

## The Perpetuation of Western Dominance through Online Discourse: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Reddit Comment Threads

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## Abstract

Chen and Dai (2012) make the claim that just as the Western world dominates the physical world it also dominates the online world. The purpose of this thesis is to explore how and to what extent Reddit comment threads contribute to patterns of Western dominance in online settings. This thesis uses a critical approach to intercultural communication to understand how the New Media site Reddit allows for the dissemination of power and the naturalization of inequality through online comments (Bouvier & Machin, 2017). Posts regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, in the timeframe wherein it was still associated with the non-Western country, China, is used as a fixed point of reference to measure the projection of Western dominance in the predisposed Western oriented subReddit community r/Europe. Reddit comment threads are analyzed using Fairclough's three-dimensional model of critical discourse analysis, using Ng'ambi's (2008) application to New Media studies to find how discursive practices are exhibited in the specific subReddit. Results indicate that discursive practices identified in the comment threads operate within a social sphere that reinforce patterns of Western dominance as majority values while simultaneously discouraging non-majority values and therefore perpetuating online Western dominance through Reddit user comment threads.

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## 1. Introduction

On any given day, an individual can visit the Reddit homepage, and see posts with 100,000 up-votes and 30,000 comments. It is no secret that the foot traffic and engagement Reddit experiences is substantial. Hundreds of thousands of users a day submit themselves to this website by reading and posting content and hitting the ‘like’ buttons. As an Intercultural Communication scholar, I wondered how my studies regarding intercultural communication could be extended to the online world. I was curious about how engagement with this seemingly harmless site was affecting the people using it and the world around them. This led me to explore the role of culture within online settings and more importantly led me to the finding that, just as in the physical world, the “Western world” dominates the online world (Chen & Dai, 2012).

Traditional notions of critical discourse analysis would say that only news media “elites” are those who control and alter how people receive and consume information. But, seeing how many people engage in social media and how social media content can reach millions of users every day, begs the question if there are other ways through which individual people and media groups can alter how people receive information. Therefore, this thesis aims to explore this claim regarding Western dominance as it is reproduced in micro level discourse, specifically within comment threads in the participatory social networking site Reddit.

As you will read, this paper combines notions of New Media, critical discourse analysis and Western dominance in online spaces. The combination of these concepts is rather novel as the concepts themselves are fairly novel areas of research. Nonetheless, this thesis aims to push academic boundaries and develop more insight into Chen and Dai’s (2012) research of the presence of Western dominance in online settings and Bouvier and Machin’s (2017) research in the application of critical discourse analysis to New Media platforms.

### 1.1 Author’s note

This thesis utilizes the 2019 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) as a fixed point of reference to measure the explored corpus. The severity of COVID-19 and its’ impact on people globally have undoubtedly caught the world by surprise. As I progressed in this research and as time moved forward, it became more apparent that that I was writing from a place of naïveté; I, not to mention the rest of the world, could not have been able to predict the impact COVID-19 would have across the globe. This thesis is written with knowledge that the outcome of this virus

is still unknown and the effects of this pandemic uncertain. This is not to say the results of this thesis are invalid, rather to say that the world significantly changed between the time I started this research and time it will be submitted.

## 1.2 Outline

The outline of this thesis is as follows: chapter 2 describes context regarding the Reddit platform, the subReddit community r/Europe, and the *tertium comparationis*: COVID-19. In chapter 3, a theoretical framework describes notions of New Media, Western domination online, representation and discourse, and the use of critical discourse analysis in New Media platforms. Chapter 4 outlines the methodology, a description of the collection of the corpus, and the process of analysis. Chapter 5 will present findings of the study, and chapter 6, the discussion section, will interpret and critically review the results in the light of previous studies. Lastly, chapter 7, the conclusion section, will answer the research question and highlight limitations of this study and recommendations for future studies.

## 2. Context

This chapter provides background information and context regarding Reddit, the subReddit r/Europe, and COVID-19 as the fixed point of measurement for this study.

### 2.1 Reddit

Reddit is a social media, social news, and content rating site. Users engage with Reddit by posting links to news stories, images, and videos, or posting personal yet anonymous information such as users' advice, stories, and experiences. Reddit can be classified as a form of social media as users can post comments and engage with the site by 'upvoting' or 'downvoting' posts. This act of voting algorithmically gives or removes salience of a post, depending on how the user perceives the posts' relevancy, popularity, and controversy (Eschler, 2018). As of February 2020, Reddit.com averaged 15 billion visits to the site per month making it the 19th most visited website in the world (Alexa, n.d.; & Dustin, 2019).

To become a Reddit user only a username and password are required, allowing for anonymity in who posts content, who votes for specific content, who engages in discussions, etc. As a result, forum sites such as Reddit and specific subReddits have been classified as cloaked websites. The term cloaked website refers to online sites that employ "difficult to detect authorship and hidden agendas intended to accomplish political goals" (Daniels, 2009, p. 660). Cloaked websites are usually effective in this manner as they refer to specific news sources and legitimate information to support specific claims (Daniels, 2009).

### 2.2 r/Europe

The subReddit community being explored in this study is r/Europe: a sub community of Reddit that focuses on media, news, and information regarding Europe and Europeans. SubReddits are sub communities within Reddit that are characterized by individuals who have similar interests and who post and engage with others who hold similar interests, as of February 2020 Reddit contained around 130,000 subReddits (Alexa, n.d.; & Dustin, 2019). The subReddit forum r/Europe was chosen for this analysis as its discourse has a Western based predisposition and therefore can provide insight into the projection of Western dominance in online discourse.

The subReddit forum r/Europe has 2.3 million members, was created on January 25, 2008, and holds the self-description: "Europe: 50 (+6) countries, 230 languages, 743M people...1

subReddit” (“r/Europe”, n.d.). The r/Europe subReddit contains rules for engagement and general community guidelines such as “No personal attacks, no racism, bigotry and other hate speech, no agenda pushing...etc.” (“r/Europe”, n.d.). When users violate these rules, moderators can remove posts and comments they deem violate the guidelines. Additionally, moderators can ultimately ban a user from engaging with the forum if deemed appropriate.

To use the subReddit, a user posts a comment, usually a link to a news story, that pertains to the subReddit in some way. Then other members of Reddit, even if they are not part of the r/Europe forum, can upvote or downvote the post depending on how they want to engage with the content. Users up-vote a post or comment if they agree with it or down-vote the post or comment if they do not agree with it. If a user wants to start a discussion, the individual can post a comment in the initial post. More users can then reply to the initial comment, creating a comment thread, or they can post a new comment. Alternatively, users can simply read posts without commenting, posting, or voting on specific content therefore engaging with the site without using its participatory functions of the site.

### 2.3 COVID-19

Beginning on January 25, 2020 the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) brought forth an immense discussion in the subReddit r/Europe. Thousands of posts were created to share news, information, images, and videos regarding the virus. Thousands of threads were created surrounding the coronavirus itself and peoples’ experiences in mitigating attitudes towards the disease.

COVID-19 is a pneumonia-like respiratory illness that was first identified in December 2019, and is believed to have been originated in a seafood and poultry market in Wuhan, China (Lai, Wu, McCann, Watkins, & Patel, 2020). Despite efforts in mainland China to keep the disease contained, the disease spread to other countries thus evolving COVID-19 from an outbreak to a pandemic (Lei et al., 2020). Between the beginning of the outbreak and February 11, 2020 70,000 people, mostly in China, were confirmed to have been infected with the virus and around 1,000 people had died from the virus (Lai et al., 2020).

On February 11, 2020, the World Health Organization announced the official name of the virus as “COVID-19”. This decision aimed to remove the connections of the virus to a physical place and associations with specific people because it was apparent that the virus was no longer

only associated with Wuhan or China as it was emerging as a global disease (The Illness Now Has a Name, COVID-19, 2020).

Therefore, the *tertium comparationis* or the fixed point of reference used to comprehensively measure our corpus is the discourse surrounding COVID-19 (Ten Thije, 2020). Specifically, the frame being measured is the time between the first post mentioning the virus in the subReddit r/Europe and the point wherein the virus was officially announced as being no longer only associated with only China but also with the entire world. This *tertium comparationis*, COVID-19 between the dates of January 25 and Feb 11, 2020 allows for study of how Western dominance is perpetuated in discourse use in the Reddit forum being studied.

## 2.4 Research Question

Understanding the context in which this research will take place, the proposed research question is:

RQ: To what extent does discourse in the Reddit forum r/Europe contribute to patterns of western dominance in initial posts regarding COVID-19?

Additional sub questions will be presented after the theoretical framework to help answer the initial research question.



### 3. Theoretical Framework

A theoretical framework must be set to understand the approach this study will take in the analysis of discourse within Reddit. This framework takes an interdisciplinary approach, combining aspects of New Media, intercultural communication, critical theory, and critical discourse analysis.

#### 3.1 New Media

As an emerging field, intercultural New Media studies have found that New Media has a significant impact on intercultural communication encounters between people around the globe (Shuter, 2019; Chen & Dai, 2012). New Media is the ability to instantaneously communicate using computer mediated communication such as internet, blogs, social network sites, instant messaging, etcetera. As a result, the contact between individuals from different cultures is no longer defined by geographic borders, time, or face-to-face meetings.

There are two distinctive roles of the internet as experienced in New Media: the instrumental internet and the expressive internet (Haslett, 2012). The instrumental internet operates as a tool for finding information and the expressive internet is used to mediate social interactions. The expressive internet includes presentation of self, maintaining social ties, and monitoring other social behaviors. The expressive internet is most commonly seen in social networking sites (Haslett, 2012).

The expressive internet as it is expressed in social networking sites, according to Nikunen (2018), are not always free and open spaces for debate and constructive idea making. All online social systems have a “common set of core values, established over time that individuals identify with” (Haslett, 2012, p. 53). In some cases, online systems can foster diversity of thought and opinion, where members are able to engage in constructive reflections of themselves and their values. But in other cases, social network sites act as spaces of “contested participation” where users must strategically engage with the platform to voice views that are in line with the platform’s core values. This is known as an *echo chamber*, or the act wherein members engage and perpetuate the presiding ideologies and values of the group in hopes of gaining social capital within the group (Glavenau, 2018). The democratic ability to upvote or downvote a post on Reddit specifically, has defined Reddit as a social system and thus users have been found to post items they believe will resonate more with the members (Eschler, 2018). When forums reinforce

existing ideas, and hinder outside ideas from proliferating the discussion, people with other-minded ideas become ‘demonized’ as they challenge the prejudices and fears of the majority (Bowell 2017). This often results in the spread of racist and hostile majority views. The consequence is that public debate and engagement in specific forums is not accessible to all; people with different values are denied access to spaces for debate. As digital communication is rooted in real-world processes and phenomena, and is reproduced in online settings, it is useful to study what online content is created and circulated as it can reflect offline perceptions and habits in the world (Deuze, 2006; Chen, 2012; Preece, 2005).

### 3.2 Western Power Dominance in New Media

New media, and subsequently the use of social network sites, are affected by dominant cultural powers in the physical world (Chen & Dai, 2012). New media gives a false perception of a culture-neutral space, where all cultures have equal access and availability to share events and images. In reality, much of cyberspace is dominated by Western ideologies and thoughts; just as Western culture dominates the physical world, it also dominates cyberspace (Chen & Dai, 2012). For the purposes of this paper, the term “West” refers to Europe and the countries that have experienced large emigration waves from Europe since the 15<sup>th</sup> century (Thomson & Hickey, 2005). Factors that contribute to this idea is the globalization of the Western notion of modernity and Western cultural appropriation and hybridity.

Western culture as described by Chen and Dai (2012), is tied to countries wherein Enlightenment-rooted thoughts’ and values of modernity such as “the cult of reason and science, the faith in individuality, and human freedom and democracy” have been received and practiced (p.128). Through globalization, the values of modernity have been naturalized as the measuring factor in assessing non-Western countries’ cultural values. As a result, the values of modernity in New Media act in favor for Western values and thus contribute to Western partiality in online settings (Chen & Dai, 2012).

Limitations in access to internet and technology contribute to the presence of linguistic hegemony in New Media, specifically referencing English and European languages. Although Chinese is the second most used internet language, English being the first, the consumers of Chinese internet content are far less likely to engage with international web content as compared to German, Italian, or French populations, etc. Therefore, as readers in European countries are

more likely to engage with international web content and less likely to spread non-Western values and images, an imbalance of communication is created that ultimately cultivates and spreads Western dominance online (Chen & Dai, 2012).

Additionally, Western culture in New Media is at an advantage when engaging in cultural appropriation and hybridization. Cultural appropriation and hybridity is the exchange of symbols, artifacts, rituals and technologies used by those in another culture to consciously or unconsciously serve its own interests. Towards which direction an exchange takes place is determined by which party holds greater power. As non-Western cultures are at an asymmetric power disadvantage within online settings they are subject to cultural appropriation and hybridity as they are in the less powerful position (Chen & Dai, 2012).

All in all, non-Western cultures have the lesser availability to articulate themselves and defend their cultures in online setting through the presence of the standard of modernity, linguistic hegemony, and the tension of appropriation and hybridity in the Western dominated cyberspace. This has been found to cultivate Eurocentrism, or the assumption that Europeans have power to define reality and validate human society (Chen & Dai, 2012).

### 3.3 A Critical Approach to Intercultural Communication

A critical approach to intercultural communication recognizes that culture serves as a social practice that creates and negotiates power and ideology. Culture is an ongoing process wherein meaningful values are created by dominant groups for their own interests. It sees the relationships between groups and the greater society as interconnected power relationships in the processes of exerting influence on each other (Hua, 2019).

The critical approach to intercultural communication is based on critical theory which sees that power, or the influence of one persons will over another, is present in all intercultural situations. Critical theory sees that symbolic power constitutes social life in how it structures reality, classifies, and controls knowledge. Specifically, power is created and manipulated using the discourse of dominant figures in a society. Therefore, in many cases, power dynamics, or the act of influencing one person upon another, is not overt. Rather, power relationships are embedded in micro level social interactions (Fitzpatrick, 2020; Hua, 2019).

### 3.4 Discourse & Representation

Discourse is a social practice wherein individuals use language and text in a process of that ultimately aims to benefit themselves. Through discourse or “language in use”, text is produced, distributed, and interpreted by groups or individuals according to situational and historical contexts (Zotzmann & O’Regan, 2016, pg. 115). Individuals, as they engage in discourse and produce meaning, have the ability to position themselves in systematic and strategic ways. In other words, it is in discourse where power is created (Zotzmann & O’Regan, 2016).

Representation is created in discourse and is “the way images and text provide images of the world” that ultimately determine sources of meaning and knowledge (Rigney, 2007, pg. 415). These images are not objective reflections of the world, rather through language and text, the images of the world are constructed and interpreted. Therefore, interpretation of the world is an inseparable part of representation of the world (Rigney, 2007). The concept of truth, as posited by Foucault, is misleading as there is no one objective universal truth that is used to provide images of the world, rather truth is systematically relative to discourse (Zotzmann & O’Regan, 2016). People, as they engage in discourse, exercise power in creating discursive formations that operate to value and create meaning relative to them. The concept of representation in discourse has brought scholars to investigate texts to uncover what specific groups value and where they find meaning (Rigney, 2007; Zotzmann & O’Regan, 2016).

### 3.5 Social Identity Theory

Identity can be considered a discursive phenomenon as it is largely constructed through language. Social identity theory states that people categorize themselves and others into groups as they aim to navigate through social situations (Fitzpatrick, 2020). An individual’s identity is a social performance where people convey themselves to the world through the affiliation or distancing with others depending on values, experiences, or perceptions (Glynn, Herbst, Lindeman, O’Keefe, & Shapiro, 2016; Fitzpatrick, 2020; Zotzmann & O’Regan 2016). Being a part of the in-group cultivates self-esteem building and superiority complexes. Individual personal identities are affected by the groups they belong to, most notably behaviors toward the out-group (Fitzpatrick, 2020).

As such, an individual's identity is determined by the groups they are a part of. However, as individuals perform their identities, they are subject to restrictions in the social realm, specifically the classifications of social groups developed in discourse by societal institutions. The discourses of social groups create and maintain power relations and ideologies (Zotzman & O'Regan, 2016). Identity constructions are therefore saturated with the same power and ideological discourses that constitute the group identification.

Social Identity Theory is present in face-to-face communication and in online communication. However, computer mediated communication (CMC) presents different presentations of identity as compared to face to face communication (Yang, 2012). CMC results in few cues for the identification of a user's identity and thus allows for different ways individuals can present themselves online. People who engage with the internet as an expressive internet, as defined before, are those more likely to engage with social network sites or online social networks. An individual's persona on social network sites is determined by the individual's amount of social grooming and is used to manage the users' impression on other users and the individual's desired level of privacy when engaging with other users (Haslett, 2012). Social network sites can be used to directly express people's identity through explicit statements regarding their interests or can be expressed in the act of engaging with groups that hold similar interests. As such, expressions of identity are present when users engage with the specific groups they identify with (Haslett, 2018).

### 3.6 Critical Discourse Analysis

Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) is a process of analysis used to reveal how discourse creates and maintains power dynamics and social relationships that ultimately naturalize inequality. It is through texts that are produced within institutions of power that reveal the upkeep of their own values and priorities (Bouvier & Machin, 2017; Zotzman & O'Regan 2016). There are two approaches to CDA. This research utilizes Fairclough's approach to critical discourse analysis which connects the use of language to the exercise of power so as to reveal non-apparent workings of power. Fairclough's approach to CDA connects text use to theory, adding more semiotic aspects to traditional notions of pure discourse analysis (Thomson, 2004).

Traditionally, CDA is aimed to analyze "elite texts" such as newspapers and political speeches. Whereas traditional media granted a person the authority in authorship to create news,

today, authorship in New Media is granted to anyone and everyone who wishes to engage with an online media platform (Bouvier & Machin, 2017). This has allowed for the media landscape to be no longer dominated by a “top-down” dissemination of newspaper texts. Rather, all users of New Media can become citizen journalists, and take part in the dissemination of power dynamics. (Bouvier & Machin, 2017).

New and fundamentally different characteristics in New Media allow CDA the opportunity to explore more types of communication not limited to dominant discourses in communities of opinion such as newspapers or speeches (Bouvier & Machin, 2017). New characteristics that must be considered when using critical discourse analysis in New Media include: texts that are less static (as they can be engaged with over a period of years), texts that are produced and received in different and more creative ways, texts that are multimodal, and the authorship of texts that are vague or anonymous or fabricated. Furthermore, the multimodal dimension of CDA on social media platforms is further challenged in that texts are no longer ‘linear’: communicated aspects are not only the text itself but also in how the content webpages are laid out, the presence of images, lists, graphics, emoticons, and ability for users to engage with text in alternative ways such as through the presence of voting systems or “Likes”. Additionally, critical discourse analysis is able to address communicative elements that are purposely hidden – for example images and comments that are further down a webpage or hidden behind links or pay walls (Bouvier & Machin, 2017).

