



COVID-19

A GLOBAL CRISIS EXAMINED

Cooperating to Control COVID: Global Governance and the Role of the World Health Organization

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Our Contemporary Context

pandemic

protests

lockdown

violence

elections

fires

hope?

climate change

*Regarding COVID-19,
what is one thing that you are hopeful for?*

Our Course Context

- * The science of the virus and the vaccine
- * From my humanities colleagues:
 - * Understanding others and contexts on their own terms; plagues in history; colonialism; art; social determinants of health; rights vs. responsibilities; ethics
- * Today: sneaking in with a bit of the global politics and systems of pandemic response
- * Looking ahead: psychology of non-compliance, social media, the limits of historical analogies, theater and telling the story of the pandemic, and finally: restoring hope
- * Connections

Today

What is the role of global cooperation, particularly through the World Health Organization (WHO), in responding to COVID-19?

1. Introduce concepts regarding global governance and cooperation;
2. Explain what the WHO is and its varied responses (and results) in response to COVID-19 and other disease outbreaks (i.e., the 2014 Ebola outbreak); and
3. Explore the possibilities and complications that arise through global cooperation in times of crisis, especially in the context of global inequalities.

1. What is International Relations?



The Rise of Liberalism

- * Concerned with morality, rationality, human good
- * Gains through search for international governance
- * Post-World War I and II Institution Building
 - * League of Nations to the UN
 - * Collective Security: NATO
 - * Democratization



Liberalism's Key Claims

1. States act their best when there is morality and law in world governance
2. Use reason and rationality to help cooperation and achieve mutual goals, especially peace



