

## COVID-19対CCPウイルス：セマンティクスとモラルに関する討論\*

フレイク・リー\*\*

### COVID-19 vs. CCP Virus: A Debate on Morals and Semantics

Lee FLAKE\*\*

**Keywords:** coronavirus, COVID-19, CCP Virus, semantics, debate

#### 1. Introduction:

What the year 2020 should be known for is subjective, but if asked at the beginning of the year, perhaps most of the students and university staff which the author associates with would respond that the year 2020 is the year of the Tokyo Olympics. Instead this year will go down in history as the year humanity was plagued by

the CCP Virus or the sanitized label COVID-19 or simply “coronavirus”.

At the beginning of the outbreak, it was named the Wuhan virus, with other names such as “coronavirus”, “novel coronavirus”, “COVID-19”, or “SARS”. Coronavirus is a generalization of a subset of viruses which are included in table 1.

Table 1. Identified Coronaviruses

Title:	Scientific Classification:
Human Coronavirus OC43	HCoV-OC43
Human Coronavirus HKU1	HCoV-HKU1
Human Coronavirus NL63 (New Havel Coronavirus)	HCoV-NL63
Human Coronavirus 229E	HCoV-229E
Middle East Respiratory Syndrome-Related Coronavirus	MERS-CoV
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus	SARS-CoV
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome	SARS-CoV-2

[Source:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbKMNpYBCt&t=1283s>]

Before the 2019 outbreak, there were six coronaviruses identified making this latest outbreak the seventh. When a new virus is determined, it is labeled “novel” which carries the meaning of “new”. SARS and MERS are well-known coronavirus outbreaks that are both acronyms. SARS, an acronym for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome was classified in 2003 with an outbreak that infected about 8,000 people with 774 deaths related to the virus as it infected 17 countries around the world at a mortality rate at of 9%. MERS stands for Middle

East Respiratory Syndrome. MERS was first identified in Saudi Arabia in 2012 followed by outbreaks in 2015 and 2017. There have been 2,500 cases of MERS with 862 deaths at a mortality rate of 34%. The 2019 outbreak in Wuhan China was believed to be a new strain of the 2003 SARS virus, so it was labeled SARS-CoV-2. This remains the actual scientific name for the virus. COVID-19, an abbreviation of “coronavirus disease 2019” is the name of the disease that the virus causes and not the name of the virus itself; however, it has become

\* Received October 15, 2020

\*\* 長崎ウエスレヤン大学 現代社会学部 外国語学科,  
Nagasaki Wesleyan University, Faculty of Contemporary Social Studies, Department of Foreign Languages

synonymous for the virus much due to the media and the deliberate rebranding of the virus by the World Health Organization. To put COVID-19 in perspective, one could consider the HIV virus and its resulting disease AIDS. Much like HIV is the virus that causes the disease AIDS, SARS-CoV-2 is the virus that causes COVID-19. Coronavirus is merely a type of virus.

The spikes surrounding the virus is similar in appearance to a “crown” which is the meaning of “corona”. The spikes connect to receptors which allow the virus to hack the cell with its own genetic material. The genetic material found in coronaviruses is RNA. Viruses rely on hacking living organisms to reproduce. Viruses have arguably lived along with living organisms for as long as living organisms have been around. Since viruses must take advantage of living cells from a host, it has been argued that viruses in themselves are not necessarily living organisms. Every living organism—mammals, plants, reptiles, birds, etc. all are essentially hacked by viruses that have evolved specifically to attack living cells to replicate. Nucleotides change quickly as viruses continually evolve. Moreover, through zoonosis, viruses have the potential of infecting organisms of difference species such as in the case of the H5N1 avian flu, when viruses from poultry infected humans. The H5N1 avian flu is an example of zoonosis and virus adaptation. The avian flu first appeared in 1997 in Hong Kong followed by outbreaks in 2003 in the United States and 2014 in Canada.

