

Coronavirus: Where Did It Come From?

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China's President Xi Jinping spoke on the phone with Donald Trump on Friday March 27.

President Xi offered China's support in fighting the virus in the US.

The Chinese are astute diplomats.

At the outset, China was held responsible for "spreading infection" Worldwide.

The contentious issue: will Trump drop the Coronavirus "Made in China" tag?



What a president! By labeling the COVID-19 "Chinese virus," Trump tries to hide his administration's lack of prevention & control measures against the [#coronavirus](#). He passes the buck to China, trying to prove that he is NOT responsible for the current situation the US is facing. twitter.com/realDonaldTrump...

Donald J. Trump  [@realDonaldTrump](#)

The United States will be powerfully supporting those industries, like Airlines and others, that are particularly affected by the Chinese Virus. We will be stronger than ever before!

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Earlier in March, Trump was unequivocal: "China has to pay for this... "The world is paying a very big price for what they did".

But it now appears that the "Made in China" virus rhetoric is on hold. And China's foreign ministry is no longer insinuating that the "Chinese virus" was "Made in America"... brought to Wuhan during the October 2019 Military Games.

Donald Trump said he'll stop using the term "Chinese virus":

"I don't regret it, but they accused us of having done it through our soldiers, they said our soldiers did it on purpose, what kind of a thing is that?"

"Look, everyone knows it came out of China, but I decided we shouldn't make any more of a big deal out of it. I think I made a big deal. I think people understand it. But that all began when they said our soldiers started it. Our soldiers had nothing to do with it."

According to President **Xi Jinping**:

“ **Under the current circumstances, China and the U.S. should unite to fight the epidemic... The Chinese side is willing to continue to provide information and experience with the U.S. without reservation.**

— Xi Jinping PRESIDENT OF CHINA

To which **Donald Trump** retorted:



Diplomacy Restored? Ask the Chinese. It has to do with the “Transmission” of the Virus

Meanwhile, Beijing contends that most of the new COVID-19 cases in China are being brought into the country by foreign visitors including Americans.

To Slow Virus, China Bars Entry by Almost All Foreigners

Beijing halted most international flights, making it hard for citizens to return. And it blocked even foreigners with Chinese residency or visas from entering.

Screenshot NYT, March 26, 2020

And then in Late March the Prime Minister of Australia, **Scott Morrison** who’s a close ally and friend of Donald Trump (unintentionally) [**drops a bombshell:**](#)

“The country which has actually been responsible for a large amount of these (coronavirus cases) has actually been the United States”

Scott Morrison and Donald Trump (below)



The [United States](#) is the country of origin for most of the [coronavirus cases in Australia](#), the prime minister has said.

Speaking on [2GB](#) this morning, Scott Morrison said now was the right time to close the nation's borders.

[Screenshot MSN News, March 20, 2020](#)

Concluding Remarks:

“Where Did it Come From? That is the Question!”

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