

# Selected Articles: Trump Asks Putin for Help in Oil War

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## [\*\*'Fanatical Cruelty': As Pandemic Rages, Trump Refuses to Reopen Affordable Care Act Enrollment to Help Uninsured\*\*](#)

By [Jake Johnson](#), April 01, 2020

As [millions of people](#) across the United States lose their jobs—and their employer-provided health insurance—amid the coronavirus pandemic, President Donald Trump has reportedly [decided against](#) reopening Affordable Care Act enrollment to ease the economic pain of the uninsured and help protect them from devastating medical costs.



## [\*\*The Post-Coronavirus World Will be Far Worse Than the Pre-Coronavirus World\*\*](#)

By [Eric Zuesse](#), April 01, 2020

Signs, especially in the United States, are that the post-coronavirus-plagued world will have even more inequality of wealth, within each nation, than existed prior to the plague. Billionaires are demanding to be included in the bailouts by their governments; and, because billionaires financed the careers of the successful politicians who won seats in their country's legislature, those demands are almost certain to be complied with. Only the least-corrupt nations will be able to recover fully from the current plague.



## [\*\*Trump Asks Putin for Help in Oil War\*\*](#)

By [Mike Whitney](#), April 01, 2020

For the last month, Saudi Arabia has been flooding the market with crude oil to force Russia to agree to deep production cuts. To his credit, Putin has stubbornly resisted Saudi coercion and maintained current output levels. As a result, prices have plummeted to an 18-year low of \$20.09 per barrel which is well below the break-even rate that American frackers need to survive. In less than a month, the capital-intensive US shale oil industry has gone into a steep nosedive that has set off alarms on Wall Street where analysts expect that a wave of defaults will deliver a knockout blow to the big investment banks. That's why Trump decided

to call Putin. He wants to see if he can persuade the Russian president into slashing production.



### [Former Venezuelan General Hands Himself Over to US Authorities](#)

By [Ricardo Vaz](#), April 01, 2020

Responding to the DoJ allegations, Alcala denied the charges, stating that he had held several meetings with US officials and that he would await authorities' inquiries at his residence in Barranquilla, Colombia.

He also [confessed](#) to orchestrating a coup plot against President Maduro. After Colombian authorities seized an arms shipment, the retired general stated publicly that the weapons were part of an operation to "liberate" Venezuela. He added that the operation was coordinated with self-proclaimed "Interim President" **Juan Guaido** and "US advisors."



### [First, Do No Harm: If Primary Healthcare Remains Shut Down, Toll on Elderly Will be Worse Than COVID-19](#)

By [Dr. Gabriela Segura](#), April 01, 2020

They have set up "contaminated" respiratory divisions at clinics and hospitals, which are separated from the rest of the outpatients and health staff. *Anybody* coming in with a cough, or who is sneezing, or showing any sign of respiratory distress, is directed to this division and kept separated from those coming in with wounds or any other non-respiratory-related illness. That way, contagion is not propagated to the entire building, but is kept isolated within the respiratory division, which has its own doctors and staff handling cases there. Again, **all incomers with respiratory symptoms - which in reality can be anything from the common cold to the typical seasonal flu, even a cough due to seasonal allergies - are sent to this respiratory division.**



### [On "Market Solutions" to the Covid-19 Crisis](#)

By [Dr. Jack Rasmus](#), April 01, 2020

As others have pointed out, before the Neoliberal market system implanted itself in the USA decades ago with Ronald Reagan (deepening and expanding ever since), there were 1.5 million hospital beds in the country and an extensive non-profit public hospital system. Before 1980 there were 100 million fewer US citizens for those 1.5 million beds. Today there are 100 million more Americans, but only 925,000 hospital beds. We've added 100 million but reduced beds by 500,000. The reduction, of course, was all done in the name of 'market efficiency' by the for profit hospital chains who bought up and then shut down much of the non-profit public hospital system. Now, as the current health crisis deepens, we're left

setting up cots in auditoriums and college dorms and call them hospitals.



## **Coronavirus - No Vaccine Is Needed to Cure It**

By [Peter Koenig](#), April 01, 2020

### **A multibillion dollar vaccine is not necessary.**

The NIAD and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are collaborating with a view to developing a COVID-19 Vaccine.

China has proven that COVID-19 could be brought under control at rather low-cost and with strict discipline and conventional medication. The same medicines and measures have been used for centuries to prevent and cure successfully all kinds of viral diseases.



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