Life is described as being the “quality or character distinguishing an animal or a plant from inorganic or from dead organic bodies”. “Life” and its interpretations are subjective. Perhaps, the evolving of the spike “crown” on the coronavirus can be interpreted as a living response to give a definition of life to all viruses since the lengthening of the spikes to become more resistant to antibodies could be an intelligent “living” response. The author would like to further this hypothesis by suggesting that the masking of symptoms could be interpreted as an intelligent design or response since this serves to promote the ability of the

virus to more effectively infect a population and reproduce. Individuals who show symptoms are naturally avoided, the lack of symptoms provides opportunity for the virus to infect other hosts which in turn serves to promote the spread of the virus.

Viruses and bacteria perhaps have a more dominant role on this planet. All other life whether carbon-based with blood or plant life with chlorophyll merely serve as a medium of reproduction for viruses. Given enough time and exposure, viruses will successfully mutate and infect various populations of organisms. Pathogenicity or the rate of infection as well as the mortality rate of viruses determine how lethal they are perceived. These factors continue to evolve and change based on each outbreak.

Shi Zhengli is the researcher who has direct knowledge of the CCP Virus through her research. Shi Zhengli directs the Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, a bio-safety level-4 laboratory located in the Jiangxia District of Wuhan. The CCP Virus origins points to the Wuhan Institute of Virology as the viral epicenter. Dr. Sean Lin, the former lab director of the viral disease branch in the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research made this assertion in a documentary authored by Epoch Times senior investigative reporter Joshua Philipp. The report premiered on April 7, 2020 as the first documentary movie on the CCP Virus, tracking down the origin of the Wuhan coronavirus. Philipp’s investigation explored the scientific data, and interviews of top scientists and national security experts. The May 4, 2020 edition of the Sydney Morning Herald that current evidence as well as the Chinese government not cooperating with scientists and blocking all investigations to confirm the origins of the virus merely promotes doubt as to Chinese government’s role in the virus outbreak. Australian doctors and medical researchers quoted from Sky News Australia made statements that the CCP Virus bonds specifically with human cells over other hosting organisms further providing evidence of the lab origins of the virus.

The Chinese government refusing to allow investigations into the origins of the virus is interpreted by this author as merely a ploy to cover up evidence as virus samples have been destroyed and doctors who exposed the pandemic were being reprimanded, censored and criminalized by the Chinese government during the onset of this crisis. Moreover, the deliberate flooding of Wuhan in July 2020 is also interpreted as a desperate act to further hide evidence at the expense of local citizens. The CCP has never been forthcoming with information about the virus. Initially, the CCP criminalized medical professionals in China such as Li Wenliang for exposing the epidemic and forced to deny their statements. When the CCP finally admitted to a viral outbreak, the narrative was that the virus originated at the Huanan Seafood Market, even though it is known that patient zero had no connection with the market. This displacement and misinformation is a tactic of the CCP. Fearing that it might be held accountable for the worldwide pandemic, the CCP shifted its narrative to suggest that the virus originated in the United States and was brought to China by the U.S. military. The CCP changed their rhetoric through media manipulation. Claiming that the virus could not be transmitted between humans and that banning flights from China is “racist”. It was ultimately those who traveled from China to abroad that fueled the spread of the CCP Virus. Governments around the world should never forget this. The CCP was buying back facial masks and deliberately covered up the pandemic for its own interests with blatant disregard to the safety of humanity. While the CCP hid the outbreak in Wuhan, it renewed trade agreements and convinced the World Health Organization into joining in on the censorship and spread of disinformation.

## 2. The Semantics of Diseases:

Semantics is the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with the meaning of a word, phrase or text. The two main areas are *logical semantics*, concerned with matters such as sense and reference and presupposition and implication,

and *lexical semantics*, concerned with the analysis of word meanings and relations between them. A *semantic* argument or dispute is a disagreement that arises if the parties involved disagree about the definition of word or phrase. COVID-19 as a term introduced by the World Health Organization (WHO) and endorsed by many media outlets has dwarfed other titles for the disease. The author maintains that the title CCP Virus is more appropriate and although not as adopted by the media, this title is supported by many media outlets as well as academia. Media outlets that adopt the term CCP Virus include the Epoch Times, NTD News, Sky News Australia, CNA Insider, China in Focus, China Uncensored, The Telegraph, India Today, Crossroads, Al Jazeera, Crux, and Gravitas News.

