COVID-19 | *Exposing the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) Role in COVID-19*

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Five Ways the CCP Allowed COVID-19 to Evolve into a Global Pandemic

1. CCP leaders knew about coronavirus in early December but took **aggressive steps to hide it from the public**, detaining doctors who warned about the virus and destroying testing samples.

2. In early January, CCP health authorities issue a **gag order on any public information** about coronavirus and **shut down the lab** trying to share information about the virus.

3. Despite knowing about the virus, CCP authorities **allowed massive public gatherings and widescale domestic and international travel**. Before Wuhan quarantined, authorities let 5 million people leave the city.

4. Meanwhile, the CCP **forced** "news" outlets to write positive stories about their response and **censored** social media, **impeding accurate information** on coronavirus.

5. Rather than contributing to the global solution, the CCP is **attempting to rewrite history and peddling propaganda** that the United States is in some way responsible for the origin of coronavirus.

CCP Spin Zone: Lies in their Own Words

- **CCP attempts to blame the United States Army:** A CCP Foreign Ministry Official claimed the United States Army brought the coronavirus to Wuhan, tweeting: "It might be US army who brought the epidemic to Wuhan. Be transparent! Make public your data! US owe us an explanation!" (**Link**)

  - This virus originated in Wuhan. Period.

- **CCP tries to shift blame to the United States:** A CCP media outlet reported that because U.S. scientists were able to quickly develop a test vaccine that is now in trial on humans is proof that "the US had this virus in their possession long ago." (**Link**)

  - Even without China providing timely data and samples of the disease, U.S. scientists and others around the world still managed to quickly start trials of various potential vaccines.

- **CCP official claims China bought the world time**: A CCP official tweeted: "China has been updating the WHO & other countries including the US on #COVID19 in an open, transparent & timely manner. China's endeavor to combating the epidemic has bought time for int'l preparedness. Our contribution is there for all to see." (**Link**)

  - By covering up the virus for months, the CCP alone created the coronavirus pandemic impacting hundreds of millions around the world. Instead of spreading lies, they should have alerted the international community on day one.

*****The Chinese Communist Party, **NOT** the Chinese people, are to blame for the spread of coronavirus. Innocent people in Wuhan were the first victims of their Communist government's coverup.*****