

Imagine you are the prime minister of the UK; Would you enforce strict measures/lockdown, or would you do the opposite?

Although many people disagree with the lockdown and think that it is unneeded and disruptive, I believe that lockdown should be further enforced. Partly, this is due to the fact that many people ignore the lockdown and continue to journey outside, unnecessarily, as they think the lockdown to be stupid and they get bored. However, lockdown is highly important in reducing the impact and the death toll of the COVID-19 outbreak. One source in Wuhan stated, "In the beginning, I was nonchalant and didn't think the lockdown was necessary. But, afterwards, there were shortages of supplies. There was extreme fear and I couldn't sleep at night." Another said, "Doctors and Nurses had to beg online for medical supplies. Patients said there were no beds and they couldn't get treated." Both quotes show and demonstrate the lack of supplies available in Wuhan after the COVID-19 outbreak. These impacts could have been minimised if lockdown had been enforced more there. For example, less people would have got more common injuries (broken bones, torn muscles, etc..) if they rarely ventured outside their home, which would have happened if lockdown was more thoroughly enforced. This would have meant the Doctors and Nurses had more medical supplies as less were being used up on these common injuries and it would have also meant that there was more space and staff available to treat patients who were not able to be treated. Another example is linked to the first quote. More specifically, the shortage of food and the fear. If lockdown had been further enforced, people would have went to the shops more often than they did in order to 'panic buy' and so the normal levels of product consumption would have been maintained, meaning that there would not be a lack of supplies in the shops. It would also mean that people could venture out less and so a large proportion of people would come into contact with fewer people and so would have less fear about potentially catching or spreading COVID-19. My final reason is perhaps the simplest one. No lockdown means people are happier and more socially active. Lockdown means that people are safer, and the death toll is reduced. The most common reason for preventing lockdown would be this: it would mean that the people of your country are happier. However, there is little point in attempting to make your country happy when they are dead or someone close to them has died as, either way, the attempts would surely fail.

And thus, if I were the Prime Minister, I would chose to further enforce strict measures and lockdown in order to ensue the safety of my people and minimise the amount of, inevitable, loss and, therefore, grief.

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