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In recent weeks, ominous warnings of health threats and potential pandemic have dominated media headlines. Speculation about possible causes and consequences has provoked fearful reactions worldwide. The effects are manifold. In Mexico, thriving communities have turned into ghost towns and May Day celebrations honouring International Workers' Day have been curtailed as yet another "precautionary measure". Indeed such measures are placing serious pressures on all workers, to the extent that not only their health, but also their livelihoods are threatened.

A combination of media disinformation and scare tactics have been clouding some very important issues, and we are encouraged to see the number of questions arising from Global Research readers and people around the world who are not willing to "bury their heads in the sand" or settle for only half the story. This response shows us that there is a demand for truth, for analysis, for critique and insight. The more questions are asked, the less leaders and media can avoid honest answers and accountability.

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