### 3.7 Methodological Framework of CDA

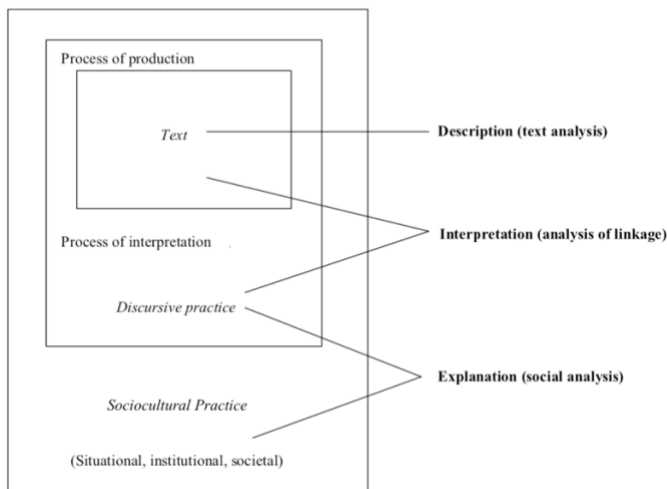
The methodological approach to Fairclough’s Critical Discourse Analysis identifies the concept of a discursive practice to connect micro-level power structures seen in text and macro-level power structures seen in sociocultural practices (Figure 1). This research utilizes Fairclough’s method of critical discourse analysis as it was adopted in Ng’ambi’s 2008 analysis of anonymous online posts due to how Ng’ambi (2008) was able to adopt CDA to address a New Media medium, the online post, as opposed to a more traditional CDA medium, such as a political speech or a newspaper (Ng’ambi, 2008; Thomson, 2004). Therefore, this framework will describe Fairclough’s CDA as projected within the parameters of Ng’ambi’s study and subsequently the parameters of this study.

The first level of CDA is the *textual level*, the micro level wherein the content and form of the selected text is described (Thomson, 2004). The second level, the *discursive practice*, is wherein discourse is “put into practice” (Zotzman & O’Regan, 2016, pg. 121). Between the textual level and the discursive practice is the interpretation of the text, also known as the operationalization of discourse (Zotzman & O’Regan, 2016). The operationalization is created through combinations of speech genres and discursive types. The relationships between text discourse, genres, and types is known as interdiscursivity. In other words, the discursive practice is an interpretive explanation wherein discourses are interdiscursively combined depending on social and cultural contexts. Speech genres are commonly used in everyday conversation and are “linguistic devices which apply horizontally across various orders of discourse (which any researcher, for example, might be likely to find when performing CDA in other domains)” (Thomson, 2004, p. 7). Discursive types are “themes- formations which are ‘vertically’ identifiable as part of a particular order of discourse and which are likely to remain specific to a particular domain of study” (Thomson, 2004, p. 7). The ‘horizontal’ text genres and ‘vertical’ discursive types in specific combinations will allow for discursive practices to be identified and will uncover how discourse is “voiced in a seemingly neutral, even normative, manner” (Thomson, 2004, p. 6).

Lastly, *Social Practice* is the third level of the critical discourse analysis which aims to uncover the social explanation of the explored text, taking into account the situation, the institutional context and the social context (Titscher, Meyer, Wodak, Vetter, 2000). This can be facilitated by the researcher as critical discourse analysis is not simply a general methodology one can apply to any application. Rather CDA relies on the researcher “engaging with literature of relative disciplines” to have a “thorough understanding of the reality on which the research acts” (Zotzman & O’Regan, 2016, pg. 122). Overall, the social explanation can discover where power dimensions lay and explain underlying power relations the discursive practices might be reproducing (Titscher, Meyer, Wodak, Vetter, 2000).

Figure 1

*Dimensions of discourse and discourse analysis (Titscher, Meyer, Wodak, Vetter, 2002).*



### 3.8 Sub Questions

Considering the theoretical framework of this paper, additional sub questions have been formulated to help answer the initial research question. This thesis will take a critical approach to intercultural communication as it is displayed on the New Media platform Reddit. As this thesis aims to reveal how power dynamics of Western dominance are mediated, maintained, and resisted, discourse strands will be analyzed using COVID-19 as the *tertium comparationis*. To help answer the main research question, the following sub questions have been formulated:

SQ1: How are discursive practices exhibited in the subReddit forum r/Europe?

SQ2: To what extent do the discursive practices present in r/Europe reflect dynamics of power that favor of the West?



## 4. Methodology

This chapter will discuss the method used in analyzing the selected corpus. This chapter will outline the selection of the corpus, the process of corpus collection, and a description of the three-step critical discourse analysis employed when analyzing the corpus.

### 4.1 Selection of the Corpus

The fixed point of reference used to comprehensively measure the corpus, known as a *tertium comparationis*, are the discourse patterns surrounding COVID-19 in the subReddit r/Europe. January 25, 2020 marked the first case of COVID-19 to be reported in the European Union: three French citizens, two of which were just previously on a trip back from China were tested positive. The virus then subsequently appeared in Germany, Spain, Italy, Finland, etc. (Secon, 2020). On February 11, 2020, the World Health organization announced the official name of the virus as “COVID 19”. These dates were chosen for analysis as in this time frame, China, a non-Western country, was inherently associated with the coronavirus as it had not yet been known that this virus would spread to a pandemic, or a disease prevalent in the entire world.

### 4.2 Collection of Corpus

The advanced search bar of the Reddit home page was used to find the subReddit r/Europe. From there, the advance search bar was then further used to search the key word “coronavirus” within the subReddit r/Europe to find where this key word was mentioned in a post. The drop-down option to sort posts was then set to “newest” to provide chronologically listed posts that started with the most recent post mentioning “coronavirus” and ending with the very first post that mentioned the word “coronavirus”. From there the posts, comments, and comment threads dating from January 25 to February 11 were collected.

Microsoft Excel was used to keep track of these texts and create a tabular linear outline of the collected text. The following information regarding the post was then inserted into columns within an Excel document: The date the post was written, the title of the post, and the amount of votes the post has. Then, the comments of every post were inserted in columns immediately following the post itself: the comment, a description of non-textual cues, the amount of points the comment thread has, and color indication if the comment is part of a thread or not (See

Figure 2). Comment threads, the series of comments that create a discussion, are colored grey and stand-alone comments are colored white so as to visually make clearer what are stand-alone comments and what comments belong to comment threads. The comments are inserted into the Excel file in the default order in which they appear on the website. In total, this amounts to a total corpus of 65 posts and 1031 comments and 103 comment threads (see the appendix).

## Figure 2

### *Example of Microsoft Excel formatting*

	date	post	votes	#	votes	Comments and Comment Threads	Non-textual cues	Thread; total points
23	2.3.20	France confirms sixth case of infection with coronavirus						
			38	23.1	3	1300s all over again		
				23.2	2	Ay caramba!	Spanish exclamation of surprise	
				23.3	3	We have subpar containment policies. Health workers with unadequate equipment. No thorough health check at the airport. It will be terrible. Hope it does not reach old or immunodeficient people.		
				23.3.1	3	Many people have expressed doubts about airport health checks, especially during regular flu season.		5

New Media allows individuals to add more information and textual variation to comments rather than just the text itself. Text contains variations such as: bold text, links to other web pages, emoticons, etc. (Bouvier & Machin, 2017). To address these variations, an additional column titled ‘non-textual cues’ was inputted to the right of the ‘comment’ text column. The variation was described in preparation to operationalize non-traditional text variations as to be included into the analysis. These descriptions were included in the initial text analysis phase of the critical discourse analysis. See Table 1 for a comprehensive list of the comment variations found in the corpus and what descriptions were used to address these variations.

**Table 1**

*List of comment variations found in corpus*

<b>Textual variation</b>	<b>Description for analysis</b>
Text in language other than English	Use Google translate to translate text into English. Indicate original language of the comment (Google Translate, n.d.).
[comment deleted by moderator]	Comment has been removed by the moderator of the subReddit
[comment deleted by user]	Comment has been deleted by the original poster
/s	Indicates comment as sarcastic
Emoticons	Description of specific emoticon (Emojipedia, n.d.).
Links	Description of website or web page link is referring to
“...”	Indicates the poster is fictitious dialogue/narrative is present
“...”	Reference to section in a comment/original post
//	Indicates a new paragraph
Italics	Text is italicized
Capitals	Text is written in all capital letters
Small font size	Text is written in font size
Strikethrough	Text contains a strikethrough
Bold	Text is bolded
Abbreviations	Phrases that have been abbreviated (ex. Lol, OMG, etc.)
Slang	Translate slang into coherent English sentence (Urban Dictionary, n.d.).
Repetition	Comment repeated from same post or different post

#### 4.3 Method of Analysis

As stated before, this analysis utilizes a Ng’ambi’s adaptation of Fairclough’s critical discourse analysis. The text first underwent a text analysis. A short description of the thread, that is the series of comments that create a discussion, was written by carefully reading and summarizing the content and form of the comment thread considering the non-textual cues found within the comments (Ng’ambi, 2008; Thomson, 2004).

Next, the text analysis then underwent operationalization, or interpretation, by combining text genres and discursive types to determine the discursive practices present in the text. The comment threads were attributed one or more of the following text genres:

- Information – The text contains facts
- Persuasion – The text contains reasoning or argument
- Humor – The text is comical
- Confidence – The text refers to the user’s self-assurance
- Uncertainty – The text asks a question

These text genres are adopted from Ng’ambi’s (2008) configurations of anonymous online postings. These categorizations of text genre can be used here due to how, as stated before, this study also researched New Media platform. Moreover, text genres are common linguistic devices used in every day text and are applicable to most conversation settings (Thomson, 2004).

Next, discursive types were attributed to each text genre. To determine discursive types, Thomson’s (2004) and Fung & Low’s (2019) configurations of discursive types were utilized. The discourse types used were:

- Legitimacy – text aims to establish authority or contains authoritative discourse
- Identification – text aims to establish the norm or indicate a desirable outcome
- Corporatism – text aims to be used to collaborate with others
- Involvement – text is used to participate in or engage with
- Negotiation – the aim of the is to reach an agreement

The attribution of discursive type to text genre is determined by insight found in the “normative use of discourses and genres together with a respect for social convention” (Titscher, Meyer, Wodak, Vetter, 2000, p. 151). In other words, this process is informed by social and cultural context where the text lays.

As stated in Thomson’s (2004) study of information and communication technology, this process of analysis relies on subjective judgement therefore “there can be no ‘definitive’ analysis of a piece of discourse” (p.7). This dilemma is mitigated by the fact that this type of discourse analysis is highly structured and presented as a linear connection between parts (Thomson, 2004; Roode, Speight, Pollock, Webber, 2004). Therefore, the reader is encouraged to refer to the appendix to examine and read the linear connections between text and the attributed text genre and discourse types.

Lastly, the text is then explained in social practice. The discursive practice undergoes an explanation unto why the discourse is practiced in this way. The text and attributed discursive practice is read and then in the column to the right of the “discursive practice column” is written the social explanation using the researcher’s thorough understanding of the topic (Zotzman & O’Regan, 2016).

**Table 2**

*Example of Analysis*

	Comment Thread	Text Analysis	Discursive Practice	Social Analysis
35.1	Unless they are old or chronically ill they should have little to worry. Although a spread of the virus is bad news for those who are old and chronically ill.	35.a. Comments and questions giving opinions, stating who should be worried.	<b>(Legitimacy - Information) (Uncertainty - Involvement)</b> Stating their advice/opinion on the matter	Going to the SubReddit for answers rather than looking online at medical sites paired with the other users confidently giving answers. There is an act of trust within the community that they are going to be satisfied with the information they receive and users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions.
35.1.1	It can still makes you incredibly sick and not all the deaths are from the old and chronically ill.			
35.1.2	Does it make you more sick than normal flu?			
35.1.3	Yes., it's a lot more likely to cause pneumonia and severe cases can cause organ failure. Severe pneumonia requires intensive care treatment and can kill even healthy people. If there is a major outbreak, hospitals may be stretched too thin and not be able to provide the level of care needed. This could mean pneumonia cases that are normally recoverable could become fatal. Also there has been reports that the virus may case permeant damage to kidneys.			
35.1.4	BUT I WANT TO PANIC NOW			

## 5. Results

This section presents the results of 65 posts, 1031 comments and 103 comment threads as analyzed using critical discourse analysis. From the analysis, 163 discursive practices were identified. The data is presented as interdiscursive combinations with the identified social analysis for organized reading and understanding. The first section, is a general overview of all the discursive practices identified (section 5.1) and the next section present data according to specific discursive practice (found in sections 5.2 – 5.7).

### 5.1 Overview of Total Data

This section describes an overview of the discursive practices identified in the corpus. The following table (Table 3) outlines the total amount of identified discursive practices.

**Table 3**

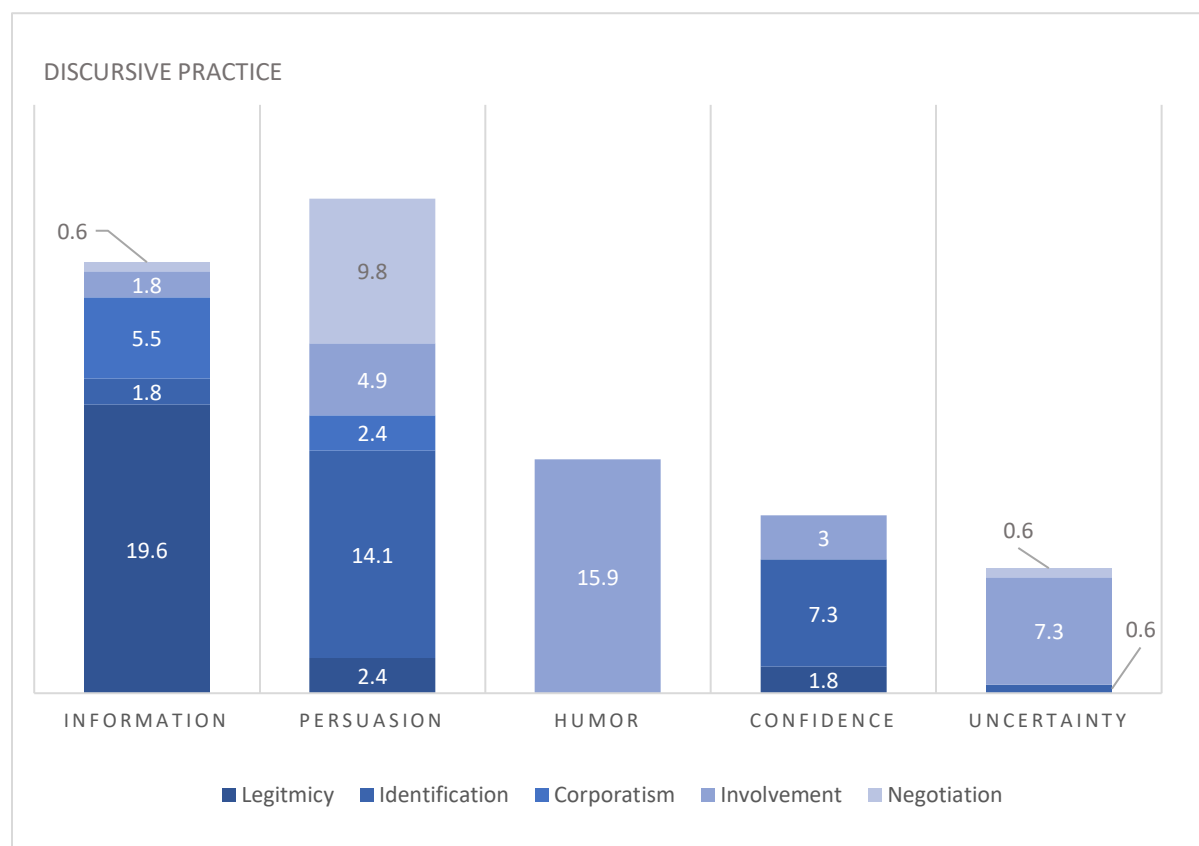
*Overview of data collected; discursive practices*

DISCOURSIIVE PRACTICE	COUNT	% TOTAL (TYPE)	% TOTAL(ALL)
Information – Legitimacy	32	66.6%	<b>19.6%</b>
Information – Identification	3	6.2%	1.8%
Information – Corporatism	9	18.7%	5.5%
Information – Involvement	3	6.2%	1.8%
Information – Negotiation	1	2.0%	.6%
Persuasion – Legitimacy	4	7.2%	2.4%
Persuasion – Identification	23	41.8%	<b>14.1%</b>
Persuasion – Corporatism	4	7.2%	2.4%
Persuasion – Involvement	8	14.5%	4.9%
Persuasion – Negotiation	16	29.0%	<b>9.8%</b>
Humor – Involvement	26	100%	<b>15.9%</b>
Confidence – Legitimacy	3	15%	1.8%
Confidence – Identification	12	60%	<b>7.3%</b>
Confidence – Involvement	5	25%	3%
Uncertainty – Identification	1	7.1%	.6%
Uncertainty – Involvement	12	85.7%	<b>7.3%</b>
Uncertainty – Negotiation	1	7.1%	.6%

The most common text genre in the comment threads analyzed was “persuasion”, consisting a total of 34% of the total corpus. The least common text genre present was “uncertainty”, consisting of a total of 8.5% of the corpus. The most common discursive practice, with a presence of 19.6% of the total corpus is “Information-Legitimacy”. The least prominent discursive practices, all holding 0.5% of the total corpus are “Information-Negotiation”, “Uncertainty-Identification”, and “Uncertainty-Negotiation”. Figure 3 offers a visualization of the total collected data.

**Figure 3**

*Bar graph of discursive practices*

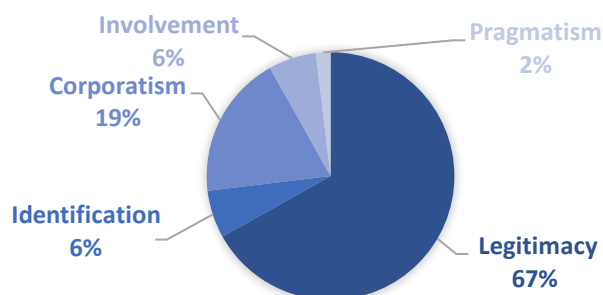


## 5.2 Discursive Practice: Information

Comment threads that contain the text genera “Information” contribute to 29.3% of the total corpus (see figure 4). Due to the amount of data collected, this section will only report on the discursive practice Information-Legitimacy.

Figure 4

*Discursive practice: Information*



Information – Legitimacy

The dominate discursive practice that contains the text genre Information is when it is paired with legitimacy. This discursive practice, Information-Legitimacy, contributes to about 20% of the total comment threads analyzed and thus the largest dimension of the entire corpus. Furthermore, it makes up 66.6% of this specific text genre section. This discursive practice is the act wherein users provide factual information to the discussion usually responding to a users’ question or providing more context to the conversation. The socio-cultural explanation recognizes that users exhibit characteristics of authority as they believe they have the power or right to contribute to the discussion, framing information in a way that is true and believable thus shaping the information to fit the discussion. See table 4 for an example of the discursive practice Information-Legitimacy.