In 2009, a disease caused by a virus swept across the globe affecting millions. Upon the spread of this disease, it was popularly dubbed the “swine flu” before it was scientifically named the H1N1 Flu. Panicking countries banned the sale of pork products compromising the pork industry. The nation of Egypt slaughtered all 300,000 of the country’s pigs in an effort to cease the spread of the virus (Gómez, 2020). This effort was misguided. Although the 2009 H1N1 Flu evolved in pigs, it was almost exclusively spread from person to person rather than being transmitted from swine to person. It was the name “swine flu” that induced pandemonium.

By those who advocate political correctness it is argued that historically, diseases named after people infected or regions infected could be a potential cause of discrimination. For example the “Gay-Related Immune Deficiency” stigmatized homosexuals; whereas, the name “Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome” (AIDS) is less stigmatic. Spain, as a neutral country during World War I was first nation invested in researching a global pandemic and bring attention to the disease of the time had the disease labeled the “Spanish Flu” by the world. The Politically Correct title is the “1918 Influenza”. The issue for Political Correctness is the fear and stigma created by the name of the disease can be directed onto a people. Prejudice does not prevent the

spread of the disease, nor does the stigma end when a disease is eradicated are the points made by liberal media.

Diseases are oftentimes named after places or populations, and this author believes that correlation to racism is a misinterpretation and highly debatable. Lyme disease is named after an outbreak of the disease that occurred in Lyme and Old Lyme, Connecticut. MERS-CoV, also called “camel flu,” stands for Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, first reported in Saudi Arabia. German Measles is named after Marburg, Germany where the disease was identified in 1967. While the true origins of the Spanish Flu remain unknown, the disease earned its name from Spain. Norovirus was named after Norwalk, Ohio after an outbreak in 1968. Eight years later, Legionnaire’s Disease was named following an outbreak of people contracting the lung infection after attending an American Legion convention in Philadelphia (Paleologos, 2020). This author would debate that discrimination, intolerance or prejudice concerning the names Lyme Disease, Spanish Flu, German Measles, or Legionnaire’s Disease is subjective and based on individual interpretation.

In 2015, the World Health Organization created guidelines for the naming of diseases. Guidelines include the avoidance of people, places, foods, animals, and occupations in the labeling of a disease. The guidelines further state that the disease names could potentially include the symptoms, severity or seasonality (Gómez, 2020). Scientific classification is the most neutral and perhaps the most politically correct method of labeling disease as causal pathogens are the root of the disease name. However, as WBSM reporter Phil Paleologos stated in his May 18, 2020 article, political correctness in labeling diseases has led to rebranding and removing all correlations—geographical or political, associated to the disease. In this way, the virus hosting organism or regional correlations are avoided and in the case of COVID-19, political responsibility is avoided. At the onset of the disease, United States President Trump and Republicans liberally used the terms “Chinese

virus” or “Wuhan virus.” This quickly sparked a debate on racism as the liberal media takes the stance that referring to the coronavirus as the “Wuhan” or “Chinese” virus is bigoted and xenophobic.

Political correctness, as a language reform movement, is seen by this author as having “gone too far” by trying to move beyond the provinces of language into other areas that are inappropriate, ineffective and counterproductive. This author agrees with much of this criticism and believes this is the source of a lot of the current resentment and backlash against this PC movement.

Another even more significant source the backlash towards political correctness is the perceived, whether correct or not, rising intolerance of some who desire to promote certain language reforms towards the speech of others who dislike or resist these attempts. Johnson takes a quote from an editorial in *The Economist* magazine—“The most pernicious form of intolerance is political correctness because it comes disguised as tolerance” (Johnson, 1992). Seigenthaler expresses a similar concern that enforcing politically correct speech is offensive to free speech liberties and to “the traditional concept that the academy should be an open forum” (Seigenthaler, 1993). Taken one step further, the logic of this argument becomes clear. The real problems of prejudice, racism, inequality, and powerlessness, cannot be significantly grappled with without honest, open dialogue, however messy and hurtful it may at times be. Forbidding or discouraging certain terms or certain kinds of speech will not enhance this process, and may instead drive another kind of wedge between groups which must deal with other issues that already divide them.

