

*Preservation or Neglect? Pandemic Reporting Through News and Government Portrays Inaccurate Numbers To The Public*

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The coronavirus, or COVID-19, has become rampant around the world killing thousands. As this topic grows, so does the research into how this pandemic is being reported on. My project analyzes prior pandemics and whether accurate numbers have been reported on by government authorities, and if not, why not. The study examines death tolls reported by government authorities and news reports covering disease outbreaks. Other countries around the globe and their news and government reporting methods will also be examined. The expectations for the results will be either drastic or slightly incorrect. No country's government has been known to report exact numbers of pandemics such as COVID-19. This topic addresses urgent public health concerns, dealing with human health and life expectancy, as well as the public's trust in government