Table 4

*Example of Information – Legitimacy discursive practice*

#	Comment Thread	Text analysis	Discursive Practice	Social Analysis
12.7.1	I don't know what people are so worked up about. The flu (the just the normal, everyday flu) kills 300,000-600,000 people every year. This has only killed what, 120?	12.d. Asking a question about the seriousness of this virus, response is	<b>(Information Uncertainty - Legitimacy)</b> people answering questions, users going to this sub for answers	Going to the SubReddit for answers rather than looking online at medical sites paired with the other users confidently giving answers. There is an act of trust within the community that they are going to be satisfied with the information they receive and users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions.
12.7.2	Just cuz 1 bad thing exists doesnt mean everything else should be ignored. This is exactly the time when we need attention towards the new virus, since we can stop/slow it.	giving an opinion about what to do about the situation		

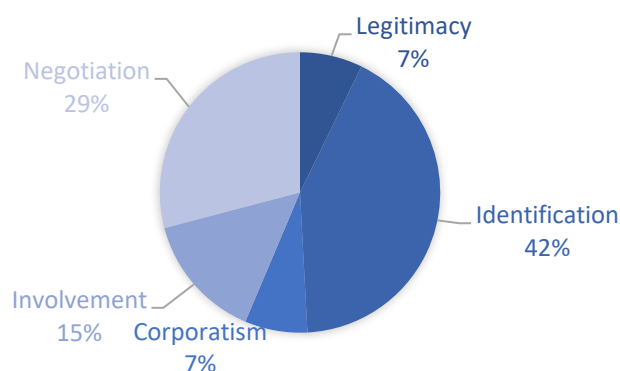


### 5.3 Discursive Practice: Persuasion

The most common text genre identified in the corpus is “Persuasion”. Comment threads that contain the text genera “Persuasion” contribute to 34% of the total corpus, therefore the greatest text genre present (see figure 5). Due to the amount of data collected, this section will only report on the two most common discursive practice findings associated with persuasion: Persuasion-Identification and Persuasion-Negotiation.

Figure 5

*Discursive practice: Persuasion*



#### Persuasion – Identification

The discursive practice Persuasion-Identification make up a total of 14% of the total corpus and 42% of its specific text genre. The discursive practice that is Persuasion – Identification contains reasoning or argument to establish normal behavior and thinking. The socio-cultural explanation for this practice is that users are aiming to persuade others of their opinion and thus aiming to shape the overall tone of the subReddit. See table 5 for an example of the discursive practice Persuasion-Identification.

Table 5

*Example of Persuasion – Identification discursive practice*

#	Comment Thread	Text analysis	Discursive Practice	Social Analysis
63.4 .1	I don't understand why people are going to extremes here, according to data we have, 2019-nCoV will probably not be a Spanish Flu 2, but also isn't as unimportant as flu.	63.c. Discussion comparing preventative measures and practices between the COVID-19 and the flu. Information without sources are posted.	<b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> establishing the norms of the group	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.
63.4 .2	Better safe than sorry and the data that we have might not be reliable.			
63.4 .3	Oh please don't get me wrong, I agree with that, my reasoning is more like: We should prepare for the worst but we shouldn't panic.			
[Comment thread has been shortened, see full comment thread in appendix]				

## Persuasion – Negotiation

The discursive practice of Persuasion – Negotiation contributes to about 10% of the total corpus and 29% of this specific text genre. This practice is wherein users aim to persuade each other on an aspect in the aim of coming to a resolution. Usually this is an act of argument where competing views are aiming to persuade each other what is correct or what they believe the desirable outcome of the conversation should be. The social-cultural explanation for this practice is that as that users with conflicting views wish to shape the tone of the subReddit. Because of conflicting views, argument ensues. See table 6 for an example of the discursive practice Persuasion-Negotiation.

**Table 6**

*Example of Persuasion – Negotiation discursive practice*

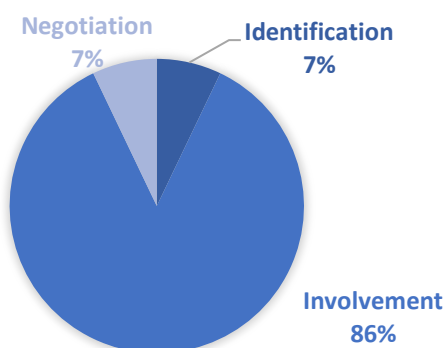
#	Comment Thread	Text analysis	Discursive Practice	Social Analysis
45.1.1	Marie Le Pen.... Against stigmatisation? Isn't she like Pétain level far-right?	45.a. Discussion centering around the response of the French president. Opinion that the response of the French president was favorable and surprising.	<b>(Persuasion - Negotiation)</b> Collaboration and agreement from the other commenters.	Users aim to reach an agreement that is in line with one another as they both aim to shape the tone of the subReddit.
45.1.2	Yes. But her trying to expand her voter base to culturally conservative Asian voters isn't the worst idea she's ever had (lol bringing back the Franc)			
45.1.3	Or perhaps Chinese money is involved			
45.1.4	lol bringing back the Franc In the last election she had dropped leaving the euro and leaving the EU from her program, because she can't even convince her entire base to go with that.			
45.1.5	That's a surprisingly intelligent move from her, that's dangerous. A far-right politician who is not a total idiot....			
[Comment thread has been shortened, see full comment thread in appendix]				

## 5.4 Discursive Practice: Uncertainty

Discourse strands that contain the text genre “Uncertainty” contribute to the 8.4% of the total corpus (see figure 6). Due to the amount of data collected, this section will only report on the discursive practice Uncertainty – Involvement.

**Figure 6**

*Discursive practice: Uncertainty*



### Uncertainty – Involvement

The discursive practice Uncertainty-Involvement makes up the predominant practice in this discourse type. Users post questions or indicate their uncertainties. The socio-cultural explanation sees that there is an act of trust within the community as users are turning to the thread with questions not towards websites or official pages. See table 7 for an example.

**Table 7:**

*Example of Uncertainty – Involvement discursive practice*

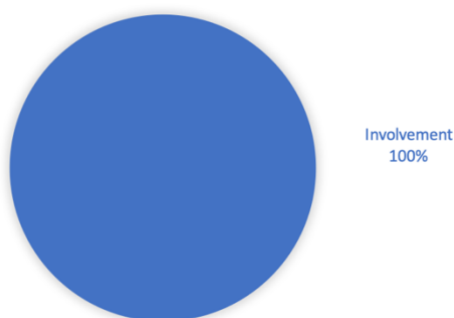
#	Comment Thread	Text analysis	Discursive Practice	Social Analysis
1.8.1	830 registered cases and 26 deaths makes 3% mortality rate. How is that compared with flu?	1.f. Asking questions, asking other Reddit users' opinions, an argument between users, aiming to persuade each other their thoughts	<b>(Uncertainty-Involvement)</b> in asking their other users the questions <b>(Information-Legitimacy)</b> in giving answers/opinions to questions	Going to the SubReddit for answers rather than looking online at medical sites paired with the other users confidently giving answers. These together show that There is an act of trust within the community and they are going to be satisfied with the information they receive. Additionally, in the informative responses, Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation, and making people listen to them
1.8.2	Influenza varies greatly depending on seasonal strains, but it is usually < 0.01% worldwide. nCOV mortality rate is impossible to estimate currently because many of the people that have died have had severe symptoms for weeks and took a long time to die + the virus has a relatively long incubation time (2-14 days). At the same time many victims will probably not notify hospitals, not be diagnosed and recover on their own.			
1.8.3	Do we know their age, occupation and treatment received?			
1.8.4	The most serious case I think is a 36 year old who had no pre-existing conditions, had been in intensive care since the January 9th and died despite anti-viral and antibiotic treatment.			
[Comment thread has been shortened, see full comment thread in appendix]				

## 5.5 Discursive Practice: Humor

Comment threads that contain the text genera “Humor” contribute to the 17.7% of the total corpus, (see figure 7). This text genre is unique in that it is only paired with on discursive type. Therefore, this section will only describe the discursive practice Humor-Involvement.

Figure 7

*Discursive practice: Humor*



### Humor – Involvement

The discursive practice of Humor – Involvement makes up the entirety, or 100%, of this category. Humor paired with Involvement is the act of using comical or amusing comments to contribute to the conversation. The socio-cultural practice in this discursive practice sees that users want to and know how to participate in the discussion using humor. Furthermore, they know what jokes will resonate with users. The users act as active participants in the subReddit as they provide comical comments and create amusing threads. See Table 8 for an example of the discursive practice Humor-Involvement.

Table 8

*Example of Humor – Involvement discursive practice*

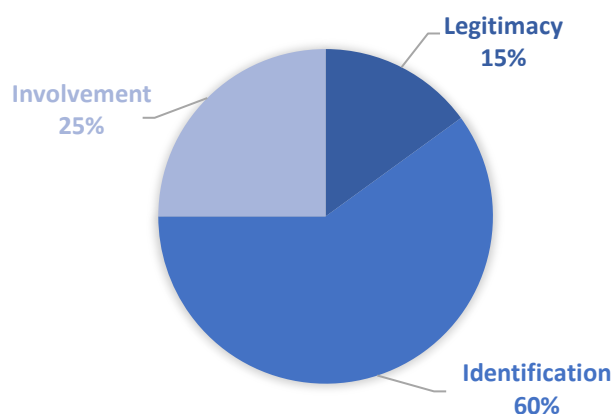
#	Comment Thread	Text analysis	Discursive Practice	Social Analysis
17.1.1	Netherlands lost to Finland again	17.a. Sarcastic comments, joke	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> as the initial comment is a joke that resonates with users	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users. Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.
17.1.2	Does this mean that next case will be found in Netherlands?			
17.1.3	You can have this one :)			
[Comment thread has been shortened, see full comment thread in appendix]				

## 5.6 Discursive Practice: Confidence

Comments that reflect the text genre “Confidence” contribute to only 12% of the total data. Due to the amount of data collected, this section will only report on the discursive practice Confidence-Identification. See Figure 8 for the total breakdown of discursive practices.

**Figure 8**

*Discursive practice: Confidence*



### Confidence – Identification

The discursive practice Confidence-Identification makes up a total of 7.3% of the total data and 60% of its’ specific text genre. This discursive practice reflects how the user self-assuredly aims to establish the norms of the discussion and subReddit. The socio-cultural explanation recognizes that the user is assured that their thoughts and comments are correct and feels comfortable aiming to use their confidence in shaping the overall tone of the discussion and subReddit. See table 9 for an example of the comment thread Confidence-Identification.

**Table 9**

*Example of Confidence – Identification discursive practice*

#	Comment Thread	Text analysis	Discursive Practice	Social Analysis
42.1.1	Whoa! Been a while since Italy has saved the world. Nice to see that Italy still got it.	42.a. Encouraging response from Italy revealing positive Italian sentiments	<b>(Confidence-Identification)</b> establishing the norms in the thread of positivity. And the role/attitudes towards Italians...	User aims to establishing the firm basis of what something is. Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit
42.1.2	Glad that my taxes are being spent wisely for once!			
42.1.3	Italy was also instrumental in dealing with SARS. Nice job, Italy <3			
[Comment thread has been shortened, see full comment thread in appendix]				

## 6. Discussion

This discussion aims to answer the sub questions considering the most significant findings of this study. This discussion refers the context and theoretical framework as presented in chapters 2 and 3.

### 6.1. Social Actions and Discursive Practice

This section addresses the first sub question:

*How are discursive practices exhibited in the subReddit forum r/Europe?*

Reddit users, as they make use of being a part of the expressive internet, utilize social actions in the management of self-image (Haslett, 2012). In this research, social management of self-image can be seen in discursive practices of Information-Legitimacy (20% of the data) and Humor-Involvement (16% of the total data) (see table 3). Through the discursive practice of Information-Legitimacy, users provided information and presented themselves as having the authority to provide more context to discuss and answer questions. This maintains a social image of authority as other users are then expected to listen to the information they are posting. Additionally, through the discursive practice Humor-Involvement, users utilized humor, jokes, and sarcasm they knew would resonate with others. The social image present here illustrates themes that ultimately show users as likable. Overall, these two discursive practices Information-Legitimacy and Humor-Involvement cultivate social ties and image management on this online forum.

The discursive practices that manage self-image fed into characteristics seen within the Social Identity Theory. Through the discursive practices identified in results section, the in-group and out-group were being developed. As stated before, the in-group and out-group is the affiliation or distancing with others to depending on specific values (Glynn, Herbst, Lindeman, O'Keefe, & Shapiro, 2016; Fitzpatrick, 2020; Zotzman & O'Regan 2016). The discursive practice Persuasion-Involvement (14% of the total data) (see table 3) aimed to set the tone of the discussion and the overall subReddit through persuasive means and thus determine what the specific values the in-group would identify with and what values they did not want to identify with. This action can be specifically seen through the presence of the down-votes within the discursive practice Persuasion-Involvement: users' discussion that did not resonate with the majority groups values were downvoted. As a result, the constant act of perpetuation of specific

values and beliefs were being cultivated, this led to characteristics that reflect an echo chamber (Bowell, 2017; Glavenau, 2018). Additionally, the discursive practice Uncertainty-Involvement shows that users are going to the subReddit with questions to get answers rather than from medical professionals or accredited websites. This further cultivated the notion that users want only to hear the opinions and practices of their in-group (Glavenau, 2018). Furthermore, as forums are not open spaces, but spaces of debated participation, it is specifically through the presence of the discursive practice Persuasion-Negotiation, and to some extent the discursive practice Persuasion-Involvement, that it can be seen how user discussions would erupt into debate when users faced a discrepancy in values or beliefs (Nikunen, 2018). All in all, the Social Identity Theory as expressed in this online forum can also be said to have led to the cultivation of the discursive practice associated with the text genre *confidence* as users self-assuredly post engagements that they believe will be accepted by other users therefore ultimately revealing that they are able to affiliate their discussion with the majority values (Fitzpatrick, 2020). It should be mentioned that here we see that the discursive practice Humor-Involvement also is used in the same way: jokes are used that resonate with majority views as they reflect the ability to identify with wide-held beliefs and values and thus fortify in-group values (Fitzpatrick, 2020).

## 6.2 The Role of Western Dominance in r/Europe

This section addresses the second sub question:

SQ2: To what extent do the discursive practices present in r/Europe reflect dynamics of power that favor of the West?

Reflected in the data collected, the discursive practices make the subReddit r/Europe to be a space where majority ideologies, specifically Western ideologies, are open and able to be cultivated. Western ideologies can be seen in the discursive practices themselves. As Chen and Dai (2012) state, Western values are that of “the cult of reason and science, the faith in individuality, and human freedom and democracy” (p. 128). First, discursive practices that exhibit themes of reason and science are displayed in text genres associated with the most common discursive practice identified in the data: information. Users use information to participate in the discussions and thus set a value that supports practices of reason and science. Secondly, themes of democracy are displayed in the second most common text genre: persuasion. Users openly engage in conversations with other users as they aim to reach common

goals, negotiate arguments, and navigate discourses. Lastly, the Western-ideology pertaining to individuality is recognized in all of the discursive practices, as individuals utilize the expressive internet as a tool for the individual maintaining of self-image and social management (Haslett, 2012).

The exhibition of Western ideology in this forum is revealed in discursive practices that employ social practices, which result in non-likeminded people being denied access to contribute thoughts, values or ideas to conversations and discussion resulting in a public space that is not open and accessible to all people (Glavenau, 2018). As a result, the values that are cultivated are going to be one sided and reflect the values of the majority (Bowell, 2017). As mentioned before, Haslett (2012) posits that all online social systems have a “common set of core values, established over time that individuals identify with” (p. 53). In this case, as New Media is not a cultural-neutral space and is dominated by Western-ideologies, the values of the majority are values of the West (Chen & Dai, 2012). As users’ actions reflect these themes of western ideology, they also engage in representation, providing images of the world that ultimately determine the sources of meaning and knowledge. The creation of representation in discourse, using a critical approach to intercultural communication, recognize that individuals engage in discourse that ultimately will create value relative to them (Rigney, 2007; Zotzmann & O’Regan, 2016). Therefore in this forum, Western ideologies, are used, in addition to a tool to measure non-western values, as a tool to determine what has meaning and significance: who is part of the in-group or out-group.



## 7. Conclusion

Therefore, considering the findings and insight regarding the sub questions, concluding remarks aim to answer the initial research question:

RQ: To what extent does discourse in the Reddit forum r/Europe contribute to patterns of Western dominance in initial posts regarding COVID-19?

The discursive practices as revealed in the subReddit r/Europe, are engorged with notions of social practices. The discursive practices as revealed in the discussion section are now understood in the context of online social image management and Social Identity Theory. Results indicate that in this online setting r/Europe, social practices play an incredibly strong role in the formulation and execution of discursive practices. As previously mentioned, a consequence of social practices exhibited here is that accessibility of non-likeminded individuals is limited and discouraged. Thus, majority values and in this case, ones that reflect Western values, are exhibited. These Western based values utilize discourse in the construction of meaning and are thus able to determine how to measure what characteristics hold greater value. As a result, an ongoing cycle is created wherein ideology determines discourse habits that determine and inform what is meaningful which then reinforce ideologies. This a cycle that is perpetuating in in the subReddit r/Europe as the discursive practices operate within a social sphere and express in-group and out-group mentality, not allowing for the presence of minority or non-Western view to permeate discussion. In other words, this research suggests that the nature of online forums as social systems reinforce patters of Western dominance in the online social news site Reddit.

### 7.1 Limitations

The findings presented in this research do not come without limitations. First off, a limitation is seen in act of trying to extend the theories of intercultural communication to an online medium. As stated before, intercultural New Media studies is an emerging field where traditional theories of intercultural communication cannot be applied without some alteration or even at all. Therefore, a limitation is seen within the thin nature of theoretical framework, especially regarding dominance of Western ideologies, in that this research might have been better contextualized if there had been more research about this topic. Although in many senses a limitation, this also has provided new insight into the field of intercultural communication New Media studies and has built on the research of Chen and Dai (2012).

Further limitation apparent within this research was the utilization of Fairclough's Critical Discourse Analysis to find ways in which power dimensions are naturalized in New Media discourse. Although this research was based on models of CDA as applied to New Media, it must be recognized that this is still a novel concept and therefore the best practices in addressing the particularities of New Media using CDA are still being explored. There are an incredible number of factors that contribute to the non-linear nature of an online comment and it would be close to impossible to address all of them, thus limiting the depth of exploration the discourse this study explores. For example, one Reddit comment thread can involve many additional characteristics not considered in this study: what posts were awarded Reddit 'awards', how posts were engaged with after initial data had been collected, how comments are sorted by 'best', 'top', 'new', or 'controversial' and how that impacts how people interact within discussions, anonymity of users, the identification of nationality in some user names and not in other usernames, etc. All in all, the multi-faceted and non-linear nature of New Media presented limitations when paired with Fairclough's critical discourse analysis as many characteristics in the discourse could not be accounted for.