Concealment of guilt is manifested throughout PC language. Police using violent force to depopulate or neutralize instead of “kill”. War is now known simply as a “police action” or a “conflict” or “disturbance”. Language can be used as a weapon, by the powerful against the powerless and by the powerless in fighting back. However, this author believes that language’s true and most noble purpose is to serve as a

bridge—as a tool for people to communicate with and understand each other.

As language reform enhances sensitivity and understanding, this author endorses it, but when the reform itself becomes repressive it is time to step back and reassess. This author believes that “political correctness” in language is appropriate in certain situations but should never be used as an escape from responsibility as in the case of renaming the CCP virus to COVID-19. This “feel good” effort does nothing for the future of humanity. The Chinese Communist Party, as the author of this pandemic should not have its role lost to the amnesia of time.

### **3. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Role in the Virus Outbreak:**

It is important to realize that the new or novel coronavirus was identified, with the first patients that were part of a cluster of unexplained pneumonia cases in Wuhan, China. The nation of China under the governmental control of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), tried to mask the warning signs of a global outbreak and downplayed its severity, and convinced the World Health Organization to delay declaring a “global pandemic.” Moreover, the Chinese government did nothing to ban outbound international travel deliberately perpetuating the spread of the disease. Rebranding of the CCP Virus is the attempt of the CCP, WHO, and liberal media as a decoy to the corruption of these institutes.

Although the mortality rate of the CCP Virus is less than the 2003 SARS and 2012 MERS outbreaks, the “R” number, or the number of people that one infected person can potentially infect is exponential at a range between two and three. It is extremely difficult to control the rate of infection as the symptoms are masked. COVID-19 has killed more people in three months than those ever infected by SARS and MERS combined in the last 17 years. It is deadly. The fact that the WHO downplayed the seriousness of this outbreak causes one to question the validity of the WHO as an organization for ultimately accepting bribery from the CCP to

line their pockets at the expense of the health of the world that the organization had sworn to protect. The CCP is ultimately to blame for perpetuating the spread of the virus by criminalizing the medical professionals endeavoring to warn the public of the severity of the virus. The WHO as puppets to the CCP made an effort to downplay Chinese government’s role in the spread of the virus by diverting attention and denying the severity of the outbreak and renaming the CCP Virus to avoid responsibility for the outbreak. The CCP openly allowed outbound flights while restricting movement within China blatantly exposing the world to the CCP Virus. As of this writing, the CCP has changed its narrative to blame foreigners for the virus. Xenophobia has become rampant in China as the public has blindly accepted the CCP narrative.

As individuals, we gravitate to interpretations of news and events that match and support our own biases and opinions. Human society is composed of habitually biased creatures. Social media and its algorithms provides a continuous news feed that reflects individual opinion as we see the world through the lens of our smart phones. Information is easily manipulated. As society members, we need to see and know opinions that are different than our own in order to have perspective and to confirm whether the information that we have come to accept is true. The CCP has manipulated an entire nation as the CCP controls the narrative on information as everything that the CCP does not agree with becomes censored. History, events, facts are all contorted to the CCP’s interests.

CCP government tactics are hideous and its actions are a legitimate threat to humanity. The CCP is cancerous to world society. Over the past decade, the CCP approved selling dumplings filled with sawdust, dairy products tainted with the toxic industrial chemical melamine, toothpaste tainted with antifreeze, and other poisoned goods to overseas markets. AMR fed swine in China have caused serious environmental and health risks affecting the entire globe. The deliberate sale of these dangerous products is an act of war. Bio-weapon warfare is evident in the trade

practices of the CCP. Allowing those infected with the CCP Virus to travel the world to spread the CCP Virus could be argued as a form of bio warfare. Catapulting diseased corpses into the cities of one's enemy was a bio warfare tactic in the middle ages and a tactic used by Roman armies. Biological warfare was documented at the 1346 Siege of Caffa and in 1422, during the siege of Karlstein Castle in Bohemia, Hussite attackers used catapults to throw dead bodies and dung over the walls to their enemies. The CCP has resorted to this tactic by deliberately allowing the infected to travel overseas and spreading the virus around the planet.

