

## Selected Articles: The Bigger Picture Is Hiding Behind A Virus

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### [Critical Shortage of Ventilators and Protective Gear Persists](#)

By [Stephen Lendman](#), April 03, 2020

Governor of hard-hit NY state Anthony Cuomo stressed that if a patient “needs a ventilator” and they’re all in use because of an insufficient supply, “the person dies” from suffocation.

That’s the disturbing reality of a critical national shortage at a time when they’re vitally needed.

As daily COVID-19 infections increase exponentially in the US, numbers on Friday will way exceed 250,000 by day’s end.



### [Can We Trust the WHO?](#)

By [F. William Engdahl](#), April 03, 2020

The most influential organization in the world with nominal responsibility for global health and epidemic issues is the United Nations' World Health Organization, WHO, based in Geneva. What few know is the actual mechanisms of its political control, the shocking conflicts of interest, corruption and lack of transparency that permeate the agency that is supposed to be the impartial guide for getting through the current COVID-19 pandemic. The following is only part of what has come to public light.



### [COVID-19: Cover for Military Attack on Iran and Iraq?](#)

By [Kurt Nimmo](#), April 03, 2020

Now that the American people are consumed with fear and loathing of an overblown virus "pandemic," the neocons around Trump see a chance to finally and decisively deal with Iran—not simply by blocking humanitarian aid but also piling on more sanctions and, possibly within a matter of days or weeks, attacking Shi'a militias in Iraq and possibly launching a long-promised direct military attack on Iran proper.



### [The Bigger Picture Is Hiding Behind a Virus](#)

By [Jonathan Cook](#), April 03, 2020

Under cover of the public's fear, and of justified concerns about the state of the economy and future employment, countries like the US are transferring huge sums of public money to the biggest corporations. Politicians controlled by big business and media owned by big business are pushing through this [corporate robbery](#) without scrutiny – and for reasons that should be self-explanatory. They know our attention is too overwhelmed by the virus for us to assess intentionally mystifying arguments about the supposed economic benefits, about yet more illusory trickle-down.



### [Why Did Russia Just Halt Domestic Gold Purchases?](#)

By [Zero Hedge](#), April 03, 2020

In recent years, [as Kitco notes](#), the Russian central bank has dominated the gold market, consistently increasing its gold reserves every month for the last three years. According to data from the World Gold Council, the Russian central bank bought 158.1 tons last year. The

WGC data shows that the central bank bought 8.1 tons of gold in January.



### [New York Fed December 2019 Plans to Throw \\$2.93 Trillion at Wall Street's Trading Houses](#)

By [Pam Martens](#) and [Russ Martens](#), April 03, 2020

The New York Fed's repo (repurchase agreement) loan program began on September 17 when repo loan rates spiked from approximately 2 percent to 10 percent – meaning either liquid funds were not available to loan or the mega banks on Wall Street were backing away from lending to certain counterparties. Repo loans are typically between banks, hedge funds and money market funds on an overnight basis and are made against good-quality collateral. Since that time, the New York Fed has been making these loans to the tune of hundreds of billions of dollars weekly.



### [10 Signs the U.S. Is Heading for a Depression](#)

By [Mike Whitney](#), April 03, 2020

Thursday's jobless claims leave no doubt that the country is in the grips of another severe recession. More than 6.6 million Americans filed for unemployment insurance in the last week. That number exceeds the gloomiest prediction of more than 40 economists and pushes the two-week total to an eye-watering 10 million claims.



### [China Rolls Out the Health Silk Road](#)

By [Pepe Escobar](#), April 03, 2020

When President Xi Jinping was on a phone call in mid-March with Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte, before the arrival of a China Eastern flight from Shanghai to Milan full of medical help, the key takeaway was the Chinese pledge to develop a [Health Silk Road](#) (Jiankang Sichou Zhilu).

That was in fact already inbuilt in the Belt and Road Initiative playbook since at least 2017, under the framework of enhanced, pan-Eurasian health connectivity. The pandemic only accelerated the timeline. The Health Silk Road will run in parallel to the multiple overland Silk Road corridors and the Maritime Silk Road.

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