## 7.2 Recommendations for Further Research

Intercultural Communication in New Media studies is a growing field thus allowing for greater and more in depth opportunities for research exploration. A recommendation for future research regarding the perpetuation of Western dominance in Reddit forums is to explore the extent to which Western dominance is perpetuated in different subReddits, including some that are not European based. This will give more insight into what ideologies feed into online social actions of other online forums. Additionally, further research can be conducted within forums wherein posts are not anonymous, thus seeing how the role of physical social identities within online spaces are revealed and what ideologies are present.

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## Appendix

This rather exhaustive appendix shows the corpus that was collected for this research. The table includes the three level critical discourse analysis as applied to each comment thread.

	date	Post	votes	#	votes	Comments and Comment Threads	Non-textual cues	Thread; total points	description (text Analysis)	Interpretation (Discursive Practice)	Explanation (Social Practice)
1	24.1.20	Two confirmed coronavirus cases in France									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/JaimePas]. (2020, January 24). <i>Two confirmed coronavirus cases in France</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/etfbcm/two_confirmed_coronavirus_cases_in_france/ffgvpc5/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/etfbcm/two_confirmed_coronavirus_cases_in_france/ffgvpc5/</a>									
			664	1.1	160	translated text with Translated with www.DeepL.com/Translator	link for translation website				
					165	That must be terrifying. "Have you been to china?" "Yeah". "Okay, just going to put up my face mask now and put you in the isolation ward. Don't worry."	Fictitious Dialogue				
					90	Gotta be terrifying to the doctor too to get that answer. It means weeks of isolation/observation.					
					74	Instantly transformed into a Redditor.					
					11	"Do you know why the other dead patients are growling?"	Fictitious Dialogue				
					12	If he is reasonably healthy, there is no real reason to worry. So far the deaths claimed those whose health is weak anyway.					

					16	"So far the deaths claimed those whose health is weak anyway."  I just love this sentence.	Reference to previous section				
					2	It is just too obnoxious					
					10	"But doctor, Ive seen that movie. I dont wanna go in there... dont make me go in there..." Meanwhile the doctors life is flashing before his eyes. Is he going home tonight.. whats the incubation period, is he infected. Will he spread it to his family. Are they gonna turn into zombies? wait what?	Fictitious Dialogue				
					9	If a person could come in contact with the virus just by going to Wuhan, the numbers provided by the Chinese on the confirmed cases in the region don't add up.					
					14	We dont know how fast it spreads or if it can spread again before any symptons can be shown. How long does it take for symptoms to be shown? If slow it can spread extremely quickly ( since people that belive themselves to be fine is now spreading it everywhere). So he could be unlucky China doesnt either have the best record of reporting real numbers on thier cases either. It is something unknown. So its better to go all out than seeing what it can do.					
					4	Chinese government is lying, the have a reputation to hold up. Fuck them.					
					19	That text was translated from French?  That is fucking amazing.					

					2	Yeah it's called " translation" By knowing both language, here French and English, you can make a traduction in other language.  Pretty neat uh?						
					7	"make a traduction" French speaker confirmed. Nah but the neat thing is that this is a machine translations. It doesn't actually "know" French and English the way a human would.	reference to previous section	595 (0%)	1.a. Admiration for translation of the posted news article, Information and speculation of China's reliability in reporting Coronavirus accurately, Humorous fictitious variations	<b>(Legitimacy- Information)</b> establishing authority in the responses to the questions and uncertainties <b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> seen in how they are participating in a ongoing joke; being part of the Reddit community	The jokes show that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users. The presence of the information is an act of entitlement; Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in providing more context to the conversation, and making people listen to them.	
			1.3		89	Third case confirmed. Friend from a parent of one of the two contaminated.						
					87	Is it a viable strategy to get contaminated first to get treated while there is still room in the hospitals ?						
					78	Top 10 smartest anime characters						
					20	Its a new infection so treatment methods are not final. You may recive more care but not nesscary have better chances on getting healthy. So defactor avoid at all cost. Still nice turn in your 4 d chess game.						
					-5	That would be extremely selfish, dangerous on multiple levels and thus very stupid. Just imagine the situation if						



					people followed your lead. It would make the outbreak much worse than it is. The fact that you're getting upvoted is very sad and dissappointing.						
				13	Issa joke						
				3	Yes, it's a joke, it's a shame that nowadays we have to tell it's a joke before telling it ...						
				-2	I don't think it was meant as a joke.						
				2	It was obviously meant as a joke  I know redditors in general are not the best people when it comes to social interactions, but come one guys...	285 (2% - )	1.b. Personal confirmation of the presence of the virus, describing characteristic of the virus, joke, asking questions about the virus.	<b>(Persuasion – Involvement)</b> letting people know that this Redditor is affected by this virus. <b>(Information – Legitimacy)</b> in describing characteristics of the virus <b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> joking comment that resonates with others	Users feel comfortable sharing personal inforamtion, Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users, in this case some users did not know that it was a joke a responded with a serious reply that did not resonate with the other users (see the downvotes)		
			1.4	124	Let's build a wall.						
				132	The Maginot Line ?						
				54	Sadly the Germans have proven that they are better wall builders than the French.						
				3	Built that wall!						
				2	Didn't stop the US to fly over the German one						
				1	technically, I think that was more of a Russian design						

					-7	i dunno, the maginot had a big ol forest sidepath and the berlin wall was more symbolic than a real wall, since u could easily climb over it	Presence of Slang; Can be read as: I don't know the Maginot had a big old forest side path and the Berlin Wall was more symbolic than a real wall, since you could easily climb over it.				
					28	to late for that, get ze flammenwerfer Hans	German and English text: Translation: Get the flamethrower Hans (note: 'ze' is not a German word, rather the a German accent pronunciation of the English Word 'the'). Hans is a traditional German name.				
					3	Yeah, after seeing Banlieue 13, I don't think it's a good idea. Unless you can run like a motherfucker.	340 (2% - )	1.c. Humor that references to physical barriers in France in Germany circa WWII.	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> Joke that resonates with other users in subReddit	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users	
			1.5	95	france is the european country with the largest chinese diaspora, not a surprise it spread there first						
					64	There are 100 french companies in Wuhan and 500 french expats so not looking good.					
					0	AFAIK Netherlands has the biggest density though	159	1.d. information of Chinese people working in Europe, European business in China, statement regarding the future state of France due to its relationship with China	<b>(Information-Legitimacy-Identification)</b> addressing the French, China current situation	Act of entitlement; Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation, and making people listen to them.	

				1.6	75	Boy am I glad to work in retail in Bordeaux.					
					33	Ha! I imagine health workers in both Bordeaux and Paris are jumping with joy.		108	I.e. Joke about retail work in France, sarcasm	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> Joke that resonates with other users in subReddit	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users
				1.7	85	Was nice knowing you all					
				1.8	57	830 registered cases and 26 deaths makes 3% mortality rate. How is that compared with flu?					
					39	Influenza varies greatly depending on seasonal strains, but it is usually < 0.01% worldwide. nCOV mortality rate is impossible to estimate currently because many of the people that have died have had severe symptoms for weeks and took a long time to die + the virus has a relatively long incubation time (2-14 days). At the same time many victims will probably not notify hospitals, not be diagnosed and recover on their own.					
					2	Do we know their age, occupation and treatment received?					
					22	The most serious case I think is a 36 year old who had no pre-existing conditions, had been in intensive care since the January 9th and died despite anti-viral and antibiotic treatment.					
					3	Anti-viral medication is useless with all coronavirus...					
					12	Apparently some AIDS antivirals ( protease inhibitors I believe) have had some success in the treatment of					

					SARS and are recommended as a last resort for nCOV.					
				2	I bet they give them ribavirin. For some reason they still think it's going to do anything.					
				214	Take those chinese numbers with a grain of salt. I wouldn't be surprised if it was 10 times higher than that.					
				115	This. Hopefully it stays low, but I don't trust the Chinese government to be open and transparent about this issue in particular.					
				n/a	[comment deleted by user]	Comment was deleted by user				
				2	How would chinese react to a good piece of european influenza, like the one from 2001?					
				28	All the people treated outside China has recovered. If it had a high mortality rate someone would have died.					
				11	Especially given their initial reaction [link]	link to Business Insider article "China spent the crucial first days of the Wuhan coronavirus outbreak arresting people who posted about it online and threatening journalists"				
				14	But wouldn't the deaths be harder to hide than the cases, making mortality even lower? Or is this flawed wishful thinking?					
				32	WaPo says the deaths could be recorded as from					

					pneumonia, which is similar. [link]					
				8	<a href="http://www.reddit.com/r/worldnews/comments/etbw16/chinas_coronavirus_count_artificially_made_low_by/">www.reddit.com/r/worldnews/comments/etbw16/chinas_coronavirus_count_artificially_made_low_by/</a>	Link to reddit post titled: "China's coronavirus count artificially made low by classifying as "pneumonia" and covering up with immediate cremations."				
				1	Yeah, I'd suspect they are hiding the number of cases mostly, or just under-estimating them (sounds like it is essentially flu like symptoms, right? Not too surprising if many people are just staying home). If people were dying all over the place presumably that would be harder to cover up. There've been various cases that made it to western countries at this point, have any of them actually died?					
				1	But is that infection rate, mortality rate or both? I'd assume they'd want to pretend both are low					
				1	How do you know those numbers are not correct?					
				1	The number of cases and/or the deaths?					
				0	If no one really believes China, why would they actually try to make it believable? If it is a way of controlling panic, why not lower it to 5 or even below?					
				4	It has to be believable since there are videos of people collapsing and unconscious/dead in Chinese hospitals					

					-1	If you can back that up with some evidence please					
					14	"While estimates of case-fatality (CF) rates for past influenza pandemics have ranged from about 0.1% (1957 and 1968 pandemics) to 2.5% (1918 pandemic)...."					
					13	2,5% seems like a very low estimate for the Spanish flu.					
					17	"The global mortality rate from the 1918–1919 pandemic is not known, but an estimated 10% to 20% of those who were infected died."  That seems like a considerable discrepancy in numbers.	reference to previous section				
					1	It must be very hard to estimate, many people could've gotten the flu, waited it out at home, and survived without getting counted into the estimation.					

					26	<p>No, because confirmed cases are not total cases, and because your death count is not the percentage of those confirmed cases to die.</p> <p>Some people who are confirmed to have the disease have yet to die, which will cause your number to be incorrectly-low.</p> <p>Some people who have the disease will not be confirmed to have it -- that is, they won't go to a hospital, be tested and confirmed. In Wuhan, for example, it looks like hospitals are backlogged. Official sources have reported that some people only get a mild form of the disease -- these people won't die, but may not even go to a hospital or be tested and thus be counted towards confirmed cases. This will cause your number to be incorrectly-high.</p> <p>This The Lancet paper has a 15% mortality rate among the 41 patients studied at the time that the paper was written, though not all of the remaining patients had yet been pronounced disease free (but I'll assume that none were at death's door). They won't have the first problem above, since they checked to see how many survived, but, again, their sample probably isn't going to be representative due to not everyone going to the hospital, so they will have the second problem.</p> <p>As far as I know -- and I've been following r/nCoV and r/China_Flu -- official agencies have not yet put out a mortality estimate and will probably require more time and data to do so. I don't know what the methodology is that medical agencies use to derive such a thing.</p>			
					4	<p>Test takes quite a long time and there are many, many people with similar symptoms. Mortality rate cannot be determined from these numbers.</p>			

				2	<p>1287 now, at 41 deaths and - importantly - only 38 recovered.</p> <p><a href="https://3g.dxy.cn/newh5/view/pneumonia?scene=2&amp;clicktime=1579582238&amp;enterid=1579582238&amp;from=singlemessage&amp;isappinstalled=0">https://3g.dxy.cn/newh5/view/pneumonia?scene=2&amp;clicktime=1579582238&amp;enterid=1579582238&amp;from=singlemessage&amp;isappinstalled=0</a></p> <p>We could just as easily say it has a roughly 50% mortality rate, because roughly as many have died as have recovered.</p> <p>Obviously it is a lot lower than that, because only the worst cases are getting diagnosed in the first place in Wuhan, and we can see that from cases outside of China not dying.</p> <p>But my point is you can't just divide the current number of deaths by the current number of cases to get the mortality rate.</p>	link to Chinese news website			
				2	<p>While I agree with your broader point, that we don't have a mortality rate estimate yet, it's also incorrect to measure the ratio of survivors to deaths, because "survivors" are going to be those discharged and based on this The Lancet paper, Chinese hospitals are not discharging people until after fever has been gone for at least ten days (which I would expect would mean a delay of at least ten days after they would have died if they were going to die). So it's comparing "survived" numbers that are delayed by 10+ days relative to death numbers.</p> <p>Given that the disease has been spreading rapidly, that'll give a ratio higher than the actual mortality rate.</p>				



					1	Absolutely. I think for the death rate we might just want to look outside China. haven't heard of any deaths outside of China, only of people fully recovering. China's rate is perhaps more complicated because of selection bias.				
					1	<p>I also don't know how mortality changes over time in an outbreak, and I'd imagine that this may change. When this started, China didn't know that there was a new disease spreading, didn't know anything about how dangerous it was or who it might kill or what the signs of that might be, didn't have any data on attempted treatment methods on past patients.</p> <p>But seven weeks in, we do know how to identify the virus (relatively) quickly. We know the symptoms, who is more-likely to die, and have treatment history.</p> <p>I mean, I remember reading that untreated HIV effectively kills -- via secondary problems -- off over 80% of the people who get it, but that this drops to 5% with treatment. Being able to identify an infection, identifying what works to alleviate its symptoms, and getting people who are in serious shape into a hospital may do a good deal to change how many people die. Same virus before and after, but tremendous change in how many people it kills.</p>				
				1.8.35	1	One of wich was already in pretty bad shape.				
				1.8.36	1	<p>About 2%. Some groups more vulnerable.</p> <p>Too early to tell whats the actual rate for the current virus. Not enough info. Ask back in 2-3 weeks.</p>				

				1	Theses numbers were given by the chinese governments, don't trust them...	652 (.1% - )	1.f. Asking questions, asking other Reddit users' opinions, an argument between users, aiming to persuade each other their thoughts	<b>(Uncertainty- Involvement)</b> in asking there other users the questions <b>(Information &amp; Confidence - Legitimacy)</b> in giving answers/opinions to questions, <b>(Persuasion - Corporatism)</b> in looking for cooperative answer together using all knowledge and links present	Going to the SubReddit for answers rather than looking online at medical sites paired with the other users confidently giving answers. These together show that There is an act of trust within the community and they are going to be satisfied with the information they receive. Additionally, in the informative responses, Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation, and making people listen to them	
			1.9	28	I'm gonna buy a fat bag of rice and bottled water. It will soon be time to lock myself in and wait it all out.					
				22	Narrator: The rice was from China					
				1	Damn...		51	1.g. Stating their situation joke in response	<b>(Confidence &amp; Humor - Involvement)</b> engaging with the site both in the comment describing what they are doing and writing a joke that they believe would be received by the other users	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users
			1.10.	43	It's starting to feel like Contagion. I'm getting pretty worried.					
				27	It's literally the same exact plot. A SARS-like virus infects patient zero in China due (from what I've heard) to infected animal meat. There's been a case in Chicago in the					

					US and I'm pretty sure Matt Damon's wife in the movie infected someone there too, right?					
				8	Epidemiologists on twitter are saying it looks like this virus is 6-8x more infectious than SARS. remains to be seen what its mortality rate is					
				8	It's a copy cat virus					
				3	One that actually kills.					
				1	A copy cat killer.					
				8	In contagion it's a deadly meningitis/encephalitis, this coronavirus is not as deadly but seems quite contagious. People with bad health should be worried, the other not so much.					
				6	These movie promotions are clearly going too far.					
				1	Contagion was a warning, not an instruction manual!					
				0	<p>Coronavirus will be great for Europe if it takes hold. In one fell swoop you will solve the Pension Crisis and the Climate Crisis. By extinguishing the elderly, it would free up a huge amount of money, housing and resources for younger generations. Something which Europe desperately needs right now.</p> <p>Don't forget what happened after the Black Death - huge increase in wages and living standards for the surviving workers.</p> <p>There are people out there advocating to not have children - which is a dumb attitude, since we need to pass along our genes and attitudes to the next generation - but from their perspective, this virus achieves the same thing.</p>					

				3	children are among those most vulnerable.					
				4	Cold blooded dude. Jesus.					
				1	He's right tho	113	1. h. reference to the movie Contagion, crude comment & response	<b>(Uncertainty - Involvement )</b> Sharing their personal thoughts with the subReddit, <b>(Information - Legitimacy)</b> establishing authority in the information presented, that this virus is not as bad as contagion <b>(Persuasion- legitimacy)</b> crude comment that was not received well	Users turn to this discussion for information showing the level of trust they have in this group to get the answers they are looking for, Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation framing it in a way that is true and believable and thus shaping the information to fit the discussion. The persuasion and legitimacy was not a good pair here because the topic of the text did not fit into the atmosphere of the subReddit.	
			1.11	32	Honestly, call me ignorant, but is it really a threat?  Because I constantly hear that DOOM PLAGUE is coming.  It was Ebola, Zika and other crap and now this, more people died because of HIV or AIDS (~30 million) and no one cares.  Why is it reported like new black death is coming for us? Is it because of viruses ability to mutate fast?	Capital letters				
				24	Of course its just the next doomsday thing social media and the media generally are pushing. In some years 20000 people die from the flu in germany and noone reports					

					and people are too lazy to get vaccination					
				17	"Honestly, call me ignorant, but is it really a threat?"  We don't know. It's the incertitude and the novelty that unnerves people.					
				15	If you are in Wuhan being careful makes a lot of sense. Maybe even a bit of panic is warranted. If you are not in Wuhan - not really. Follow general health advice and you'll be just fine. Chance is you'll be run over by a car or get cancer anyway so don't worry about the new hip death virus.					
				14	Probably not. But it's still dangerous with how contagious it is. However i feel like the world was prepared for this kind of epidemic and currently we seem to be handling this well.					
				16	I really think a lot of people just want something exciting to happen. The way many people talk about this I get the feeling they enjoy it, they try to liken it as much as possible to movies they've seen, games they've played etc., just so they can feel like they are living the fantasy that their real life can't live up to. It's honestly sort of disturbing.					