The CCP has no concern for human liberty. Harvesting organs from prisoners of conscious, denying Taiwan and Hong Kong autonomy, History manipulated and rewritten to fit the rhetoric of a dictatorship. The national characteristics of Taiwanese and Hong Kong citizens do not match Chinese under CCP rule. Uyghurs in Xinjiang and minorities including Tibetans, Mongolians, Koreans, Tujia and Falun Gong practitioner are perceived as a threat to the CCP and are being exterminated. The CCP creates a narrative to criminalize marginalized groups of people reducing the individual to an inanimate entity to render the individual disposable. In July 2020, the United States seized a shipment of 13 tons of human hair determined to have been harvested from Uyghurs who are being held, tortured, and systematically exterminated in CCP created concentration camps in the Xinjiang province of China.

This author is also perplexed that the CCP has controlled the mindset of the population to the extent that any criticism of the CCP government is perceived as an attack on the Chinese people. The Chinese population is overly sensitive of criticism and claiming racism while openly embracing racism in China as foreigners are being blamed for the virus. In order to claim racism, China must first adopt morals in its political ideology that acknowledge basic human rights as the rights of society members including those not directly ruled by the CCP are void.

The People's Republic of China is an

authoritarian state in which the Chinese Communist Party controls all power. At the national and regional levels, communist regime members hold all of the top government, police, and military positions. Ultimate authority rests with members of the regime. Leaders stress the need to maintain stability and social order to perpetuate the rule of the regime. Laws and moral codes as defined by the government are based upon what is considered to be a threat to the regime or not. What is viewed as "right" or "wrong" is not based upon moral principles or rights of the citizens. If some act or item (whether tangible or abstract) is viewed as a threat to the regime it is made by law to be illegal. Citizens of China lack the freedom to express peacefully opposition to the party-led political system and the right to change their national leaders or form a new government. The party's authority is based on the Government's ability to maintain social stability and patriotism through the use of providing a sense of freedom to the citizens and by using tactics of fear induction. China's 1.39 billion citizens are under control of the iron fist of communism.

Justice is a concept that is contradictory to China's criminal justice system. China's constitution provides for an independent judiciary—however, the judicial system is subject to the "policy guidance" of the Chinese Communist Party. Security police and the penal system of China are responsible for numerous human rights abuses. Authorities in the criminal justice system continue to use repressive measures such as intimidation, administrative detention, and imposition of prison terms. Abuses also include torture and mistreatment of prisoners, forced confessions, and arbitrary arrest and lengthy detention. According to China Uncensored reporter Chris Chappell, the nature of the crimes committed by the prisoners is also highly subjective as prisons in China are filled with peaceful protestors, artists, activists, reporters, wrongfully criminalized Falun Gong members, and Christian converts. Prison conditions at many facilities remain harsh. This problem is perpetuated by the government using prisoners

to harvest organs for economic gain. Human rights groups and private organizations have opposed this over the years. With the June 22, 2016 journal publication titled “Bloody Harvest/ The Slaughter” authored by David Kilgour, Ethan Gutmann, and David Matas, the issue of organ harvesting in China has become more visible.

Socialism continues to provide the theoretical control of Chinese politics, but Marxist ideology has given way to economic reform in recent years. China has a mixed economy that continues to expand rapidly. China faces growing problems, including unemployment, underemployment, and regional economic disparities as well as natural disasters. It goes without mention that Chinese citizens are also victims of the CCP virus. Urban areas are also coping with millions of state-workers working for only partial wages or unemployed as a result of industrial reforms. Such workers are harshly punished by the police when they organize public protests to press their demands for employment or compensation. Chinese live in an atmosphere of oppression concerning several important aspects of civil liberties including *freedom of speech and press*, *freedom of religion*, as well as *freedom of peaceful assembly and association*.

Although the Constitution states that *freedom of speech* and *freedom of the press* are fundamental rights enjoyed by all citizens, the Chinese Government interprets the Communist Party’s “leading role,” as taking priority to these rights. It does not permit citizens to publish or broadcast criticism of senior leaders or opinions that contradict basic Communist Party doctrine. The Government continues to tightly control print and broadcast media and use them to propagate the regime. All media employees are under explicit public orders to follow the Chinese Communist Party directives, to “guide public opinion” as directed by political authorities. Journalists must also protect the regime’s image. Public orders from the State Security Law provide strict guidelines that restricts the freedom of broadcast journalists and newspapers to report the news and leads to a high degree of censorship.

