

## Selected Articles: The Wuhan Virus Outbreak, COVID-19

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### [\*\*How Globalization and China's Economic Crisis Might Jeopardize Our Precarious Medical Supply Chains\*\*](#)

By [F. William Engdahl](#), February 26, 2020

The grave risks and dangers in the process of worldwide out-sourcing and so-called globalization of the past 30 years or so are becoming starkly clear as the ongoing health emergency across China threatens vital world supply chains from China to the rest of the world. While much attention is focused on the risks to smartphone components or auto manufacture via supplies of key parts from China or to the breakdown of oil deliveries in the last weeks, there is a danger that will soon become alarmingly clear in terms of global health care system.



### [\*\*Harvard Genetic Research Team Collected and Transferred China Blood and DNA Samples Back to the US\*\*](#)

By [Zhao Yandong](#), [Zhang Wenxia](#), and [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), February 25, 2020

The underlying purpose of collecting Chinese DNA samples was not mentioned, nor was the relationship of Harvard University to several entities of the US government.

As documented by the authors, the Harvard study and “theft” of Chinese DNA (biopiracy) was also supported by Big Pharma. In this regard, the blood and DNA samples of Anhui province constitute a potential goldmine for the pharmaceutical companies which provided financial support to the Harvard team.



### **[The New Coronavirus Outbreak, COVID-19, Sounds Menacing and Is](#)**

By [Tom Clifford](#), February 25, 2020

COVID-19 has, since December, led to more than 75,000 illnesses and 2,000 deaths, primarily in mainland China. But, statistically the flu is more menacing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta says that in the United States alone, the flu caused an estimated 26 million illnesses, 250,000 hospitalizations and 14,000 deaths this season.

But seasonal flu is expected, it is known about. It is a clear and present danger. COVID-19 is new and the fear it is spreading is more reminiscent of a plague.



### **[Covid-19 Triggers Global Luxury Bust](#)**

By [Zero Hedge](#), February 24, 2020

The impact of Covid-19 on supply chains has been tremendous. Uncertainty across the global economy is building as China remains in [economic paralysis](#). The luxury fashion industry is suffering its most significant “shock” since the 2008 financial crisis, reported the [Financial Times](#).

Our angle in this piece is to assess which luxury brand companies are most exposed/dependent on China. Many of these firms have complex operations in the country, from manufacturing facilities to brick and mortar stores to e-commerce platforms. Chinese consumers accounted for 40% of \$303 billion spent on luxury goods globally last year.



### **[No Weapon Left Behind: The American Hybrid War on China](#)**

By [Pepe Escobar](#), February 23, 2020

There’s no question coronavirus, so far, has been a Heaven-sent politically useful tool, reaching, with minimum investment, the desired targets of maximized U.S. global power –

even if fleetingly, enhanced by a non-stop propaganda offensive – and China relatively isolated with its economy semi paralyzed.

Yet perspective is in order. The CDC estimated that up to 42.9 million people got sick during the 2018-2019 flu season in the U.S. No less than 647,000 people were hospitalized. And 61,200 died.



### [Coronavirus Tests China, Temps America: Devastating Economic Consequences](#)

By [Joseph Thomas](#), February 21, 2020

Biology has done what malicious US foreign policy aimed at China has failed to do for years; complicate China's relations along its peripheries (and the rest of the world for that matter), particularly in Southeast Asia.

In Thailand, contrary to popular belief, Chinese tourists make up the vast majority of those visiting the Kingdom. Approximately ten times more Chinese tourists arrive in Thailand each year than tourists from all other Western nations combined. With China's government putting travel bans in place to curb the spread of the recent coronavirus outbreak, Thai resort areas have seen a marked decrease in business.



### [China's New Coronavirus: An Examination of the Facts](#)

By [Larry Romanoff](#), January 25, 2020

The Western mass media have discussed the new corona virus that began in the city of Wuhan in Central China but, apart from repetitive small details and the inevitable China-bashing, not much light has been shed on the circumstances. My initial commentary here is composed from a medley of nearly 100 Western news reports, primarily ABC, CBS, CNN, AFP, and from some Chinese media. Officially called **the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)**, the contagion is a respiratory illness, a new type of viral pneumonia, in the same family of infections as SARS and MERS.

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