					10	I remember hearing reading about that. People for example admitted that they are bored with life and want something to happen, some major war, epidemy, zombie outbreak, anything that can break every-day routine. It was a study done by someone but I can't remember where I found this. Sorry.					
					5	It's one of the many reasons why countries start a war or other conflict when the president's ratings go down.					
					1	I see it like a fire alarm test, might as well make sure the media know how to react to these situations. Though I guess it runs the risk of being a boy who cried wolf situation.					
					-4	Same as bird flu, ebola... they will pump it so some big pharma will make bank with a vaccine		130 (3%-)	1.i. Users are asking questions, other users giving <b>information</b> , few sources	<b>(Uncertainty - Involvement + Legitimacy)</b> Going to the subReddit for information, the people give information	Going to the SubReddit for answers rather than looking online at medical sites paired with the other users confidently giving answers. There is an act of trust within the community and they are going to be satisfied with the information they receive.
				1.12	26	ok... buying my ticket to Greenland					
					17	There are Chinese workers and tourists on Greenland and not so good medical care as on the mainland, but you could of course find an alone spot somewhere.					

				n/a	[comment deleted by user]	Comment was deleted by user				
				4	good good, at least one of us will live					
				1	<i>Greenland closes airports</i>	Italic text	48	1.j. Joke response with information sarcastic comment	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> using a joke that resonate with other users, <b>(Information - identification/Legitimacy)</b> responding to the joke with authority and information	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users
			1.11	11	10 people in close contact, but let's just imagine that he went to few public toilets and took a tram a couple of times... If this spreads like flu, that's all it takes					
			1.12	3	Fuck					
			1.13	3	That's what you get for buying Mexican beer I guess.					
			1.14	9	We should cancel any flights from China immediately. There's 56 million people locked by the Chinese government in their cities to stop the spread, so this is some serious shit we should be taking more seriously. Luckily for many of us Redditors, gaming has given us experience on how to survive in an apocalyptic scenario, which is definitely coming.					
				16	"Luckily for many of us Redditors, gaming has given us experience on how to survive in an apocalyptic scenario, which is definitely coming."	Reference to previous section				

					I...uh...I have some bad news for you.					
				12	Are you implying that the hundreds if not thousands of hours playing survival games are useless? I should inform you that as a level 251 player in "7 days to die", I master the arts of crafting, cooking or looting. Also, as an experienced player of "The Long Dark", killing and skinning bears, wolves or moose to make my own clothes is part of my daily routine. I'm pretty comfortable in this scenario, let's see how y'all manage to keep yourselves alive.					
				2	Ah shit, I shouldn't have skipped Fallout...	39	1.k. advice, joke comparing virus to videogame and Reddit community	<b>(Persuasion &amp; information - Legitimacy)</b> Establishing authority in giving an idea as to what should be done. <b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> giving a joke that resonates with the other users	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subreddit, the humor shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion as they know what jokes will resonate with users	
			1.15	2	I guess WHO is just carefully because they don't know this virus and they are afraid of, how it can evolve.					







					1	Ik hoop dat het dan goed komt voor jou.	Translation from Dutch: I hope it will be alright for you.	3 (28% -)	1. o. Creating connections with each other using personal Information	<b>(Information - Corporatism)</b> Their personal information used to participate in the community	Users want to be involved in the community and thus build commodity with personal information.
			1.25	n/a	[comment removed by moderator]	Comment was deleted by moderator					
				18	r/jesuschristreddit [link]	Link to subReddit: r/jesuschristreddit					
				-3	People will die you massive cunt.						
				14	Because of a reddit joke?						
				7	The joke was kinda in bad taste.						
				3	Because of a virus.  I suppose he was pointing out the fact that this wasn't actually funny, merely a stupid mockery about something that isn't funny at all.						
				-2	Issa joke, even if it was a bad joke, doesn't make him a cunt. Chill out bruv.	Slang. Can be read as: it is a joke, even if it was a bad joke, doesn't make him a cunt. Chill out brother.	37 (6%)	1.p. Posting extremely offensive comment, disapproval from the community	<b>(Confidence - Identification)</b> the topic of this text paired with the establishment of how something is was not a good combination as it was removed by the moderator.	Things that are so bad that they do not align with modern standards of human decency are removed, not appreciated within the community	
			1.26	-1	And so it begins. It was nice shitposting with you guys, I guess.						

				1.27	0	welp. [link]	Link to imgur post of an image of a family looking out the window with text indicating that the world burning outside of the window is France.			
				1.28		To be honest I'd prefer an asteroid impact that wipes all life from this planet but if a pandemia is all we get, I'll settle for it.				
				1.29	-6	SHUT THE FUCK UP	Capital letters			
				1.30.	-82	Well this is a punishment of God to the Chinese people for what they did to Uygur Muslims (nothing against the French though).				
					9	Based Allah punishes Chinese for being mean to uigurs but lets genocide of Christians in Africa and the Mideast slide because their blood is filthy	Slang. The term 'based' refers to something with maximum swagger			
					19	..... Shut up				
					16	By that logic it would hit the CCP leadership, not a bunch of people they equally don't give a shit about. If China cared about its people they would have reached out immediately for assistance instead of letting the disease fester and allowing the hospitals to be overrun.				

				14	<p>So if westerners get sick is it punishment for same sex marriage?</p> <p>I'm on your side about Uighurs but it's ridiculous to claim this is punishment from God. It likely has a the same source as SARS. Exotic meat markets selling meat in filthy conditions.</p>					
				2	<p>So god only cares when muslims suffer? Lol</p>					
				2	<p>There are no gods, stop being a moron.</p>					
				0	<p>O te qifsha robt mu ne pidh shkerdhat e mutit se na qite bojen me kto komente pidhropshi. Hiqe at mut usernami dhe at mut flair se ti ske te besh fare me traditat e kombit ton, robqiri i mutit.</p> <p>Kurv njeri uron vdekjen e popullit te thjesht se ca bon qeveria</p>	<p>Translation from Albanian: Oh how could I robot my pussy of shit that we were dyed with these pungent comments? Get rid of that crap username and crap flair that you have nothing to do with the traditions of our nation, the cruel slave.</p> <p>A whore wishes the death of the people simply what the government did</p>				
				1	<p>Motren ne pidh ta perdhunoj o bagël. Po Inshallah krejt familja vdek me nje aksident trafike se nuk na vyn njerez si ti. Inshallah zezakt ti perdhunojn femrat te familjes ore peder. Se baba yt ka vyt me derdh ne toke dhe je ne at pidhin e kalbur te nanes tane.</p>	<p>Translation from Albanian: Sister in pussy to rape or bag. Yes Inshallah the whole family dies in a traffic accident because people like you don't come. Black Inshallah raped women of the ore family. That your daddy is throwing me to the ground and you're in that rotten pussy of our mother.</p>	<p>1. q. Comment regarding the role of divinity in the spreading of this virus. Outlandish claim, not received will by community.</p>	<p><b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> the topic of this text paired with the establishment of how something is was not a good combination as it was removed by the moderator.</p>	<p>Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.</p>	



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2	1.24.20	Coronavirus: two first contaminations confirmed in France									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/Ra75b]. (2020, January 24). <i>Coronavirus: two first contaminations confirmed in France</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/etf16c/coronavirus_two_first_contaminations_confirmed_in/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/etf16c/coronavirus_two_first_contaminations_confirmed_in/</a>									
				2.1	28	Imagine being that zero patient who ate that bat...					
					12	It's unconfirmed, we don't even know the host animal for the virus.					
					3	I thought Chinese scientists determined that it was transmitted to humans from a snake?					
					8	Not exactly, just that DNA analysis show the virus most likely exchanged genes with some virus commonly found in snakes.					
					3	Ah, my bad. TIL!					
					17	NEVER trust anything coming out of Chinese officials, never.  Their twisted gov't requires zero panic, zero unrest to "function", their rotten house will crumble if the citizens start showing discontent for the government.  Only trust European Health organizations or the American CDC.					
					10	That's a given of course, but I don't see how determining how the coronavirus got transmitted from animals to humans would cause panic.					

				11	<p>Wuhan had a lab that was studying the same family of virus.</p> <p><a href="http://english.whiov.cas.cn/Research2016/Research_Progress2016/201712/t20171212_187592.html">http://english.whiov.cas.cn/Research2016/Research_Progress2016/201712/t20171212_187592.html</a> [link]</p> <p>There were also reported safety concerns in said lab.</p> <p><a href="https://www.nature.com/news/inside-the-chinese-lab-poised-to-study-world-s-most-dangerous-pathogens-1.21487">https://www.nature.com/news/inside-the-chinese-lab-poised-to-study-world-s-most-dangerous-pathogens-1.21487</a> [link]</p> <p>So it is possible of an accidental contagion leak that they are covering up. Keep in mind it is the CCP so we will probably never know.</p>	<p>Link to the website Wuhan institute of virology. Link to "Nature: international weekly journal of science" article title: "Inside the Chinese lab poised to study world's most dangerous pathogens"</p>			
				2	<p>How is the question of whether the virus was transformed from a snake or a bat crumble the trust for the government?</p> <p>Yes, people still complaining on Weibo, but the reason is they think the quarantine policy effected their lives too much and measures are too extreme. Because all quarantined cities except Wuhan all had less than 10 cases, people don't think there is enough reason to shut the city down.</p> <p>Funny it turned out to be "they shut cities down, situation must be worse". Everyone knows to avoid people from Wuhan now, villagers near the city's borders are blocking roads and try to keep every car out from Wuhan direction. They know people are dying in Wuhan but it's not like entire nation would collapse if they suddenly realize the virus came from another animal lol</p>				



					1	Some sources say it may originated from snakes.  <a href="https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3047328/china-coronavirus-may-have-come-snake-researchers-say">https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3047328/china-coronavirus-may-have-come-snake-researchers-say</a> [link]	Link to South China morning Post news article titled "China coronavirus may have come from a snake, researchers say"				
					5	That seems to be wrong : <a href="https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-00180-8">https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-00180-8</a> [link]	Link to site "Nature" article titled "Why snakes probably aren't spreading the new China virus"				
					5	Then we are back to we don't know...					
					2	They are claiming it was from bats, that then were eaten by snakes, that were then eaten by humans.					
					1	Lol, sometimes life imitates art.  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLUzF8HRwUI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLUzF8HRwUI</a> [link]	Link to YouTube video titled "CONTAGION Movie Clip 5"				
					1	Or the lab worker who didn't wash his hands.	109	2.a. Asking questions, giving informative answers, anti-Chinese trust, role of trust	<b>(Uncertainty - Involvement)</b> Going to the subReddit for information, <b>(informative - Legitimacy)</b> the people give information <b>(persuasion - Negotiation)</b> trying to reach an agreement between one another	There is an act of trust within the community as users are turning to the thread with questions not towards websites or official pages. Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation framing it in a way that is true and believable and thus shaping the information to fit the discussion. Users aim to reach an agreement that is in line with one another as they both aim to shape the tone of the subReddit.	

				2.2	8	That fucking restaurant.					
				2.3	20	That's it burn the whole country					
					31	You're British, aren't you?					
					30	We can't risk the french spreading!!!					
					6	Funny, that's what most people think about the English too.					
					7	We're leaving from EU anytime now,at least we can read the mood of the room					
					1	Let's compromise and burn their neighbours too! It won't matter if he is British. especially Eastern ones [small text]	Small text size (only last sentence)				
					1	Should we start building zombie walls?		96	2.b. Joke that contributes nationality to specific joke	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> Joke that resonates with other users in subReddit	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users
				2.4	3	Winnie the flue is looking scary					

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3	1.24.20	Coronavirus: Pharmacies in Edinburgh sell out of face masks as patients tested for deadly illness									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/SerendipityQuest]. (2020, January 25). <i>Coronavirus: Pharmacies in Edinburgh sell out of face masks as patients tested for deadly illness</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/etrag7/coronavirus_pharmacies_in_edinburgh_sell_out_of/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/etrag7/coronavirus_pharmacies_in_edinburgh_sell_out_of/</a>									
				3.1	7	“I don’t know who the other pharmacies use for suppliers, but our suppliers are completely out. We have also run out of all hand gels and sanitisers at our store.” // He is right, surgical mask don't protect you from getting the disease, for that you need a N95 or FFP2 mask that filters all the particules that you breathe. And even with that it's not a 100% protection. // They must not had a huge stockl then.	reference to section in news article				
					2	If I'm not mistaken Corona isn't airborne (yet), so a simple surgical mask would do the work.					
					2	There is strong possibilities that it is airborne (not proven AFAIK), this might explain why it's spreading this easily.					
					2	I'm not writing what you said out, but if someone reads what's said and released, it's not unreasonable to just get a surgeon's mask.					
					1	Oh yeah, it's better than nothing if it's the only option.					
					2	N95 is better than surgical mask, but neither will provide complete protection.					
					1	N99 masks are widely available and if I'm not mistaken they're stopping anything short of gas weapons, if I'm not mistaken.					

					2	N95 masks provide some protection, but the size of corona viruses is very small, which means that some can get through, but that mustn't necessarily result in an infection. The importance is to reduce the virus load when somebody sneezes in your face.		19	3. a. Information : regarding safety, general info	<b>(information - Legitimacy)</b> providing information without sources that indicate the authority of the people answering	Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation framing it in a way that is true and believable and thus shaping the information to fit the discussion
				3.3	2	The eyes should be protected too in areas where there's a non-negligible risk of contagion.					
					1	The infection through the eye is more related to the non washing of contaminated hands and touching your eyes. Just get some sanitary lotion then use it as often as you can during the day if you don't have access to a sink and soap to wash your hands.					
					1	The virus can also get into your eyes or nose through airborne particles if somebody is coughing near you.  But it is true that the virus can also be transmitted from your hands to your face. Wearing gloves helps because the textile absorbs the virus.		4	3.b. information regarding the properties of the virus and safety precautions	<b>(information - Legitimacy)</b> providing information without sources that indicate the authority of the people answering	Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation framing it in a way that is true and believable and thus shaping the information to fit the discussion
4	1.25.20	Novel coronavirus: three cases reported in France									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/perestroika-pw]. (2020, January 26). <i>Novel coronavirus: three cases reported in France</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/etz4yn/novel_coronavirus_three_cases_reported_in_france/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/etz4yn/novel_coronavirus_three_cases_reported_in_france/</a>									

				4.1	1	As for the virus itself, it seem a serious enough risk, having a spread factor (how many patients one patient infects on average), according to different sources, of either 1.4..2.5 or 2.0...4.0 (points of comparizon: influenza typically has 1.4 and measles have set the record at 18).					
5	1.24.20	Breakout in Europe (France) of the Coronavirus									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/Cernofil]. (2020, January 26). <i>Breakout in Europe (France) of the Coronavirus</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/etzlir/breakout_in_europe_france_of_the_coronavirus/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/etzlir/breakout_in_europe_france_of_the_coronavirus/</a>									
				5.1	3	Thanks Xi					
				5.2	-3	<a href="https://youtu.be/AQ4sCPm-F28">https://youtu.be/AQ4sCPm-F28</a> [link]	Link to private YouTube video				
6	1.25.20	Wuhan Coronavirus live tracking map									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/Penandick]. (2020, January 26). <i>Wuhan Coronavirus live tracking map</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eu4zm8/wuhan_coronavirus_live_tracking_map/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eu4zm8/wuhan_coronavirus_live_tracking_map/</a>									
7	1.26.20	Paris cancels Lunar New Year parade over coronavirus									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/Robert-Kenneth508]. (2020, January 26). <i>Paris cancels Lunar New Year parade over coronavirus</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eu5lpr/paris_cancels_lunar_new_year_parade_over/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eu5lpr/paris_cancels_lunar_new_year_parade_over/</a>									
8	1.27.20	Spain to repatriate Spanish nationals from the 'epicenter of coronavirus': Foreign Minister									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/Robert-Kenneth508]. (2020, January 27). <i>Spain to repatriate Spanish nationals from the 'epicenter of coronavirus': Foreign Minister</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eulm4y/spain_to_repatriate_spanish_nationals_from_the/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eulm4y/spain_to_repatriate_spanish_nationals_from_the/</a>									
9	1.27.20	China coronavirus: Romania assembles monitoring committee, no cases recorded in the country									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/SSD-BalkanWarrior]. (2020, January 27). <i>China coronavirus: Romania assembles monitoring committee, no cases recorded in the country</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eur0am/china_coronavirus_romania_assembles_monitoring/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eur0am/china_coronavirus_romania_assembles_monitoring/</a>									
10	1.27.20	Coronavirus: Britain under pressure to evacuate UK nationals									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/lilly_sc]. (2020, January 27). <i>Coronavirus: Britain under pressure to evacuate UK nationals</i> [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/euw3bk/coronavirus_britain_under_pressure_to_evacuate_uk/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/euw3bk/coronavirus_britain_under_pressure_to_evacuate_uk/</a>									
				10.1	9	sounds like a good way to spread the virus around.					

					4	We can assume that they would be quarantined.		13	10.a. Giving opinion , their thoughts on the situation	<b>(Persuasion - Involvement)</b> Participation in the conversation, giving their view on the situation	Being an active part of the conversation while trying to shape it
11	1.28.20	Germany identifies first case of coronavirus									
	Citation	<a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ev4ljm/germany_identifies_first_case_of_coronavirus/">r/Europe [u/Robert-Kenneth508]. (2020, January 28). <i>Germany identifies first case of coronavirus.</i> [Online forum post]. Reddit. https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ev4ljm/germany_identifies_first_case_of_coronavirus/</a>									
				11.1	10	Hans, get ze flammenwerfer	German and English text: Translation: Get the flamethrower Hans (note: 'ze' is not a German word, rather the a German accent pronunciation of the English Word 'the'). Hans is a traditional German name. (comment repeated)				
12	1.28.20	Coronavirus: Germany confirms first human transmission in Europe									
	Citation	<a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ev4p3y/coronavirus_germany_confirms_first_human/">r/Europe [u/Hematophagian]. (2020, January 28). <i>Coronavirus: Germany confirms first human transmission in Europe.</i> [Online forum post]. Reddit. https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ev4p3y/coronavirus_germany_confirms_first_human/</a>									
				12.1	33	He had been in direct contact with a woman who had recently come from Wuhan.					
					45	It's less direct: he had been in direct contact with a woman who had recently come from Shanghai, where her parents (who came from Wuhan) visited her.					
					21	Man that's pretty scary					
					4	It is? Which part?					
					9	2019-nCoV					
					14	Are flights from China temporarily stopped at the moment? Or even monitored?					