*Freedom of religion* is provided in the Constitution, but there is no comprehensive legislation governing religious affairs, the Criminal Law states that government employees who illegally deprive citizens of this right may be punished. However, the Government seeks to restrict religious practice to government-controlled religious organizations and registered places of worship. The Government continues to monitor religious activity.

The constitution also provides for *freedom of peaceful assembly*, but the Government severely restricts this right in practice. The Constitution provides that such activities may not challenge “party leadership” or infringe upon the “interests of the State.” Protests against political systems or its leaders are prohibited. The Government is ruthless against any demonstration. The violent suppression of the 1989 student demonstrations in Tiananmen Square is one of the most publicized events relating a perfect example of the Chinese Government’s injustices concerning human rights. The CCP continues to censor all information concerning the demonstration and refuse to issue an apology concerning this event as well as the slaughter of protestors in Mianyang, and Sichuan. Falun Gong, Tibetans, Christian converts and other minority groups are currently being criminalized by the Chinese government.

Mao Zedong is responsible for the “new” China and the communist rule over China. China would have been better without Mao Zedong as his policies led to the starvation, suffering and death of tens of thousands of Chinese. His dictatorship and the slaughter of his own national citizens is worse than Stalin and Hitler combined. This is well documented and to not admit this history is selective amnesia. His campaign against sparrows was idiotic and his rule was capricious and illogical. His picture ordains the walls of shops, people’s homes and on the currency of China. The CCP is extremely adept at engineering what people think by creating a narrative of its communist history. Citizens under the CCP are lead to believe that Mao Zedong was a great person. The behavior of mainland Chinese nationalist tourists around

the world treads on free speech and free thought. This has surfaced at the Lithuanian Hill of Crosses where people put down their wishes on crosses. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, Chinese tourists openly and shamelessly vandalized crosses written with Hong Kong's pro-democracy messages. In Japan, at temples of the author's current city of residence, mainland Chinese tourists have vandalized and taken down Shinto "ema" (絵馬) or wishing plaques with messages by Taiwanese and Hong Kong residence of hope for independence. The defacement of prayer boards, bulletin boards, and billboards in Australia, Japan, and the United States by Chinese tourists and students have become rampant since the Hong Kong pro-democracy demonstrations. Chinese graffiti on historic artifacts in Egypt and defacement of the Lennon Wall made the news in 2019. Although residents of the world that have not been indoctrinated with CCP propaganda see Mao Zedong as a tyrant and a murderer, when visiting China as foreign tourists, they do not actively vandalize or deface portraits of Mao Zedong. This respect should be mutual. Because Mao Zedong is honored in China, it is out of respect that his image is not a target for vandalism by free thinking foreign tourists in mainland China. It is disheartening that certain nationalist Chinese tourists and students have been found to not reciprocate this respect when abroad. If a Chinese tourist or student sees a flier promoting freedom for Taiwan, Hong Kong, Tibet, etc. while traveling or residing abroad, they are to likewise respect such statements by not vandalizing. Beyond the moral code of respect, it is also the law to not vandalize. It is the insular mindset of Chinese abroad behind the formation of Chinese communities or "China Towns". Cultural acceptance tends to be one-sided as China seeks to expand through aggressive land grabs and cultural imperialism, immigration, and worldwide settlement campaigns, Chinese citizens look at the world through the lens they were socialized and indoctrinated into having by the CCP.

#### 4. Conclusions:

Perhaps there are those who would warn that it is best to not research topics that pertain to religion or politics. Censorship is counter-intuitive and has no place in academia. This author feels that freedom of press and freedom of speech should be celebrated. The coronavirus pandemic labeled as CCP virus is non-discriminatory since it focuses on the government responsibility—the Chinese Communist Party's responsibility for this virus. The Chinese government is a separate entity and is not associated with the Chinese people or the nation of China. On the other hand, labeling the coronavirus the "Wuhan" or "Chinese" virus would be considered discriminatory as it attaches a label to a region or people. The CCP as a dictator government that denies its citizens freedom of press, speech and access to information, continues its disinformation campaign in order to avoid being held responsible.