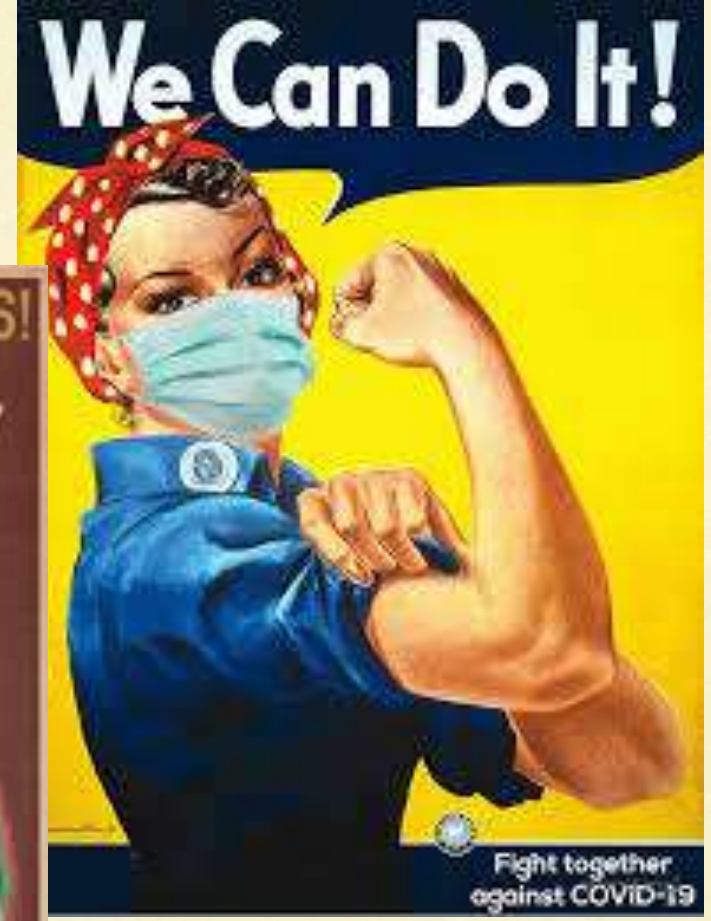


Teamwork

**SCARY THINGS WILL
HAPPEN**



**IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW
THE RULES**



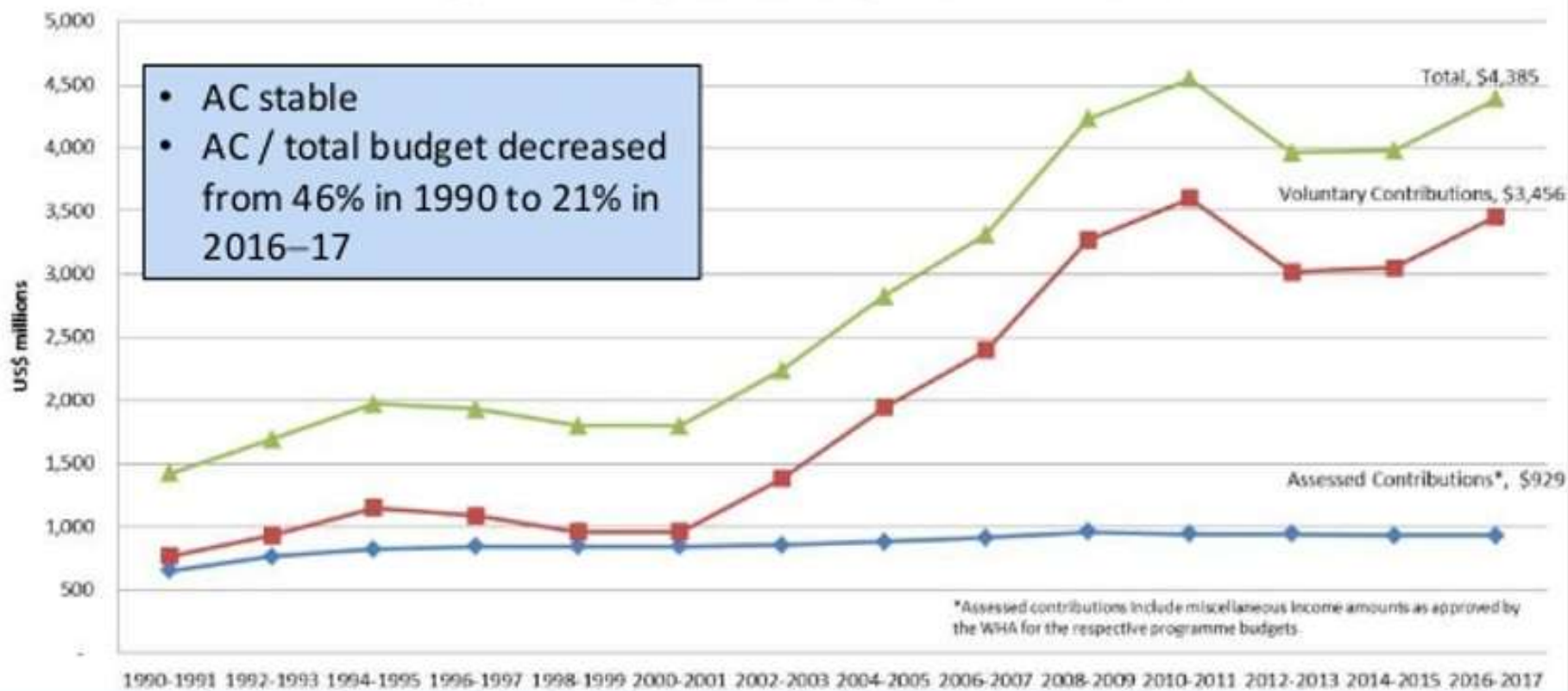
Recap: Liberalism

- * States should seek absolute gains (can be mutual)
- * Institutions (not just states – things beyond states) key to cooperation
 - * Cooperate for absolute (mutual) gains
 - * Biggest threat is non-compliance
 - * Institutions thus important
- * Many Actors: International Organizations, International Law, Multinational Corporations, International NGOs, etc.

2. How What When Why WHO?

- * The World Health Organization, an agency of the United Nations, focused on International Health
 - * 194 member states
- * Partners with other initiatives, does research, provides support, monitors trends, sets norms
- * In short: Information and Organization
- * Budget: \$4.4 Billion – \$6.27 Billion
 - * 20% dues, rest voluntary (often earmarked)
- * Non-binding guidance

WHO Approved Programme Budget from 1990 to 2017



U.S. Contributions to the WHO, FY 2010-FY 2019

in Millions

● Voluntary ● Assessed



WHO's Record



HEALTH • EBOLA

Experts Say the WHO's Response to the Ebola Crisis Has Been a 'Failure'

THE LANCET

HEALTH POLICY | [VOLUME 386, ISSUE 10009, P2204-2221, NOVEMBER 28, 2015](#)

