com

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2018

2020



CCP VIRUS

Months ahead of other media in covering the CCP virus, commonly referred to as the novel coronavirus.

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I congratulate you and The Epoch Times for the work you are doing, especially with regard to keeping the menace of the communist threat in front of us.

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