

What is hopefully clear is that all these scenarios leave some grounds for fear, but also some for hope.

COVID-19 is highlighting serious deficiencies in our existing system. An effective response to this is likely to require radical social change.

It argues that it requires a drastic move away from markets and the use of profits as the primary way of organizing an economy. The upside of this is the possibility that we build a more humane system that leaves us more resilient in the face of future pandemics.

Social change can come from many places and with many influences. A key task for us all is demanding that emerging social forms come from an ethic that values care, life, and democracy. The central political task in this time of crisis is living and (virtually) organizing around those values.