International newsgroup Epoch Times calls for signatures to petition to investigate, condemn, and reject the Chinese Communist Party (ccpvirustruth.com, 2020). The petition by Epoch Times makes the following three statements:

- condemn the CCP for its crimes against humanity;
- demand that governments around the world begin investigations into CCP subversions;
- hold the CCP responsible for the damage it has caused both financially and in terms of lives lost around the world.

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is directly responsible for the current global pandemic that has caused a staggering death count and the loss of businesses, jobs, and income. The CCP lied about the origin of the outbreak and covered it up, costing the world six valuable weeks of preparation. The virus started in central China, and might have been contained there—but instead, it was allowed to spread, creating a global pandemic. This deliberate spreading of the coronavirus is a crime against humanity.

Unfortunately, the virus is only the tip of the iceberg. For decades, the CCP has been actively undermining the economies, national security,



and moral fabric of nations around the world. The CCP steals from wealthy nations, such as the United States, through cyberattacks and intellectual property theft, and enslaves developing countries through debt-traps. The CCP has infiltrated vital institutions around the world—such as universities, news media, governing bodies, and international organizations like the United Nations and World Health Organization. The Confucius Institute has pushed the CCP agenda at academic institutes around the world. Furthermore, the CCP uses its many propaganda channels to promote its ideology around the world in an effort to sow discord and cover up its own crimes.

For the nation of Japan, the most comprehensive information on the CCP Virus comes from the official webpage for the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) accessible under the URL <https://www.mhlw.go.jp>. This webpage includes the latest information on government policies and measures including quantitative data on cases, hospitalization and discharges.

This author gives thanks and praise to Nagasaki Wesleyan University and its support for upholding a standard of freedom. No doubt articles presented would have been entirely censored in China and the CCP would have criminalized this author for the content of these research notes. Having an opinion is not a crime—especially when an opinion is formulated through research and empirical evidence. Empirical evidence derives from the Greek word *ἐμπειρία* meaning to experience. Empirical refers to the information received by means of the senses, particularly by observation and documentation of patterns and behavior through experimentation. The scientific method follows a pattern of formulating questions and hypothesis and testing to support or disprove a specific theory while utilizing empirical data information that comes from research. Before any piece of empirical data is collected, scientists carefully design their research methods to ensure the accuracy, quality and integrity of the data. If there are flaws in the way that empirical data is collected, the research will not be considered valid.

As we consider the CCP Virus and the global community we have a global tourism industry that was well established. The global climate is not one of a ravishing world war where soldiers are battling in disease-ridden trenches are returning home spreading disease like during World War I. We are, if anything more connected to each other in the world—not only through politics and trade, but through our health as well. The global community is one community and shifting blame does nothing to protect ourselves. However, taking responsibility and doing one's part is what connects the global community. In order for the CCP to join the global community, transparency, honesty, and responsibility towards its mishandling of the CCP virus must first be acknowledged.

The author resides in a nation that allows for free expression and logical debate. Truth, if critical toward the CCP is changed to fit the rhetoric of the CCP party's agenda. The author has observed a quantifiable decline in human rights and freedom in most all countries around the world as confirmed through his 2019 research titled "Thoughts on Political Systems and Human Rights in Asia" and his research on the Human Freedom Index (HFI) report.

As of July 2, 2020, Hong Kong has fallen into the CCP's authoritarian control further dampening the plight of freedom in the world. On July 5, 2020, the UN council voted concerning China's hostile takeover of Hong Kong. The countries that supported China were Antigua and Barbuda, Bahrain, Belarus, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo-Brazzaville, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, North Korea, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Papua New Guinea, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syria, Tajikistan, Togo, UAE, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Many of these countries are under financial control of China and blindly vote in support of China. Countries

that opposed China's hostile takeover of Hong Kong were Australia, Austria, Belgium, Belize, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Iceland, Ireland, Germany, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, and the U.K. Japan was the only country in Asia to oppose China. South Korea and Vietnam remained silent and the United States left the UN council two years ago for the very reason of communist influences skewing the UN vote. This is the world today. Nations are becoming polarized as a direct result of CCP influence and control.