Will Ebola change the game? Ten essential reforms before the next pandemic. The report of the Harvard-LSHTM Independent Panel on the Global Response to Ebola

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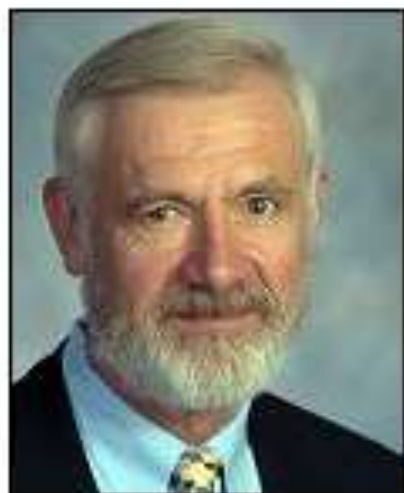
WORLD NEWS

THE MAGAZINE OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION - MAY 1980

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SMALLPOX IS DEAD!

William Foege



Dr William H. Foege is Emeritus Presidential Distinguished Professor of International Health, Emory University, and a Gates Fellow.

Dr Foege, an epidemiologist, worked in the successful campaign to eradicate smallpox in the 1970s. Dr Foege became Chief of the CDC Smallpox Eradication Program, and was appointed director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 1977. In 1984, Dr Foege co-founded the Task Force for Child Survival, a working group for WHO, UNICEF, The World Bank, UNDP, and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Dr Foege served The Carter Center between 1986-1992 as its Executive Director, Fellow for Health Policy and Executive Director of Global 2000. Between 1992-1999, he contributed to the Centre's work as a Fellow and as Executive Director of the Task Force for Child Survival and Development. Between 1999-2001, Dr Foege served as Senior Medical Advisor for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

WHO's Role during COVID-19

- * Monitoring
- * Guidance
- * Providing Essential Supplies
- * Participating in vaccine creation
 - * COVID-19 Vaccines Global Alliance, COVAX)
 - * Coronavirus Technology Access Pool

3. Cooperating to Control COVID

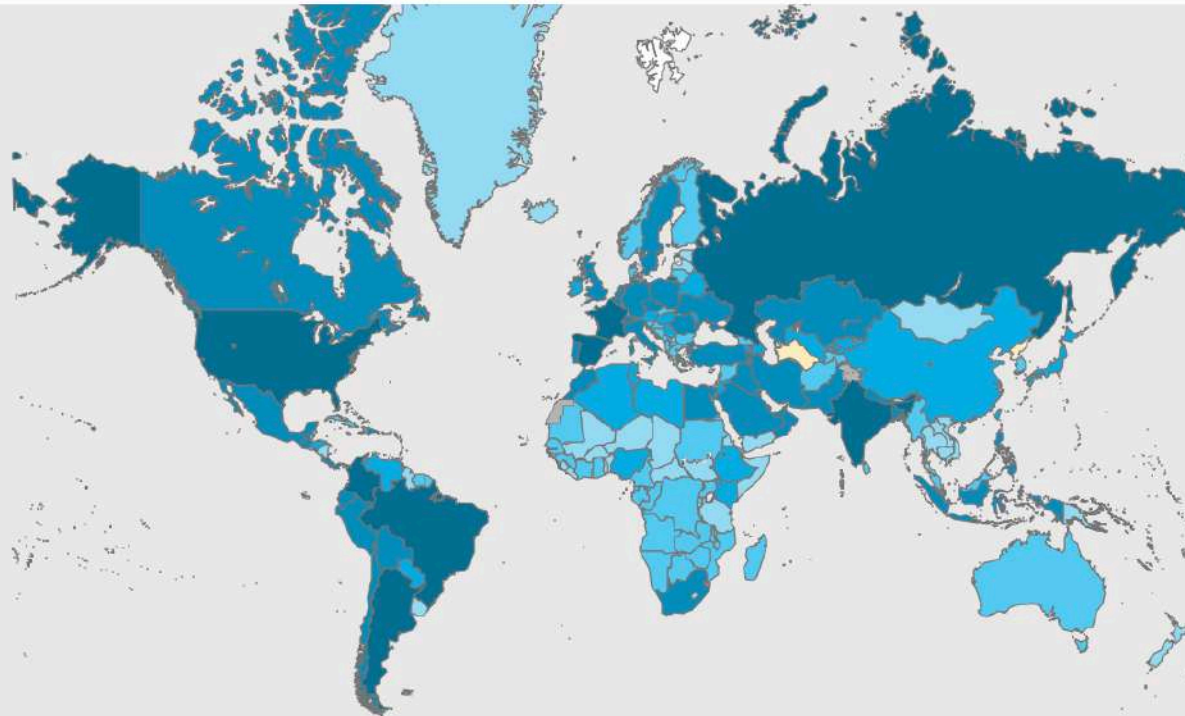
WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard

