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HSC 310 Questions on 2019 Novel Coronavirus Articles

**Articles: Posted on Blackboard**

**Vox: The evidence on travel bans for diseases like coronavirus is clear: They don’t work**

**Vox: Did China downplay the coronavirus outbreak early on?**



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| 1. When were travel restrictions to prevent the spread of disease first tried? |
| a.1377  b.1918  c.2003  d.2020 |  |



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| 1. Travel restrictions placed on three Chinese cities on Jan 23 are unprecedented because ... |
| a. Of the sheer number of people impacted  b. China has never imposed travel bans  c. It only restricts travel to the Netherlands  d. They are not screening passengers at the border | order |

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| 1. There is strong evidence that travel bans work to stop the spread of disease. | |
| 1. **True** 2. **False** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | True | |  | False | |
| 1. Travel bans do help to delay the spread of disease, but do not impact the number of people who eventually get sick. |
| 1. **True**  1. **False** | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | True | |  | False | | |

1. What are some of the arguments against travel bans?



Some arguments against travel are it causes harm to the economy such as people losing their job. Wastes human resources for example in the article where 9,100 passengers were tested for SARS screening wasting nursing resources and medical supplies .



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| 1. Wuhan China is "ground zero" for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus? | | |
| 1. **True**  1. **False** | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | True | |  | False | |
| 1. When the outbreak started back in December, there was clear evidence of  "human to human' transmission. | |
| 1. **True** 2. **False** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | True | |  | False | | |
| 1. Since Monday Jan 28 how many cases were reported in China? |
| a.2,800  b.41  c.800  d.27 |  | | |

1. The index case and approximately 1/3 of early cases had connection to the Huanan Seafood Market.
2. True
3. False



1. Do you think China downplayed the coronavirus outbreak?  Provide information from the article to support your answer.

I believe China downplayed the virus because “discrepancies between the early reports in China and the early information in these new Lancent Studies . China is a communist country who controls there media thus creating “ complex system of reporting and is politically sensitive to information coming out China”, “rigidly hierarchical bureaucracy discourages local officials from raising bad with central bosses whose help might need”. If the people down on the bottom probably don’t report it because there are afraid of some type of punishment. (Belluz ,6/7)

Cite “Julia Belluz”, “Did China downplay the coronavirus outbreak early on”? Vox. 1/23/2020