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### CORONA VIRUS - OUTBREAK IN USA

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#### ABSTRACT

Current situation of Corona Virus in the United State has been proven to be the biggest failure in American history. Past & recent briefings of President Trump on combating corona virus shows the incompetence of the federal government as well as state government. Anyone can see that this COVID-19 is something which cannot be taken lightly as there are no vaccines or immunization present in the laboratory which will lower the number of the spread, but social distancing is just a huge step trying to be enforced around the world to give some time to the health sector, researchers, scientists etc to come up with vaccines and immunizations"

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## INTRODUCTION

The current situation of coronavirus in the United States has been proven to be the biggest failure in American history. In February, when the US got its first few cases in Washington, California and New York, all 50 states should have implied strict stay in home orders and things would have looked better for the US. Past and recent briefings of President Trump on combating coronavirus shows the incompetence of the federal government as well as state government. Clearly, anyone can see that this COVID-19 is something which cannot be taken lightly as there are no vaccines or immunization present in the laboratory which will lower the number of the spread, but social distancing is just a huge step trying to be enforced around the world to give some time to the health sector, researchers, scientists etc to come up with vaccines and immunizations. Handling of the coronavirus situation in the US can be said to be both a success and failure. There are more failures than success as the approach of the government as a whole towards the society has been wrong. Correct measures and information had to be briefed to the people on how serious the situation is going on and could have been avoided back in February. Everything is still being taken lightly, for instance with people having no masks protesting to open lockdown and having "My Choice, My Rights" written on their posters, is simply absurd to watch.

In Florida, people are on the streets working out and protesting such that the gymnasium can be back in business. People are being careless and putting theirs and other's lives in jeopardy. There are many loopholes in the current administration which makes it hard for the people to understand all the norms and regulations given out by the government including the federal and the state government. People in this pandemic wanted to see the best of the actions taken by the various government entities such as on federal levels, down to both state and local levels. This fragmentation in the administration has led to miscommunication among the people regarding the coronavirus matter. There are many factors which define the current situation of coronavirus in the US such as insufficient preparation and capacity, poor leadership and coordination, slowness, and regulatory failures. In the first phase of COVID-19, after having the knowledge of virus spread in Wuhan province, the US administration and the President in one of the interviews considered COVID-19 as a minor threat that was under control, at least within the US, and repeatedly assured the public that the risk of getting infected by the virus was very low. The screenings as per asked by CDC was installed at only three of the airports for the passengers travelling from Wuhan to the US whereas WHO confirmed that the virus has been spread to various other countries and can be spread through community spread now, that is human-to-human transmission. This was the first failure of the US government in understanding the danger and threat to the community which will be caused by the virus.

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In the second phase, WHO declared global health emergency on January 31st, and a Coronavirus Task Force was created in the White House. Federal government began to put in motion the executive, legal, and regulatory pandemic response which enforced a ban on the foreign nationals who traveled to China from entering the country which is one of the advantages in order to stop community spread. The most crucial step was implementing an effective response using the testing capacity sent by WHO. Instead, the Federal government and CDC took the matters in their hands, and relied on the domestic laboratory kits and tests which were proven to be faulty after sometime. This showed the weakness of the public health system because of which there were numerous increases in coronavirus cases that people and health officials were not aware of. The Centre of Disease Control and Prevention were reassuring the state and local levels that they have enough testing kits for them where they had 500 testing kits for a community which required 4,000 testing kits. The failure to test at scale kept the publicly recognized number of cases low, which served as a clear cut image for insisting the use of previously existed tools and testings. Another failure of the federal government was social distancing orders for various states.

As China and other countries took extreme measures to decrease the spread of disease, the federal government and most state and local governments took a little bit of action to disrupt normal economic and social life of people and in some cases, few governments were discouraging their citizens from opting social distancing orders. In the third phase of action began in late February, CDC and FDA started hurrying with the current testings and broadening the testing criteria. By this time, the federal government recognised the flaws in their preexisting testing kits and started to fix those flaws. There were travel bans extending for Non-American citizens who traveled to Iran. This was another disadvantage of the federal government as rather than putting travel bans for more countries, they were imposing travel bans on countries one by one. Congress passed an \$8.6 billion supplemental appropriation bill to promote vaccine and treatment research, emergency telehealth, and preparedness. Even though testing was finally expanding during this phase, availability was still affected with limited numbers of testings, in spite of US administration insisting on increasing the kits.

In the fourth phase which is too late for the call of action, President Trump declared national emergency on March 13th, the federal government went on full swing with its efforts to hasten mass testing, improve the availability of medical supplies, and encourage all Americans to change their behavior and stay at home in order to decrease the spread of the virus in the US. Another major factor affecting the current situation of coronavirus in the US is Federalism. Since the establishment of the Constitution, federalism is one of the most worrisome issues to be understood in the United States. In federalism, State and Federal (National) power has been divided, which is confusing to many citizens in the United States for a good period of time.

The regional power is given to the state government who administer their people and act in their own way, while the central power is more on a national level. Federalism has simply made things difficult during this pandemic. There should be proper balance between the national and state government and this has been a cause of debate since The Founding. There have been debates which demanded those who are in favor of stronger federal government and those in favor of stronger state government. Failure of handling power between the state government and federal government has been seen in the call of action for the pandemic situation. The federal government has done too little in reducing the spread of the virus. We can simply say that, even though the number of spreads and deaths are still high, the federal government is trying to open America such that their economy will be uplifted and might decrease the chances of another recession. In the case of the state government, different states are having different types of stay-in-home orders. In Arizona, people are only allowed to be outside from 11 am till 5 pm and if anyone is seen after this, they are being heavily fined, whereas states which are densely populated don't have stricter rules and in these states, cases are very high in number.

The main cause of the huge widespread of this virus is because of fragmentation between the federal and state government. The misleading early statements from the federal officials about the intensity of COVID-19 threats have put great hardships on families and businesses. State government has to take power as the federal government fell short with their plans. Some issued stay-in-home orders and some did not. In difficult times like this, both State government and Federal government need to be in unification with their orders and regulations such that people won't be at loss and the comeback from this would be much easier. States should be asked to follow a uniform laws for community mitigation which includes an effective way of implying public health measures. Though, huge loss has been done but still there are some chances where the loss can be rectified by not comparing with other countries, but instead Federal and State government should come up with their own action plan.

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