Date last updated: 2020/10/28, 3:56pm CET

[Overview](#)

[Data Table](#)

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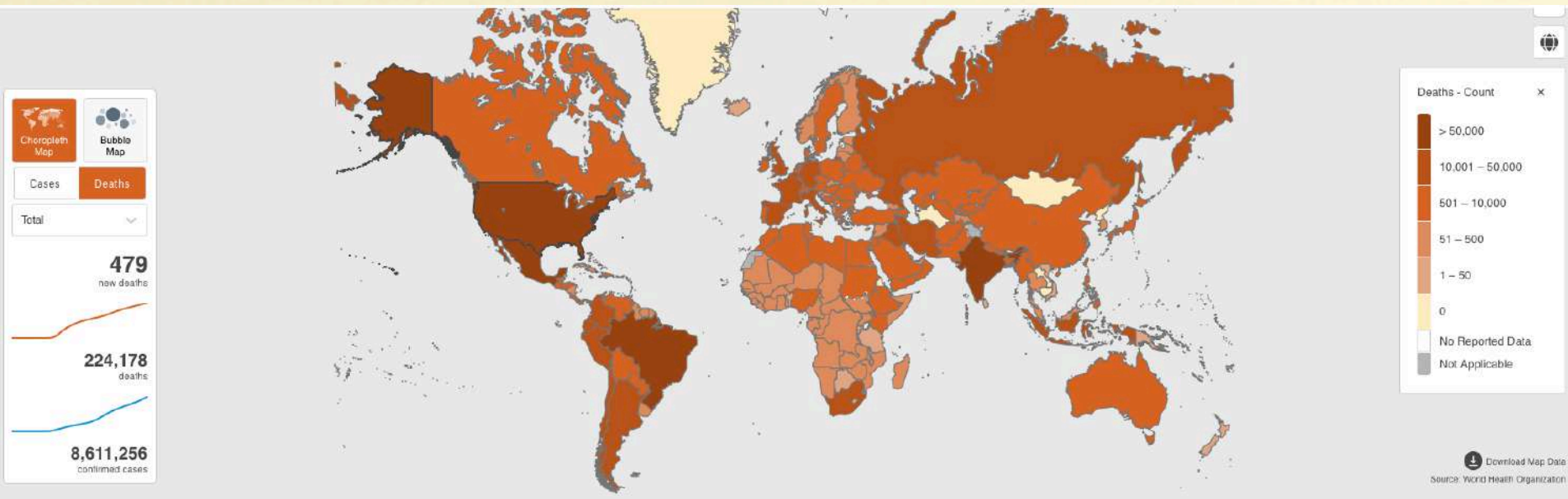


404,159
new cases

43,766,712
confirmed cases

1,163,459
deaths

Globally, as of **3:58pm CET, 28 October 2020**, there have been **43,766,712 confirmed cases** of COVID-19, including **1,163,459 deaths**, reported to WHO.



