

## **Trump Regime COVID-19 Blame Game**

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The US needs enemies to pursue its imperial agenda. None exist so they're invented.

Most often they're sovereign independent nations the US doesn't control, making them a prime targets for regime change — notably if they're oil rich like Iran and Venezuela or powerful enough to challenge US hegemonic aims like Russia and China.

Time and again, US regimes falsely blame other nations for their own wrongdoing.

Russia is a prime target, blamed repeatedly by US hardliners for things it had nothing to do with.

The Russians did it Big Lie has a life of its own, notably because US establishment media operate as press agents for the imperial state and other privileged interests — at the expense of truth and full disclosure.

China is a prime target because of its growing prominence on the world stage politically, economically and militarily.

Major Sino/US differences have nothing to do with trade, everything to do with Washington wanting China marginalized, weakened, contained and isolated industrially, technologically, and militarily.

Trump and others surrounding him turned truth on its head, calling COVID-19 the "Wuhan virus."

Most likely it originated in the US. A Taiwanese virologist suggested it, saying "Japanese (nationals visited) Hawaii (in September 2019) and returned home infected."

Since 2018, China also had significant outbreaks of bird flu and African swine flu. Was bad luck responsible or US biowarfare — its specialty throughout the post-WW II period, along with use of chemical, radiological and other banned weapons.

Since gaining independence from US control in 1959, Washington waged war on Cuba by other means — following its humiliating 1961 Bay of Pigs defeat by Cuban revolutionary forces.

US proxies attacked the country's sugar mills by air. A Belgian ship in Havana was blown up, killing crew members and dock workers.

Stores, theaters and other targets were dynamited. Dozens of bombings and other attacks occurred.

Hundreds of attempts to assassinate Fidel Castro failed. The CIA conducted biological warfare against the country.

Toxic viruses destroyed sugar cane and other crops. A US biological attack contaminated half a million pigs in Cuba with swine fever.

Dengue fever introduced in the country harmed over 340,000 people, killing at least 158, including 101 children.

Cubana flight 455 was terror-bombed in by former CIA agent Luis Posada Carriles, killing passengers and crew on board.

Despite all of the above and much more thrown at Cuba by Washington and its proxies, the country remains proudly independent of US control.

It remains on the US target list for regime change along with all other sovereign independent countries — what the scourge of US imperialism is all about, a diabolical plot to achieve unchallenged global dominance, no matter the human cost.

Failure by the Trump regime to address COVID-19 outbreaks in the US responsibly bears full responsibility for growing outbreaks that could have and should have been brought under control by now.

The US knew of the threat since early 2017 but did nothing to prepare. Claiming what's ongoing was "unforeseen" by Trump is one of many of his bald-faced Big Lies.

If responsible actions were taken at the time, things would likely be under control as China achieved in controlling and largely eliminating outbreaks — even though one or more new waves remain possible in the country and elsewhere.

According to the Daily Beast (DB), citing information from two US officials and a Trump regime cable, "the White House...launch(ed) a communications plan across multiple federal agencies that focuses on accusing Beijing of orchestrating a 'cover-up' and creating a global pandemic."

Trump's National Security Council appears to be behind the mass deception campaign.

The cable obtained by DB claims Beijing "hid news of the virus from its own people for weeks, while suppressing information and punishing doctors and journalists who raised the alarm."

No evidence was presented because none exists. The Trump regime's anti-China blame game continues spreading disinformation to deflect attention from its own malfeasance.

According to Science Business on April 7, "China (and) its scientists led the way in tackling the virus."

"They won international praise for hitting several key milestones in understanding the novel, fast-moving virus."

False accusations against its leadership "became a political weapon in...the US, the UK and Canada."

Biomedical Sciences Professor Ian Jones explained that "many research findings from the Chinese experience are now appearing," providing valuable information to other nations.

Lancet editor Richard Horton noted that Chinese scientists "took time to write up their findings in a foreign language and seek publication in a medical journal thousands of miles away."

"Their rapid and rigorous work was an urgent warning to the world. We owe those scientists enormous thanks."

University of Southampton senior research fellow Michael Head said "we're seeing reasonable cooperation between China and elsewhere," adding:

"The Chinese have been leading the way in publishing open-access evidence on case management, genomics and numerous areas of public health and epidemiology, which has been vital in informing the response in more or less every country."

The Trump regime is an obstacle to tackling outbreaks domestically by failing to supply states and cities with federal direction, along with enough ventilators and personal protective equipment (PPE) from the national stockpile.

The Journal of the American Medical Association noted that China "improved its epidemic response capacity" since the 2002–03 SARS outbreak.

The New England Journal of Medicine explained that evidence doesn't support claims about fake numbers from China.

Science magazine noted that normality is beginning to return to China, saying:

"Three-quarters of China's workforce was back on the job as of 24 March."

"China has done what few believed was possible: Bring a blazing epidemic of a respiratory virus to a virtual standstill."

Most new infections have been imported by incoming air passengers.

China is leading the world in dealing with COVID-19 outbreaks. Falsely blaming its authorities by the Trump regime is an attempt shift attention from its own bungled response.

China's response was draconian but effective. If other nations followed its example, COVID-19 would likely have been brought under control by now.

China has about 83,000 confirmed cases. Numbers in the US exceed 435,000 and are increasing by many thousands more daily — nearly 30% of world outbreaks.

Given how the Trump regime mishandled things, it's unclear when outbreaks will be brought under control in the US.

So far about 1% of the US population is infected with the virus. It's unknown how much further it may spread or for how long.

Trump's focus on corporate interests, stock market performance, and imperial aggression

over human health and welfare at home suggests the issue could fester for some time.

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