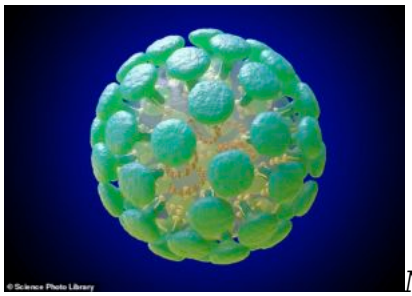
COVID-19 Social and Political Analyses

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New Politics lists on this page a number of what we consider to be important social and political analyses as well as political statements concerning COVID-19, the coronavirus pandemic. Those who seek guidance for dealing with the health issues should see the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website and get in contact with their local government's public health department or office of emergency management.

We update this list on a regular basis, but all articles are posted in chronological order. If you re looking for articles on a particular issue we recommend that you search our list by word, such as "agriculture," "worker," "women," "Brazil," and so on.

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