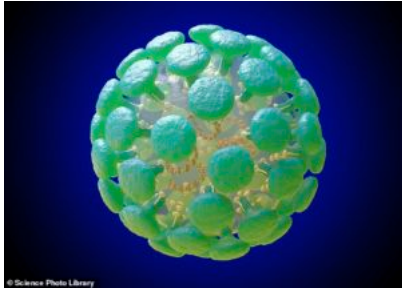


# COVID-19 Social and Political Analyses



*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.

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- Michael Roberts, [Lives or livelihoods?](#) *Michael Roberts Blog*, April 6, 2020. An examination of the coronavirus response and its impact on the economy at present and possibilities for recovery.
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- Suze Wilson, “[Three reasons why Jacinda Ardern’s coronavirus response has been a masterclass in crisis leadership](#),” *The Conversation*, April 5, 2020. A discussion of the leadership skills and style of New Zealand’s president who has led one of the most successful government responses to coronavirus.
- Charles M. Blow, “[Social Distancing is a Privilege](#),” *New York Times*, April 5, 2020. “The idea that this virus is an equal-opportunity killer must itself be killed.”
- Nomi Prins, “[Wall Street Wins – Again Bailouts in the Time of Coronavirus](#),” *Tom Dipatch*, April 5, 2020. “As in 2008, the most beneficial policies and funding will be heading for Wall Street banks and behemoth corporations.”
- Rebecca L. Spang, “[The Revolution Is Under Way Already](#),” April 5, 2020. “Far from making Americans crave stability, the pandemic underscores how everything is up for grabs.”
- Eren Duzgun, “[Capitalism, Coronavirus and the Road to Extinction](#),” *The Bullet*, April 5, 2020. “The Godzilla-like image of the virus Covid-19 has been haunting the world. Not only has the virus unraveled nightmarish possibilities leading to the extinction of millions of people, but it has also served as a quintessential case revealing the structural contradictions of and existential threats posed by

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- Charles Beatha, [“What the Coronavirus Is Doing to Rural Georgia,”](#) *The New Yorker*, April 4, 2020. “The pandemic hits a region that was already struggling to address its medical needs.”
- Marea Socialista, [“Trump threatens Venezuela under cover of coronavirus,”](#) *No Borders*, April 4, 2020. “Marea Socialista’s statement denouncing Trump’s latest threats and calling for international solidarity.”
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