				8	It's way to late for that.					
				-5	No everyone is like lets chill there is too many Humans anyway lets wait till a few of them die					
				n/a	[comment deleted by user]	Comment was deleted by user				
				0	True and it killed more than 100 in 2 weeks and infected 4500 just wait a few days cause incubation times are high and u will see. China closed cities witg 60 million people if thats not concerning then i dont know. If it its and 3rd world country its gonna kill millions.					
				-2	It's way to late for that.		127 (5.2%)	12.a. about the spread of the virus, question about what measures are being taken to address the issue, crude comment about the spread of death	<b>(Information - Legitimacy)</b> people answering questions <b>(Uncertainty - Involvement)</b> People Goggin to this sub for answers	Going to the SubReddit for answers rather than looking online at medical sites paired with the other users confidently giving answers. There is an act of trust within the community that they are going to be satisfied with the information they receive and users feeling entitled to the conversation in answering questions.
			12.4	6	Oh, goody... This is one of those things I'd been happy to not have seen imported from China. /s	/s: sarcasm present				

					1	It happened the same way as SARS, and likely even came from the same animals (bats). Given they changed nothing after the first round you should look forward to many more of these new mutant viruses in the future.		7	12.b. Sarcastic joke, informational response	<b>(Humor &amp; Involvement)</b> - using a joke that resonate with other users	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users and users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in providing information to the discussion.
			12.5		5	Seems that it's spreading :)	emoticon present: Happy face				
					1	Greenland is the best place. I mostly lose because of him.		6	12.c. Sarcastic joke	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> Joke that resonates with other users in subReddit	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users
			12.6		2	And so it begins...					
			12.7		1	I don't know what people are so worked up about. The flu (the just the normal, everyday flu) kills 300,000-600,000 people every year. This has only killed what, 120?					
					2	Just cuz 1 bad thing exists doesnt mean everything else should be ignored. This is exactly the time when we need attention towards the new virus, since we can stop/slow it.	3	12.d. Asking a question about the seriousness of this virus, response is giving an opinion about what to do about the situation	<b>( Information Uncertainty - Legitimacy)</b> people answering questions, People going to this sub for answers	Going to the SubReddit for answers rather than looking online at medical sites paired with the other users confidently giving answers. There is an act of trust within the community that they are going to be satisfied with the information they receive and users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions.	
13	1.28.20	Coronavirus cartoon triggers China-Denmark diplomatic spat : The cartoon 'offends human conscience,' the Chinese embassy in Copenhagen said.									



Citation	r/Europe [u/deleted]. (2020, January 28). <i>Coronavirus cartoon triggers China-Denmark diplomatic spat : The cartoon 'offends human conscience,' the Chinese embassy in Copenhagen said.</i> [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ev5ib3/coronavirus_cartoon_triggers_chinadenmark/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ev5ib3/coronavirus_cartoon_triggers_chinadenmark/</a>									
			13.1	49	This is doubly stupid because this cartoon is a picture header meant to show what the article contains. For similar reasons they also had a picture of the Australian flag on fire in a previous issue, but you didn't see the Australian government freaking out about that.					
				9	Yeah I thought the cartoon was a bit stupid from the description in the article - if it's just a cartoon, it's trying to explicitly link China with the outbreak, and I can see that the country wouldn't want to be identified stereotypically with a virus, like with MERS. But in that place it's not even presented as satirical, images like that are sooooo common in all sorts of newspapers.  The Chinese response was shrill and unnecessary either way, though - doubly stupid, like you say.					
				1	Do you have a link to this Australian flag picture by any chance?	58	13.a.Giving their own opinion why they disagree with the article, justifying the article, persuasion	<b>( Persuasion - Negotiation) (Legitimacy information)</b> giving their opinion on the issue thus aiming for an agreement among the users while holding the power to make people listen [?]	Users aim to reach an agreement that is in line with one another as they both aim to shape the tone of the subReddit.	
			13.2	73	That's a bit hypocritical when China and all they stand for is an insult to the human conscience.					

				18	They also condemned their own people to death by covering up the outbreak during the most crucial stage. So it's hard to take their comments on "precious lives" too seriously. Especially because it started the same way as SARS, yet China did nothing to prevent another outbreak from happening since then.		91	13.b. Racist comment towards China, opinion given in response, in favor of comment	<b>(Persuasion - Identification) (confidence - Involvement)</b> establishing what is while participating in the sub Reddit in a way that will resonate with other users	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit. User aims participate in the chat by adding their voice
			13.3	86	"Without any sympathy and empathy, [the cartoon] has crossed the bottom line of civilized society and the ethical boundary of free speech and offends human conscience," a statement from the embassy reads. "We express our strong indignation and demand that Jyllands-Posten and [cartoonist] Niels Bo Bojesen reproach themselves for their mistake and publicly apologize to the Chinese people."Lol. No European should apologise to the Chinese regime for using their right to free expression. Shilling time. The importance of true European unity cannot be missed. China clearly has no regard for the autonomy of the European peoples; as evidenced by it incessantly criticising domestic media affairs in European states. Sweden and now Denmark. We need a strong European Union with a single foreign policy and we need more assets to be consolidated under the Union. China is not a country I think many want to see have significant influence in Europe; and they'll get it if we remain divided.			Reference to section in news article		
				8	They also condemned their own people to death by covering up the outbreak during the most crucial stage. So it's hard to take their comments on "precious lives" too seriously. Especially because it started the same way as SARS, yet China did nothing to prevent another outbreak from happening since then. They are just upset the outside world	Link to Business Insider News article: "China spent the crucial first days of the Wuhan coronavirus outbreak arresting people who posted about it online and threatening journalists"				

					figured it out much faster than they did SARS and it highlights how the regime did nothing to prevent another outbreak.				
				-12	Jyllands-Posten posts offensive Muhammad cartoon with no purpose other than to antagonize - bad  Jyllands-Posten posts offensive China cartoon with no purpose other than to antagonize - good				
				22	Making fun of a religion is always good. There should be no safe space for religions or anything else, everyone and everything should be ridiculed.  The drawing was not made to make fun of China, unlike then Muhammad cartoons, it was a part of an article about the virus. Don't take things of of context and make you own truth with that. Leave that to Facebook and Twitter.				
				-7	Punching down on people who are having a hard time is bullying. Apologizing is appropriate. Unless you're just a bully who enjoys bullying. Which, let's face it, a lot of Europeans are.				
				11	Who's having a hard time?				
				12	Apparently the world's second largest faith whose practitioners are still murdering people daily. And now the world's largest government whose employees are also murdering people weekly. They're both clearly oppressed /s  One should never attack people as individuals. But societies	/s: sarcasm present			

					absolutely should have the freedom to criticize massive institutions like the Chinese gov't or political Islam.					
				3	My point exactly.					
				-39	There is the good little EUrophile. Fear is indeed the best propaganda tool to usurp national sovereignty. We've always been at war with Eastasia.					
				-50	There is the good little EUrophile. Fear is indeed the best propaganda tool to usurp national sovereignty. We've always been at war with Eastasia.	(comment repeated)				
				33	This is not fear based propaganda. It is simply stating the fact the several countries united in tackling a problem will be more effective then one country.					
				15	There is a good little nationalist. Fear is indeed the best propaganda tool to destroy unity and cooperation. We've always been at war with ignorance and arrogance.	44 (76.8%)	13.c. European positive sentiment European pride, expressing opinions regarding how to approach religion v. national European sovereignty. Sarcasm. Anti-Chinese sentiment.	<b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> The tone of this thread is one that is establishing what is expected from EU peoples and this subReddit [?].	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit	

				13.4	58	The cartoon is this one <a href="https://jyllands-posten.dk/indland/ECE11903357/bladtegnere-om-kinategning-dener-fantastisk-og-elegant/">https://jyllands-posten.dk/indland/ECE11903357/bladtegnere-om-kinategning-dener-fantastisk-og-elegant/</a> Pretty cool. Streisand effect.	Link to the image of the cartoon mentioned in the post					
					6	Ah, Jyllands Posten. Soon in that paper: a cartoon depicting Muhammed catching the Corona virus.						
					5	r/worldnews pulled my posting showing the cartoon.	Link to subReddit: r/world news					
					2	Thanks, Other thread was missing this.		71	13.d. Expressing favor towards the original object of interest	<b>(Information - Corporatism )</b> Collaboration to achieve a goal.	Users collaborate within the community with the exchanging of information	
				13.5	64	The Chinese system offends human conscience						
					-4	People in glass countries should not throw stones.		60 (17%)	13.e. Anti-Chinese sentiment	<b>(Persuasion - Identification )</b> establishes what the Chinese system is	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.	
				13.6	14	"Frederiksen defended the cartoon in an interview with the paper. "I have nothing more to say but that we have a very, very strong tradition in Denmark not only for freedom of expression, but also for satire drawings, and we will have that in the future as well," she said, adding that "it is a well-known Danish position, and we will not change that." Not only that, but unless we change the constitution, which is a pain the	Reference to section in news article					

					<p>dick, we can't change that. Nor should we.</p> <p>I don't understand why these regimes don't understand that it's not a political thing in Denmark. There is literally nothing the PM can do. By design.</p>					
				1	<p>At least publicly she takes the correct stand. The same party had Tibet protester's flags confiscated when the Chinese president were visiting. It turned out to be a huge scandal.</p>					
				2	<p>Der er aldrig nogen der har beskyldt socialdemokraterne for at have rygrad.</p> <p>Leflen for Kina går tilbage til dengang Nyrup mødtes med Dalai Lama i en lufthavn I stedet for et normalt møde.</p>	<p>Translated from Danish: "Nobody has ever accused the Social Democrats of having a backbone. The spoon for China goes back to when Nyrup met with the Dalai Lama in an airport instead of a normal meeting."</p>				
				1	<p>Haven't read the article but my wild guess is that it is JP trying to get attention?</p> <p>BTW, I can think of at least two political parties sitting in the Danish parliament who would be furious and demand an apology if anyone would make fun or misuse the Danish flag in any way.</p> <p>Other than that, I agree with you.</p>					

					1	"my wild guess is that it is JP trying to get attention?"  Honestly they probably just wanted a clever cartoon to go along with their coverage of the story. The only reason this has become a big deal is because the Chinese government is determined to disrespect the concept of a free society.	Reference to previous comment				
					1	I highly doubt it. Sounds like more american anti-chinese propaganda. The Danish newspaper has a right to offend China and China has the right to say they don't like it. Only letting one side have rights, has nothing to do with "the concept of a free society".  The Danish newspaper JP is famous for provoking and later claim "we are innocent and we have free press". Kind of childish if you asked me.					
					1	Of course the Chinese government also has the right to ask for an apology (they aren't by right entitled to one), but the wording of their statements makes it sound like a bad joke at best, considering how they run their country.  As for Jyllands Posten, have there been other incidents besides the Muhammad cartoons? I don't read that newspaper, so that's the only other big incident I'm aware of.	21	13.f. commentary regarding the reason for the Danish news to represent China in this particular way.	<b>(Persuasion &amp; Information - Identification)</b> Establishing how something is in Denmark	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.	
			13.7		26	Meanwhile, in America.  <a href="https://i.redd.it/moocc2saxed41.png">https://i.redd.it/moocc2saxed41.png</a>	Link to an image depicting a red dragon expressing "I wonder why I feel sick" while eating a plate of rotten and disfigured animals.				

					10	Quick, someone who knows someone inform the Chinese consulate in the US.  I'll make some popcorn.  Also nice find my dude. Kudos.						
					3	They are much more concerned with US legislation supporting Uighurs and Hong Kong.						
					6	Good ole Zyklon Ben.						
					4	"Americans making fun of what others eat"  lmao						
					4	Tbf there is a big difference between a Big Mac and shady bat meat from an open air market.						
					1	I'm not sure the big difference is in the healthiness.						
					2	Thank god the artist included a giant "CHINA" label, I wouldn't have understood what that Red and Gold Dragon is supposed to represent without it /s	/s: sarcasm present	56	13.g. Introducing an America cartoon into the thread, giving context of other art	<b>(Humor &amp; Information - Involvement)</b> Adding a comment to the thread they that know will resonate with readers	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion	
				13.8	28	Organ harvesting doesnt ?						
				13.9	7	I sincerely hope that those cartoon makers won't end like ours (Charlie hebdo).						



				1	<p>The same guy who masterminded the Mumbai bombings had plans to orchestrate an Islamic terror attack on JP's offices in Copenhagen and Århus, but fortunately the plans were foiled by intelligence agencies. Two Syrian immigrants from Göteborg also had intentions to target JP, but were arrested at the border.</p> <p>But seeing as this isn't "directed" (It's not even a satirical drawing, although many seem to think it is) at the Uighyrs there shouldn't be any problems.</p>				
				1	<p>Two cartoonists had murder attempts against them as well. First was attacked with an axe outside his home. Second one, a bystander was killed. The Islamic terrorist went home, reloaded and went on a racist attack against a synagogue killing another bystander. He was later killed by police and 600-700 sympathisers went to his funeral.</p>				
				1	<p>Correct me if I'm wrong, but didn't the Danish courts decide the attempted attack against "Krudttønden" and the killing of the security guard at the synagogue, couldn't be classified as terror? As I recall it the Danish police had arrested 4 of the guy's friends and held them for 18 months trying to convict them for being a part of a terrorist act, but had to release them and pay massive compensations since they were innocent and that the terror law was useless in the case. And I also remember the police saying that the "terrorist" who chose suicide by cop, was not religious at all.</p> <p>Not saying that what this guy did was right in any way. But when the court and the police say it wasn't terror, I don't see why we should call it Islamic terror.</p>	10	<p>13.h. Introducing new context to the post, reference to the Charlie Hebdo and terrorism acts on cartoonists/satirical news outlets.</p>	<p><b>(Information - Negotiation)</b> aiming to add to the conversation to reach an agreement</p>	<p>Using information so as to eventually reach an agreement, fighting for what information will, in the end, set the standard.</p>
			13.10.	11	<p>"offends human conscience"</p> <p>So does the Chinese internment camps and the Chinese social credit score system.</p>				

				13.11	5	Why are The Chinese regime aka The CCP so thin skinned??. they often come across as very childish in the way they often behave and respond.					
				13.12	4	Concentration camps offend the conscience.					
				13.13	3	Like they care about what they mentioned - it's only about their own reputation. They fear economical consequences because the stock market is already reacting to it.  I think the corona-virus is getting overhyped in the media again (as always). And the economy is reacting as always: Like startled locusts.					
				13.14	3	The Communist Party of China has no chill.					
				13.15	3	Oh dear and magnificent China. Why so serious? All the f'n time.					
				13.16	3	China is a blight on the world, so it's only fitting.					
				13.17	8	The Chinese are offended by human conscience... Lol.  Looks like the world just turned flipped upside down					
				13.18	1	"Without any sympathy and empathy, [the cartoon] has crossed the bottom line of civilized society and the ethical boundary of free speech and offends human conscience," Wow, are they talking about their own regime here?					
				13.19	-2	I think the cartoon tasteless. I do wonder if the disease gains a foothold here whether or not it will still be regarded as funny.					
14	1.29.20	Chinese coronavirus: a fourth case confirmed in France									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/Ra75b]. (2020, January 28). Chinese coronavirus: a fourth case confirmed in France. [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ev8qy6/chinese_coronavirus_a_fourth_case_confirmed_in/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ev8qy6/chinese_coronavirus_a_fourth_case_confirmed_in/</a>									

				14.1	7	This is somewhat off-topic, but what is it about France that the Chinese love so much? Admittedly it's a wonderful country and culture and I travel there whenever I can but there seems to be a very particular fascination among Chinese with the country.					
					N/a	[comment deleted by user]	comment was deleted by user				
					7	Rare is the person who can pull off a furniture joke. Well played.					
					18	My guess would be that the correlation lies between France being a symbol of richness, luxury, class, aristocracy etc. and Eastern Asia (especially the Chinese) having a "consumerist" attitude and appreciation of the luxurious. Travelling, shopping etc. are some sort of empowerment and boost of their social status and of all of Europe, many people associate that kind of lifestyle with France first.					
					10	This really puts it in perspective. Honestly, though, when I think of France my first thoughts are of old villages, republicanism, philosophy, food culture, and enjoyment of life. "Luxury products" ranks very low on that list, but that's probably a cultural difference.					
					8	Honestly, I feel the same way, but as you said - it's a cultural difference and this is probably the kind of "tourism" that sells the most there.					
					2	I'd add that the British monarchy and the British national religion must seem strange to many Chinese people while France has a separation of the state and the church and a big republican, radical and socialist tradition.					

					0	<p>That is essentially what luxury life is for them. For people Living in big cities of concrete jungle- enjoyment of life, sipping a glass of wine on a taint little village while a cool air breezes through your hair reading poetry is the absolute Luxury.</p> <p>You can see it even in this sub. People lament skyscrapers, worship the 2000 year old toilet Aristotle used. You can see pics every week of "look at this old thing that's part of our culture". We live in a vast different society so it makes sense that the counter culture of today want or at least claim they rather want old, science less bulidings built in 1200s without proper ventilation or exit or really safety or plumbing- Over modern glass skyscrapers with AC because "aesthetic".</p> <p>I was born in the opposite way: lived my life in poverty and such. Probably saw countless "ancient" buildings in my life. Hell my own house was built before USA became independent. My local place of worship was built before Christianity was a thing (well they claimed it was built on 600 bc BUT I think I read a article saying it was around 100 ad) but it could mean it was rebuilt. Anyways- I'm saying this because for me- id choose the tech based, high rise, modern feel over old culture or heritage any day of the week.'</p>				
					2	<p>You're spot on, they all around our Parisian "iconic" department stores everyday ... They're the largest spenders ...</p>				
					1	<p>They want to travel but can't name any other country in Europe. Paris is very famous.</p>	55	<p>14.a. : Asking question about the travel preferences of the Chinese, responses regarding their ideas of France, explanation for Chinese tourism, Ideologies of Chinese, representations of France, racist comment.</p>	<p><b>(Uncertainty - Identification)</b> the initial comment read somewhat rhetorical/sarcastic, <b>(persuasion - negotiation)</b> in giving responses to the initial comment aiming to reach an agreement. Humor</p>	<p>Users aim to reach an agreement that is in line with one another as they both aim to shape the tone of the subReddit.</p>

	date	Post	votes	#	votes	Comments and Comment Threads	Non-textual cues	Thread; total points	description (text Analysis)	Interpretation (Discursive Practice)	Explanation (Social Practice)
15	1.29.20	Coronavirus: EU Civil Protection Mechanism activated for the repatriation of EU citizens									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/deleted]. (2020, January 29). <i>Coronavirus: EU Civil Protection Mechanism activated for the repatriation of EU citizens</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/evlepe/coronavirus_eu_civil_protection_mechanism/ffvmtge/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/evlepe/coronavirus_eu_civil_protection_mechanism/ffvmtge/</a>									
				15.1	8	ELI5?	Slang. Can be read as: Explain it like I am five years old				
					N/a	[comment deleted by user]	comment was deleted by user				
					3	Ooooh US, back at it again.  If the US was a watch, it would sell you the time.					
					7	"The EU will co-finance the transport costs of the aircraft. The first aircraft is scheduled to depart from France tomorrow morning, while the second one will leave later in the week. EU citizens present in the region and who wish to be repatriated can still request it, no matter their nationality.  Initial numbers indicate that around 250 French citizens will be transported in the first aircraft and over 100 EU citizens from other countries will join the second aircraft. This is a first request for assistance and others may follow in the coming days.  At this stage, only healthy or asymptomatic citizens will be authorised to travel. The EU Emergency Response Centre is in constant contact with Member States' governments in order to coordinate the arrivals and subsequent possible quarantine periods."			Reference to section in news article		

					7	Surprisingly quick and serious reaction.					
					8	Better too serious now than to go "oh woops we shoulda done something" after shit hits the fan					
					3	Not necessarily, using extensive and controlling mechanisms for anything that could be remotely dangerous in a disproportional way could impact society a lot more.		36	15.a. Paraphrase of the news article, user respond their opinion that preventative measures are better, another user says the opposite is better.	<b>(Persuasion - Involvement)</b> asking the others for clarification while using the vernacular	Being an active part of the conversation while trying to shape it
			15.3		4	As transmission from asymptomatic people has already been reported are there plans for a quarantine like the British and Australians are doing?					
16	1.2.20	Germany confirms three further cases of coronavirus									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/V2O5]. (2020, January 29). <i>Germany confirms three further cases of coronavirus</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/evnvry/germany_confirms_three_further_cases_of/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/evnvry/germany_confirms_three_further_cases_of/</a>									
			16.1		1	The German Health Ministry confirmed late on Tuesday that three further cases of the new dangerous strain of coronavirus have been discovered in Bavaria, increasing the total number of patients in Germany to four. The three new patients were "connected" to the first found in Germany, which had been verified on Monday. The health authorities said: "There were a total of around 40 employees who have been determined to have been in contact with the [Chinese] woman. Those affected will be tested on Wednesday as a precaution."			Reference to section in news article		

					Keeping in line with R_0 of 3. Not nice. :(	R_0 of 3 references the basic reproduction number of infectious diseases. Emoticon of sad face. Link to twitter post by Tom Inglesby "The following thread regards how we should be planning for the possibility that nCoV cannot be contained. #2019nCoV (1/x)"				
17	1.2.20	Finland's first coronavirus case confirmed in Lapland								
	Citation	<a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/evofxq/finlands_first_coronavirus_case_confirmed_in/ffx49bn/">r/Europe [u/DaaxD]. (2020, January 29). Finland's first coronavirus case confirmed in Lapland. [Online forum post]. Reddit. https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/evofxq/finlands_first_coronavirus_case_confirmed_in/ffx49bn/</a>								
			17.1	345	Netherlands lost to Finland again					
				98	Does this mean that next case will be found in Netherlands?					
				59	You can have this one :)	Emoticon present: Happy face				
				-42	No one should have this shit. Literally no healthcare system is prepared for this virus, not to mention that it perfectly coincides with the good ol' regular flu season. Double dipping on both viruses would be a ticket to valhalla.  EDIT: thanks for the downvotes, assholes.					
				35	valhalla  Wrong. You only go there if you die gloriously in combat. Some literal who disease or two gets you a one way ticket to Hel	Reference to previous comment				
				14	Ironically, Hel is also short for the Helsinki Airport.					
				2	Thought it was going to be Hell, Norway.					