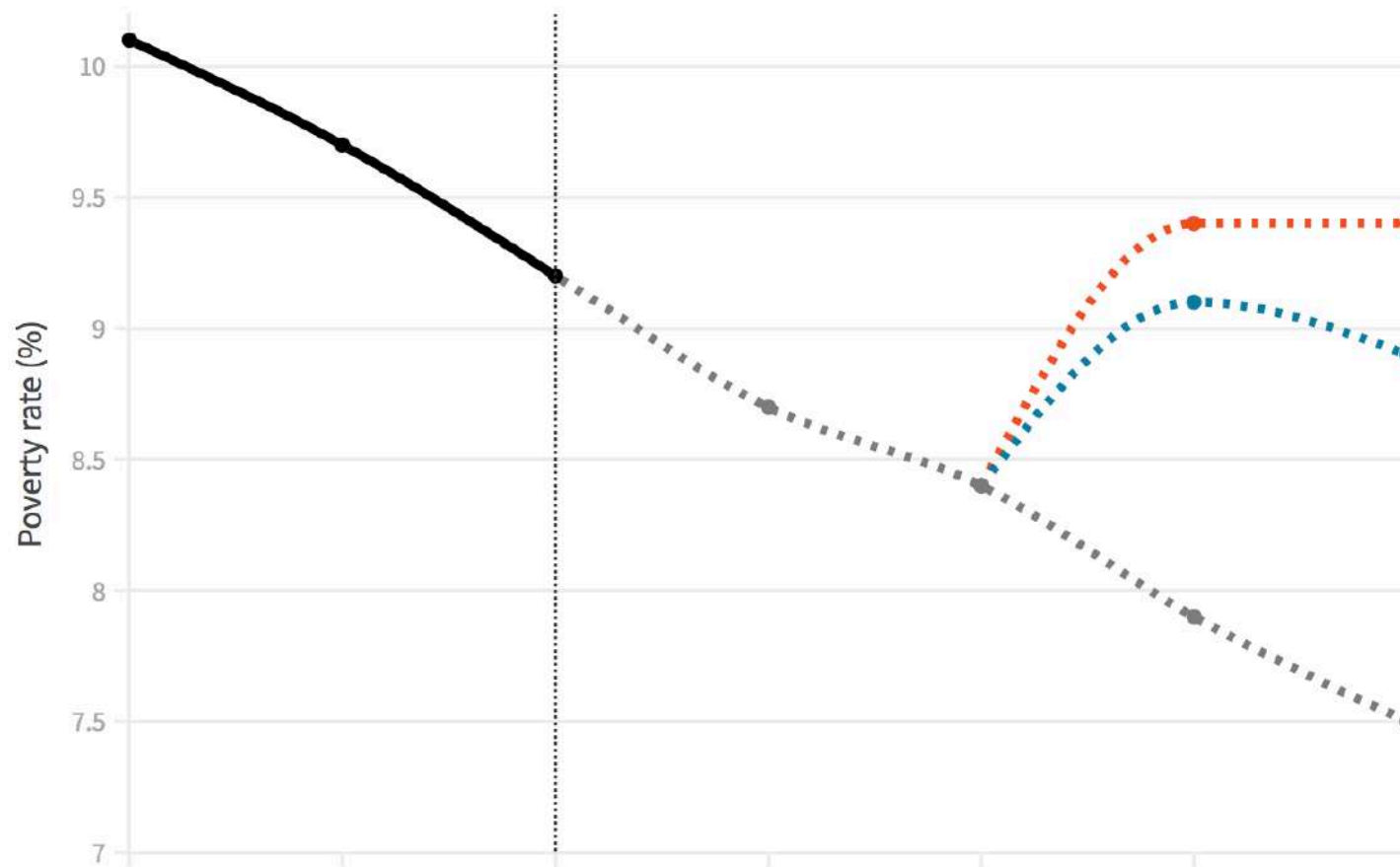
In **United States of America**, from **Jan 3** to **3:58pm CET, 28 October 2020**, there have been **8,611,256 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 with **224,178 deaths**.

Cancel: Culture and COVID

- * Controlling COVID-19 is not just a domestic task with national ideas about science, masking, freedom, etc., at play – it also depends on a global culture of cooperation
 - * Pandemics without borders.....
- * US first?
 - * Gamble for the US to win vaccine race
 - * Compromises global distribution and risk management
- * Global Inequality and Global Development
 - * Pandemic could push another half billion into poverty – more than half the world's population impoverished

Figure 1: The impact of COVID-19 on global extreme poverty

- COVID-19 downside poverty rate (%) under \$1.90
- COVID-19 baseline poverty rate (%) under \$1.90
- Pre-COVID-19 poverty rate (%) under \$1.90
- Historical number of poor (%) under \$1.90



Source: Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2020, PovcalNet • Note: Extreme poverty is measured as the number of people living on less than \$1.90 per day. 2017 is the last year with official global poverty estimates. Regional nowcasts can be found [here](#):

<https://public.flourish.studio/visualisation/3954911/>