Whether this author is venting his spleen or merely stating the obvious, by putting his name to this paper and for having formally spoken against the CCP in the past, the author is an enemy to the CCP and certain to continue to be criminalized by the CCP as a target for the “wumao” (五毛) or the legion of Internet trolls paid by the CCP in an attempt to manipulate public opinion to follow the CCP and its narrative. Nevertheless, this author avidly believes that to sit by in silence is the greatest crime. This author maintains that those who are intellectually honest will research the facts and be vocal about the injustices they find.

#### References:

- BBC (2017). *North Korea conducts ballistic missile test*. BBC News Asia. February 12, 2017. Available online at: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-38947451>.
- Chappell, Chris (2017). *China Uncensored. US Fines Chinese Tech Giant ZTE \$1.2 billion*. Available on YouTube channel at URL: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgFP46yVTGG4o1TgXn-04Q>.
- Epic Times (2020). *Petition to investigate, condemn, and reject the Chinese Communist Party*. Online. Available at: <https://ccpvirustruth.com/>.
- Gómez, Julián Gustavo (2020). *How to Name a Disease*. MinuteEarth YouTube channel, March 21, 2020. Retrieved May 4, 2020 from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xsQwTgwcFM>.
- Johnson, Jeff (1992). *Literature, Political Correctness and Cultural Equity*. *English Today: The International Review of the English Language* Apr. 1992: 44-46.
- Kanzaki (1998). *Political Parties and Youth Organizations in Asia*: (14 July 1998). n. pag. Online. Available: <http://kanzaki.com/jinfo/PoliticalParties.html>.
- Kim, Sam (2016). *Park's Problems Are Shifting South Korea's Political Map*. Bloomberg News. November 17, 2016. Available online at: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-11-16/park-s-hometown-rebellion-signals-shift-in-korea-political-map>.
- Matsuzaki, T. (1998). *Institute for Contemporary Politics. Political Parties in Japan*: (12 March 1998). n. pag. Online. Available: [http://www.geocities.com/Capi/tolHill/Lobby/8008/political\\_parties.html](http://www.geocities.com/Capi/tolHill/Lobby/8008/political_parties.html).
- MHLW (2020). *COVID-19 homepage the official webpage of the Japan Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare*. Available at [https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/newpage\\_00032.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/newpage_00032.html).
- Mohammadi, Fatehem (2015). *20 things the U.S. did to help Saddam against Iran*. Khamenei News available online at: <http://english.khamenei.ir/news/21/68/20-things-the-U-S-did-to-help-Saddam-against-Iran>.
- Paleologos, Phil (2020). *Saying 'Chinese Virus' Isn't Racist*. WBSM article, March 18, 2020. Retrieved May 4, 2020 from: [https://wbsm.com/saying-chinese-virus-isnt-racist-philosophy/?utm\\_source=tsm\\_clip&utm\\_medium=referral](https://wbsm.com/saying-chinese-virus-isnt-racist-philosophy/?utm_source=tsm_clip&utm_medium=referral).
- Phillip, Joshua (2020). *Tracking Down the Origin of the Coronavirus, the first documentary movie on the CCP Virus by Epoch Times*. Premiered April 7, 2020. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bXWGXhd7ic>.
- Serpentza (2020). *The Chinese Government has FOOLED you!* April 20, 2020. N pag. Online. Available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQaNdTKQyLY&feature=youtu.be>.
- Seigenthaler, John. *Politically Correct Speech: An Oxymoron*. Editor & Publisher 126 (1993): 48, 38+.

Smith, Shane (2012). Vice News. *The Business of War: SOFEX*. Available on YouTube channel at URL: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QL\\_3Qg-SADY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QL_3Qg-SADY).

Stanford Guide to Japan Information Resources (1998). *Politics/ Administration Political Parties*: n. pag. Online. Available: <http://www.ouc.bc.ca/mola/jp/links-politics.htm>.

Then, R.H.W. & Wilson, F.L. (1996). *Comparative Politics: An Introduction to Seven Countries*. (Third Edition). New Jersey: Prentice Hall Publishing.