				0	What to do if containment fails: <a href="https://twitter.com/T_Inglesby/status/1221434570714669056">https://twitter.com/T_Inglesby/status/1221434570714669056</a>	Link to twitter post by Tom Inglesby “The following thread regards how we should be planning for the possibility that nCoV cannot be contained. #2019nCoV (1/x)”				
				0	Downvoted.					
				-13	I dunno, I keep reading articles about the waves of retiring babyboomers eating up a lot of resources for their pensions and healthcare in the coming 30-years. Would a couple of pandemics, mostly causing the deaths of the elderly, really be such a bad thing?					
				11	Why wait for a pandemic, when you can just murder your parents and grandparents right now!					
				-1	But that would only be a drop in a bucket. Need to think bigger!					
				n/a	[comment deleted by user]	comment was deleted by user				
				-1	Yes that too... Less people less emissions! You are so smart!					
				10	Pff, they cheated by industrially raking their forests.	517 (9.9%)	17.a. Sarcastic comments, dying from Corona would result in a death leading to Valhalla or Hel. Joke. Rhetorical question asking if mass deaths would be good thing. Not received well by other users. Sarcastic responses.	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> as the initial comment is a joke that resonates with users, <b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> Does not resonate with other users.	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users. Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.	



				17.2	224	Not surprised, considering how popular Finnish Lapland is for Chinese tourists at this time of the year. I've got a bad feeling that the other Nordic countries are going to follow soon, though...					
					23	Is this sarcasm or accurate?					
					196	Accurate. For some reason, Finnish Lapland is more popular than northern Norway or Sweden among Chinese and other Asian tourists. It's a huge business in here, and due to the coronavirus, there's already a notable impact on Lapland's tourism economy.					
					52	Also Finnair's very early expansion to Asia and Helsinki becoming a large European hub for Japan and China. They were first Western European airline to have direct flights to Beijing and now have 38 weekly flights to 7 destinations in China, more than any other European airline.  Kicked off by the shorter northern route and avoiding the whole Middle East route, that let's them do 24h aircraft rotation.					
					23	Wasn't also Finnair one of the few western airlines to have overflight rights to Asia through the USSR back in the 70/80's?					
					23	For a period of time they were the only airline with overflight rights, if I remember correctly.					
					14	Finnair's right to fly over Soviet Union in the past and Russia currently is a real competitive advantage. It's also an item in our foreign policy that comes up from time to time when the relations between the West and Russia heat up. One of those quite weird aspects of small countries is that politicians spend diplomatic/political capital to protect companies that are nationally significant but globally small to mid-sized.					
					2	Possibly, but I think SAS (airline) was doing flights over the north pole to get to Tokyo at some point.					

				n/a	[comment deleted by user]					
				21	Been like this for years now. I remember at least back in 2010, Lapland already was full of Asian tourists paying a lot of money from reindeer sled rides at the Santa Claus Village and cottages in the wilderness to see those northern lights.					
				9	Yeah, the northern lights especially are huge. Even though it isnt really the season at the moment. I took a trip from Rovaniemi to Helsinki mid January and I swear there were more Chinese / Korean people there than Europeans. Now with the countrywide holidays due to the Lunar New Year its probably even more.					
				12	Japanese, and then in turn, Chinese love the Finnish language and culture. There are a lot of similarities between Finns and Japanese.					
				7	Also on that note there was a Japanese movie filmed in Lapland (maybe a couple of them even, I don't fully remember) that got pretty popular in China. Probably Chinese movies too					
				2	Muumi is extremely popular in both Japan and China too.					
				2	I know it sounds dumb, but my knowledge of Lapland comes from Ikea					
				17	"For some reason"  Maybe because of Santa?	Reference to previous comment				
				9	Do the Chinese... do Santa?					

					17	inb4 Santa dies from coronavirus :(	Slang: can be read as "In before..."					
					13	santa is kil						
					16	No						
					3	No main reason is northern lights and reindeers. Same situation with Northern Sweden.						
					2	Its not the same situation						
					2	We do get a lot of chinese tourists in northern Sweden because of it. So yes the same situation.						
					-9	Can't be, every intelligent person knows Santa lives on Greenland, in the Kingdom of Denmark.						
					14	So does this mean that everybody else but Danes are not intelligent?						
					1	No, that would be a logical fallacy.  If a group of people have a certain characteristic, it does not mean that people that do not belong to that group have the particular characteristic inverted.						
					7	Nah. Santa's workshop and home is in Korvatunturi and the public relations office is in Santa Village in Rovaniemi.						
					-2	He doesn't live on Greenland, rather in. IIRC it's on Uummannaq, which is an island (very cool-looking) off the coast of Greenland.						
					3	Nothing in Denmark.....yet						
					38	Lapland actually gets very many visitors from Asia.						
					7	Crazy. I had no idea!						

					1	<p>Already the song from 1972 mentions the plan to make the place more popular with tourists. I guess it worked:</p> <p>Oh, Finnish maiden, my love, your virginity is just a memory! You sent me a postcard from Spain; "I can make a Christmas land here, if I get a mark from everyone - that's how we can help the people! These tears, these are just drops of grit."</p>				
					2	<p>I was surprised how many French I met in Lapland until someone told me there is apparently a French travel agency that has had connections to Lapland for quite a few decades already.</p>				
					9	<p>They can brag they saw the Northern lights</p>				
					8	<p>"The information we received today indicates that around 45 groups of Chinese visitors – altogether around 1,000 people – have cancelled their trip or are postponing it until August.</p> <p>...</p> <p>the two first months of the year are the busiest season for visitors from China. Rovaniemi, for example, welcomes annually around 8,000 people during the two-month period that coincides with the Chinese New Year."</p>	Reference to section in news article			
					5	<p>Accurate, Finnair has a lot of flights to many cities in China</p>				
					7	<p>Lol what?</p>				
					4	<p>Very accurate. In Russia Murmansk had also become Chinese tourist hotspot for same reason - northern lights.</p> <p>Edit: wrong city</p>				
					3	<p>Holy shit thats depressing. As in the most depressive city in Russia.</p>				

					3	Sorry, I meant Murmansk, not Norilsk. It's not much better though.					
					5	That's why I'm so surprised The Netherlands hasn't been hit yet. Loads of Chinese tourists throughout the entire year.					
					9	Yes but mabey not during chinease new year?  The northern light's can be a bigger tourism buisniess for chinese during the new year.					
					2	god damn how did you stuff so many typos in such a short sentence					
					1	Writing on a phone					
					8	It'd be a bit worrisome, since the population density in The Netherlands is a lot higher than in Finland, though it's quite possible that someone infected is already there, but still asymptomatic.					
					5	Can confirm.. i was at Rovaniemi Last Winter.. the place was flooded by Chinese tourists. Heck, i even lived in a Chinese hostel there..					
					43	someone pls tell me its not santa	863 (1.2%)	17.b. Chinese preference and presence in Finland. Finland's airspace rights and historical connection with the USSR. Chinses tourism in Finland and the rest of Europe, comments about Santa Cause, Equates "Chinese tourists" with a person carrying the COVID-19 virus.	<b>(Information &amp; Persuasion - Corporatism)</b> They are having a discussion, collaborating to create a conversation	Users collaborate and try to convince members of the community with the exchanging of information.	
			17.4	97	Vittu.	Translated from Finnish: "Fuck."					

					16	Vittujen vittu.	Translated from Finnish: "Fuck the fuck."				
					11	Nyt vituttaa	Translated from Finnish: "Now fuck"				
					5	Voi vittujen kevät	Translated from Finnish: "Oh fuck spring"				
					6	Tommy Tabermann feat. Vera - Kiitti vitusti	Translated from Finnish: "Tommy Tabermann feat. Vera - Thanks a lot"				
					6	Oh don't worry, your blood is 95% alcohol, and staying at -30C and +80C will just kill the virus instantly					
					2	There hasn't been a winter this year, -30 definitely isn't gonna happen.  Finns just have to stay in the sauna at all times I guess.			17.c. Comments are in Finnish, comments incorporate Finnish stereotypes into jokes	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> Participating in the reddit atmosphere	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users.
				17.5	23	Its influenza season in Northern Europe. Most people dont go to the doctor for influenza. So likely most cases wont go reported here if the symptoms are anything like remotely similar. (Fever, muscle soreness, headache)					



			17.9	12	Torilla tavataan! :) Muistakaa pestä kädet :(	Translated from Finnish: "See you on the market place! :) Remember to wash your hands :(" Presence of emoticons: Happy face and sad face			
			17.10.	10	I was in Ivalo just two weeks ago and the people I met were like "you came at the right time, after the Christmas tourists again and before the Chinese tourists arrive."				
			17.11	25	Professor Mark Harris, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Leeds, said://“Its true that the numbers in the Jonathan Read paper look scary, however the authors do make some significant assumptions which they built into their mathematical model. So I think the numbers need to be considered in that context.”“One positive spin is that if we are only aware of 5% of the total cases, the implication is that 95% of cases have only resulted in either mild symptoms such that the infected people did not consider it serious enough to seek medical help, or indeed the virus may be causing an inapparent infection. This would significantly reduce the apparent mortality and morbidity rates. If at current rates 41/1400 people have died, taking into account that 1400 is only 5% of the total that means 0.1% mortality, less than flu. Perhaps this analysis might be important when considering the implications of the paper.”	Reference to section in news article			
				11	I don't get it. If we are only aware of 5% of the total cases, why does he automatically assume that the 95% unknown cases had a positive outcome? How does he assume that all / the majority / a significant percentage of cases were diagnosed correctly? How is it possible for a disease with a 2-week incubation period to spread this fast in under a month? Imho these experts are no better than the conspiracy theorists out there. Why can't anyone simply admit that no reliable assumptions can be made when you have NO RELIABLE DATA? Most of us are not	Slang: can be read as "In my honest opinion"; Capital letters present; presence of asterisks.			



					stupid sheep that will panic or go out of their minds as soon as they tell us the f***ing truth.				
				36	Because people being sick and then getting better can be easily missed. Masses of people dying can't. Otherwise there must be tons of rotting corpses in apartments.				
				1	It doesn't have to be like that you know? It's not either "Everything is fine, move on" or "Repent, the apocalypse is near". All I'm saying is they don't have sufficient reliable data to make reliable assumptions, either way. And they should say it. Otherwise they lose credibility.				
				0	Well then we have to take into account the reports of dead people having their death labeled as something else. Aka corona death labeled as a death resulting from pneumonia. I don't consider myself a conspiracy theorist. But lets say that Chinas reliability to give reputable information is not that great. So I don't have a hard time believing something like that.  Aka-> someones death is labeled as organ failure and not corona because they weren't tested before succumbed to their illness. So I would take both numbers with a grain of salt.				
				7	he is not necessarily right (its an ongoing discussion). but this was a response to another scientist giving a relatively high rate (paper in question). Of course often scientists even from the same field arent much better than ordinary people. They just have different opinions and methods which may lead to very different results. Over time this will lead to something that is close to reality. Yes in an ideal world we				

					would not make claims in any direction that early but you can see on your own that the doomsday faction is in full swing as well already.				
				1	That's the point. I just wish some of them experts honestly said "Hey, it's soon to draw conclusions because we don't have reliable data yet, however, based on our experience, if mortality were XXX, we should be seeing XXX. On the other hand, here's the goods news ... Just bear in mind that these are reasonable assumptions, and so on and so forth." The maybe throw in some details as to how these things are managed, how death rates are calculated, what are the challenges ... Is that too much to ask from a scientist?	Fictitious Dialogue			
				0	This. If China wants to underreport the total number of cases, they'd also fake the causes of deaths ("this one didn't die because Corona, he died because of... let's see, he had some build up in the veins... heart attack!"). They wouldn't half-ass the cover-up.	Fictitious Dialogue			
				6	ah the doomsday nutjobs are also the conspiracy nutjobs most of the times				
				1	Like I was going to comment on your deleted comment, I didn't say that they are covering it up, I was saying that IF they are covering it up, they wouldn't half-ass it.				

				0	When information about an emergency depends on the honesty of the PRC government, a certain amount of doublethink is almost required. Chinese medics might be currently detecting cases from an epidemic that has spread unchecked for a month or so - just because nobody had permission to publish information, so nobody else knew they should be looking for a new virus.				
				2	Mark Harris' implication is at best uncertain and at worst, flat out wrong. The more reasonable implication as of now is that, as the diagnostic capabilities in China are at capacity <sup>1</sup> , we are unable to reliably confirm more cases at a greater speed <sup>2</sup> . We have no idea if that, in turn, means people are dying, are going to die or whatnot. It seems almost a flagrant lapse of judgement to be so confident in ones conclusion with so many confounding variables in play.	90	17.e. References doctor's report on the mortality rate of COVID-19, response of user stating their opinion regarding the reliability of facts, response by user also stating their view on the situation, argument ensues, comment of China reputability	<b>(Information - Legitimacy)</b> responding to each other with their opinions sows their views hold some sort of legitimacy <b>(Confidence - Identification)</b> establishing what something is	Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation framing it in a way that is true and believable and thus shaping the information to fit the discussion. User aims to establishing the firm basis of what something is.
			17.12	22	China needs to stop its open market practices.//Rats Bats and Cats				
				16	Exactly. That is how SARS started. And this and SARS both likely started in bats.				
				11	Also AIDS and Ebola were created by people eating bushmeat in Africa.				
				3	We really need better hygiene.				
				3	They already banned selling of wildlife in markets "temporarily" and the state-owned media had articles against these practices, which may indicate that the ban may turn into a permanent one.				

					0	wtf gross		55	17.f. Opinion regarding China's market practices, comments on how different viruses/diseases spread	<b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> This participatory discussion thread aims to establish what the norm should be	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.
			17.13	17	Lol this year is a goddamn dumpster fire, and we're still in the first month	Abbreviation: Lol "laughing out loud"					
				11	CDPR should really release Cyberpunk 2077 now, even if its buggy, november seems pretty far away now...	Slang: CDPR is a reference to polish videogame developer					
				3	Yeah, it feels more like the release of a successor to Plague Inc right now. Gives the expression "viral marketing" a whole new meaning.					v	
				2	We sure do live in cyberpunk right now...						
				2	Some estimates have calculated that this must have started before December.						
				3	This is true, but in the beginning China was arresting people who posted about it online and threatening journalists, so instead of preventing the spread it tried covering it up, just like SARS. It also likely came from the same animals being butchered in the same filthy conditions as SARS.  Glad they learned nothing from the first round.						
				1	Yup I believe Oct 2nd was 95% HPD edge.						

				0	Yeah... Wuhan epidemic, Trump-scandals, Australian bush fires -I don't know what's going to happen but if it gets any worse we're fucked at the end of the year 2020.					
				3	The Trump scandals? How does that political mud fight even compete against a potential global pandemic....					
				4	Because he is supposedly the head of the most powerful armed forces in the world...					
				13	And someone who can influence world markets by simply tweeting stupid shit.					
				-3	There is a fine difference between the same old dem political hysteria and a new virus with exponentially increasing number of infections.					
				1	I wouldn't call Trumps corruption and incompetence hysteria, but you're right, they're not even in the same league as all those other disasters.	57 (5%)	17.g. sarcastic comment about the status of COVID-19, reference to video game release now for marketing strategy, regarding the start of the outbreak, conversation turns to the role of US president Trump amidst the crisis	<b>(Persuasion - Involvement)</b> created a comment that they knew would resonate with the other users. <b>(Information - Legitimacy)</b> the conversation then turns to people providing information about the pandemic, aiming to establish legitimacy as they provide comments	Users want to be an active part of the conversation while trying to shape it, Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation framing it in a way that is true and believable and thus shaping the information to fit the discussion.	
			17.14	4	Christmas 2020 cancelled.					
			17.15	7	fUCK					
			17.16	3	Is this real					

				4	Yes					
			17.17	3	So -that's- where santa gets his toys from...					
			17.18	2	The connections due to the Hyperwar still exist.					
			17.19	2	*Wuhanvirus					
			17.20.	2	Someone didn't sit in the sauna					
			17.21	1	Take that Finland...?					
			17.22	1	at least it happened after Xmas don't want Santa to get grounded, Rudolf already looks like he has a cold					
			17.23	1	I wouldn't worry.					
			17.24	1	This isn't very cash money	Slang: can be read as "This is not very cool"				
			17.25	n/a	[comment removed by moderator]	Comment was deleted by moderator				
				9	Yeah the entire chinese nation in general is responsible for this, that sounds about right. /s	/s: sarcasm present				
				8	I'd say it's kind of absolutely fine to blame the chinese government for this one. Not the entire nation, but the chinese gov can eat a dick.					
				11	their exotic meat markets have wreaked havoc on endangered species for decades and now have possibly been the incubator that created a new pandemic. and that's not just on the government.					
				2	The user above however did not make this important distinction					

					-2	yes. and the finnish and british one for not preventing the spread of the flu every year					
					5	Not to mention the visigoths for sacking Rome					
					3	I still haven't forgiven the 4th Crusade's sack of Constantinople. Bastards!					
					0	"a sarcastic 'thanks' to the Chinese that are responsible for this" is too long.	36 (5%)	17.h. Sarcastic response to a comment deleted by the moderator of the discussion revealing the racist undertones of the initial comment. blaming the government and not the Chinese people themselves and the consumers of the meat markets where the virus started. Conversation moves into a historical instances where countries have invaded other countries.	<b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> establishing the norm, specifically regarding attitudes towards Chinese government & people	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.	
				17.26	-3	FUCK FUCK FUCK FUCK FUCK FUCK FUCK FUCK FUCK FUCK FUCK FUCK FUCKCFUCK	Capital letters				
					2	Kyl					
				17.27	-8	Keep the Chinese out for now, thanks.					
				17.27	-4	Why are we still letting Chinese people come to Europe?					

	date	Post	votes	#	votes	Comments and Comment Threads	Non-textual cues	Thread; total points	description (text Analysis)	Interpretation (Discursive Practice)	Explanation (Social Practice)
18	1.2.2020	"Keep your virus, you Chinese bitch!" With the coronavirus, anti-Asian racism is spreading in France.									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/Ra75b]. (2020, January 30). "Keep your virus, you Chinese bitch!" With the coronavirus, anti-Asian racism is spreading in France. [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ew49md/keep_your_virus_you_chinese_bitch_with_the/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ew49md/keep_your_virus_you_chinese_bitch_with_the/</a>									
				18.1	100	Just to be precise, this article, widely cited even by foreign press, is based on...a few comments on social medias, and people who think there is a surge in anti-asian racism because...they "have read things on twitter", where most user are around 16 in France...just great journalism as usual...	Fictitious Dialogue				
						Given the ammount of journalists who spend ages on social media, specially Twitter where the percentage of confirmed journalists and media accounts is pretty damn high, its no surprise.					
					14	Given the ammount of journalists who spend ages on social media, specially Twitter where the percentage of confirmed journalists and media accounts is pretty damn high, its no surprise.					
					7	I don't know elsewhere, but in France, twitter is basically 40% teenagers, 40% journalists and politicians, and 20% of a mix between "personalities", militants, and a few average people. Basically, the journalists are watching trends posted by the teenagers or tweets by politicians, makes article with it, pretending it's huge, the teenagers and politicians are reacting to the article, the journalists makes articles about the reaction, and so on...					
					6	I studied in journalism because i wanted to be a journalist.  Sadly for me, the rise of social medias and f*** twitter arrived a few years before i finished my studies. I hate these from the bottom of my heart, even more since i think they really lowered the quality of journalism around the world		Presenc e of asterisk s			



					1	"BREAKING NEWS!!! Swedish girl changes her bio in response to mean tweet from orange man!!!"  To be honest it's more Internet as a whole fault that journalism is in the gutter, not just the social media.	Capital letters				
					5	Yeah on twitter you can find plenty of racism towards any group at any given time. And it's the place where all the absolutely insane people go too.  Some weeks ago a friend linked me a tweet from a black community on twitter who think that Hitler was their ally for disposing of the wrong jews. Even that insanity got thousands of likes.  What I'm trying to say is: People should stop taking twitter seriously.					
					3	A lot of news nowadays is just links to some nobody complaining on Twatter. I hate it.					
					1	Are you at all surprised? I Know someone here who wanted to be a journalist and their first job was to go through Insatgram and Twitter hashtags to find a story.	1 3 7	18.a. Give opinion about the reliability of the news article, the statistical users of Twitter, the influence of social media for journalism	<b>(Persuasion - Corporatism)</b> we see that people are joining into eh conversational that all generally have the same view of this topic	The act of trying to get their own perspectives to be heard while collaborating with the community.	
			18.2	74	A better translation for the headline would be "Keep your virus, you dirty Chinese". Still bad but I don't understand why OP added a bitch in there.	Abbreviation: OP " original poster, or the original person who created the post"					
					33	For karma probably.					
					12	So ... we do our part and downvote?					

					2	Indeed			1 2 1	18.b. Discussion how the title was mistranslated to gain karma, or more visibility of the post. Community detecting manipulation and agrees to 'downvote' or decrease the visibility of the post.	<b>(Persuasion - Involvement)</b> Challenging the original intention of the own who posted this post. Establishing a norm.	Being an active part of the conversation while trying to shape it.
			18.3		25	<p>When I see a group of Asian tourists in town, I admit that I can't help but associate the virus with them.</p> <p>I also see that people tend to change sidewalks, or pull up their scarves when they come across these groups.</p> <p>It must be extremely unpleasant to be the subject of such reactions.</p>						
					9	<p>I must say, this seems to apply to non-chinese people as well. My Korean friend who is in Bordeaux right now echos similar sentiments, as well as my Singaporean friend.</p> <p>Just because someone looks Chinese doesn't mean they're from China as well. France has a sizeable French-Chinese population born and raised in France, and who have never been to China.</p>						
					8	<p>"Just because someone looks Chinese doesn't mean they're from China as well."</p> <p>90% won't think that way, especially with the virus nowadays</p>	Reference to previous comment					
					5	Do you have any hint about how to differentiate a mask-wearing chinese man from china and a mask-wearing chinese man born in france ?						

					-1	Don't they speak Mandarin in Singapore? It seems like a Chinese colony to me.					
					5	No. I'm Singaporean and the Lingua Franca is English, everyone speaks it here. In fact, the national language is Malay, as recognition of British colonialism over the native Malay population. Just because some people speak Chinese doesn't mean we are a colony of China. The Chinese language and China are two different things. It would be like saying Vietnam is currently a colony of France due to people in Vietnam being able to speak French					
					2	We speak 4 languages. English is the medium in school as well as business. We learn a second language in school, Mandarin being one of them, and most speak or understand a smattering of others. By the way, just in case you are unaware, Singapore is not part of China					
					2	Same here, I am from Taiwan and we speak Mandarin. But we are totally not part of China at all. Western people think we are the same, it's really unpleasant to non-Chinese. We are not doing anything wrong, people avoid us because we look like Chinese. feel very sad about it, tbh.					
					1	Yes, now, I recall English being very popular in Singapore. Thx for clearing it up.					
					0	Why is there a need to differentiate the two?					

				5	<p>When people said that people were afraid of asian or chinese people in the street, you said that there are different group :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- chinese from china</li> <li>- and chinese born in france, who never been to china, which seems to be important enough to be mentionned here</li> </ul> <p>But there is no way for anyone to make the difference. So they will avoid them anyway. They don't care that maybe some of those people have no risk to bring them the virus from china, you can't tell apart a chinese from china and a chinese who never been there anyway</p>	Reference to previous comment		
				0	<p>You didn't answer my question. Why do you want to avoid Chinese people?</p> <p>Furthermore, my point extends to any person who looks remotely Chinese. This includes Koreans, Japanese, Singaporeans, Vietnamese, Thais, etc. Saying "how do you tell these people apart" is so similar to the racist "all Asians look the same" comment.</p> <p>There is actually a way to tell the difference between french Chinese and Chinese Chinese, but it's hard to explain to a non-asian. To use a similar analogy, how do you differentiate a Russian to a Frenchman? To most Chinese, they look the same.</p>			
				5	<p>Some peoples want to avoid chinese and asian people because they are afraid of the coronavirus and think asian people are more likely to have it and transmit it to them.</p> <p>Obviously, a westerner, 95% of the time, can't make the difference between a chinese or a japanese. So saying there are different "group" of chinese... well, it doesn't help them anyway or make any difference. That was just my point. Even if you say it to them, they will nod, and avoid them anyway.</p>			
				1	<p>Can you tell the difference between a French, German, or Brit? As one with a German background I have yet to have someone who is Asian guess correctly, but if a life threatening disease was sprouting out of France, and I was in China, I wouldn't blame people for giving me a double look. I'm a minority in their country and I may be a carrier. If it wasn't for the disease they wouldn't care. It's not racism.</p>			

					6	"When I see a group of Asian tourists in town, I admit that I can't help but associate the virus with them." Same, I see them on the train daily wearing surgical masks. I don't think it's weird or wrong to make a connection...	Reference to previous comment			
					2	You know what's quite a bit more unpleasant? Coronavirus.				
					6	To be fair, Asians have always worn surgical masks, especially around flu season. My hometown in America is 30% Korean and my entire life, a lot have worn surgical masks around this time of year				
					1	There's plenty of Asians in Eindhoven as well, but I've only seen people wearing masks incidentally.				
					-2	And doctors say it does fuck all				
					1	I work very close to Chinatown in NYC, they are always wearing masks, as well as Japanese and Korean tourists.	81 (3.5%)	18.c. connection between COVID-19 and Asian people, how they find it disagreeable, discussion on how other Asian people are also facing discrimination based on appearances alone, difficulties in how to distinguish a physical appearance to nationality, discussion that ties language to nation-state specifically in Singapore and Taiwan.	<b>(Persuasion - Identification &amp; Negotiation)</b> Establishing the norm, regarding the connection between virus and Asian mask wearers. Negotiation; multiple people participating in this conversation all giving their two cents	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and reach a common agreement

			18.4	37	Yea it's the disease....not China's government over reach into the western world and trying to enforce their censorship// Nor their genocidal death camps// Nor their work in Tibet..// Nor their tourists being one of the worst visitors to anywhere they go....// No it's the virus that's turned public perception against them ☹	Emoticon present: man face palming				
				11	I don't think a lot of people care about death camps or Tibet. It's just too far from their own beds. Bad tourists, maybe, but it sounds very human to me that the fear from this virus reaching the French is the one thing that brings out that behaviour in them.					
				1	Well that and the fact that Wuhan has live animal markets where dead cats and dogs are sold along side snakes and bat meat..... People can get very pissy when your own region's terrible personal hygiene and food standards have created multiple deadly viruses and then are spread by tourists who are some of the least liked to visit your country.....no shit racists will get pissy at them They don't like they are there, they don't like how they act when they are there and to them they just keep bringing over deadly virus after deadly virus because they can't stop having bat with a side of dog If your racist that is like straight down the line first ballot hall of fame (insert whatever racist slur they use) situations like that could turn people that have that disposition to hate very very quickly and easily					
				2	The Chinese dictators are shit "human" beings. They don't care about making laws against live animal trade, animal welfare in general or animal cruelty.  Don't be surprised there's a virus. Good. About time. Maybe that'll teach them a lesson to care					
				12	Blaming all East Asians for the sins of one government is grotesque racism.					
				10	It's a shitty clickbait article based on some idiots in twitter. If anything i see more preoccupation by the people coming back to					

					their countries from Wuhan. The fearmongering is strong.					
				4	Never said it wasn't , but to act like the virus is the stem of it is stupid					
				18	I can't read the article but nothing you said justifies what's said in the title.					
				10	The title is a mistranslation. The correct translation would be: "Keep your virus, you dirty chinese!"					
				2	Thats...not better?					
				0	That changes everything!!!!					
				2	It's of course terrible to insulte asian-looking people just because there's an epidemic in China. But calling someone "dirty" is less insane than calling them a bitch when you're worried about a disease. Still very bad, just less insane.					
				-6	"I can't read the article but nothing you said justifies what's said in the title." Read that back to yourself slowly and ask yourself if you think it deserves a genuine response mate	Reference to previous comment				
				6	Read that back to yourself slowly and ask yourself if you think hating random Chinese people and spitting slurs at them is something a reasonable person does mate.					

				0	<p>No only a moron would take that from what I said          Nowhere did I condone anything          I was pointing out the stupidity of the headline to blame the virus for people's racist outbursts rather than the pleathora of real reasons why China's image is what it is. I'm not condoninf racism I'm laughing at idiots trying to blame Corona for the source of it          So please explain to me more how people who didn't read something can disagree about how my comment reflects it's content          Buffoons</p>				
				2	<p>You were listing reasons why the hate is somehow justifiable for you, otherwise they're irrelevant here. Spitting slurs at a Chinese person has nothing to do with "China's image", that's just excuses racists use and call them "real reasons" that somehow "enable" them to behave like this. You can list excuses all day long, it doesn't exactly change anything and each of those excuses will be irrelevant.</p>				
				1	<p>No I was listing the real "that's not cool" style reasons that are the seeds for racists to begin their hate          Again I'm not litigating the stupidity of the position that big country does X so every citizen is Y argument that racists use          Like Jesus Christ if we don't have the bare faced honesty to discuss the routes and avenues of racism properly nothing will ever change. People parroting the opinion that this racism came from this one instance of a virus are retarded and hugely diminishing where it actually comes from and how to actually stop it          Rather than tearing shreds out of non racists discussing it because of YOUR presumptions on intent or because you saw a few buzz words used.....          Racism and beating it is harder and more complicated than just Facebook thoughts and prayers and the stupidly simplistic view that someone is racist to one group because they are racist to all.          Or that if they have one instance of racism then their whole being is one of a racist          It's childish and stupid and has helped perpetuate racism</p>				



					2	<p>So in Ireland, are the people to blame for the institutionalised sexism, and barbaric barring of medical necessities (abortions), or is the Government? Mate, let me tell you; I've met FAR MANY MORE disgustingly rude Irish and French tourists than others in Australia, but I don't call your entire population dirty drunkard pigs.</p>				
					0	<p>You know abortion is legal, we were one of the first country to make same sex marriage legal          The people made that happen with a constitutional referendum after making it an election issue.....          So thank you for your ignorance on the facts your point just proved mine exactly          Also we don't eat bats cats and snakes and through our societal habits create dangerous new diseases that endanger people around the world, dont destroy cultural sites across the world and are known in general for respecting other countries when we are in them ☹          Yea there are exceptions.....the difference is with China the exceptions are the behaved ones not the misbehaved ones          It's honestly embarrassing that people like you exist and will probably have kids</p>	Emoticon present: man face palming			

					1	<p>"Between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2018, abortion in Ireland was regulated by the Protection of Life During Pregnancy Act 2013, under which abortion was illegal unless it occurred as the result of a medical intervention performed to save the life of the woman." Don't pretend like the whole world doesn't know about how hard women had to fight for that right, due to the church. I also don't know why you're arguing the marriage equality point, considering NZ did it way before you.</p> <p><a href="https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/irish-backpackers-banned-from-australian-hostel-after-drunken-trouble-26870245.html">https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/irish-backpackers-banned-from-australian-hostel-after-drunken-trouble-26870245.html</a> Tell me more about how polite Irish travellers are? Mate. I'm literally telling you that most Australians genuinely hate Irish backpackers because they're rude, loud, disruptive, and have started so many fights. Backpacker accomodation even tries to limit the amount of Irish visitors because they've had to kick out so many! You are genuinely so ignorant if someone from a neutral standpoint can tell you that your country's tourists tend to not actually be appreciated, and you disagree. How would you know if you're an annoying prick?</p> <p>Why is it embarrassing that people like me exist? You seem to have made some assumptions about my heritage. I have no reason to defend Chinese people mate, I'm Australian. I just think you're a bloody racist.</p> <p>I should note that I love the Irish women I have had the pleasure of meeting, considering that they're my family hahaha. However most people I know stay the fuck away from male Irish backpackers.</p>	Link to Independent news article: "Irish backpackers banned from Australian hostel after drunken trouble"		
					1	<p>4 days to respond and you respond with the drivel bahahaha</p> <p>You do you dumb fuck ☹️</p>	Emoticon present: man face palming		

				0	Cool story, but nothing actually changed about the fact that racists found a new and fresh excuse which reinvigorated their need for hate towards a particular group of people. That they were previously excusing their shit with other excuses, or "seeds" and "real reasons" and "china's image" or whatever you want to call it, is not relevant here. All are just excuses for racism and there's a new excuse used to spread it again, like the article you have an issue with says.				
				0	That's literally the point it's a new way to express or a new thing to bemoan them for but it's still the same old racism they had.....corona didn't just birth it in them  That was literally my point from the get go and why I have had a problem with the headline as stupid ☹	Emoticon present: man face palming			
				0	That was literally the point of the article from the get go.				
				0	Headline as stupid The headline that states corona virus is the reason racism is spreading in France Dude.....at least know what youre arguing about ☹	Emoticon present: man face palming			
				0	The headline states no such thing, the headline states that through this excuse it is once again spreading.				
				n/a	[comment removed by moderator]	Comment was deleted by moderator			
				1	Headline - with the Corona virus anti Asian racism is spreading  You - the headline says that coronavirus is the root of racism HURRRR! DAE china bad?! here's a list of real reasons	Capital letters			
				1	Let me just quote the headline one more time and leave it there. There is no point discussing				

					something with someone trying to argue words don't mean what they mean					
				1	Exactly my thoughts, especially considering you actually believe the headline says that the virus created racism.					
				1	Says what it says  Keep arguing words don't mean what they actually mean if you want. Headline was stupid defending it equally so					
				1	Again, exactly my thoughts, considering you believe the headline says something it quite literally does not.					
				1	The irony in your use of literally ☹  Laters dude	Emoticon present: Grinning Squinting Face				
				6	Why would one be racist towards Chinese, because their Gov oppresses their own people? I don't see logic in that. That's like hating slaves for being slaves.					
				5	They oppress far more than their own people dude ☹  It was also one amongst an entire list that doesn't even list all the shit people are mad at them for	Emoticon present: man face palming				
				-3	Yea, like Europeans and Americans are so innocent. Blame Game. Boring.					

					6	<p>Can you point to one genocidal work camp for people who simply hold a different religion in any part of Europe right now? Or a nation Europe is currently invading and oppressing for political solely reasons ?</p> <p>If you want to go back in history to litigate the worst things done in each continent to go tat for tat go for it, Mao will reign king there too probably</p>				
					5	<p>"Nor their tourists being one of the worst visitors to anywhere they go...."</p> <p>I've seen super bad tourists from my country as well, behaving like they are the kings just because they earn more money as the people living there. UK tourists are even a meme here because of their bad behave. Sex tourists visiting Taiwan from Europe isn't that seldom. (A old man from the village once said the Czechs "do it for an nectarine and beer" and went there every once in a while during the 80s). Nationalistic generalizations are dumb no matter who gets hit by them. You can find bad things for every nation around the world and the bigger they are the more bad things they have done.</p>				
					0	<p>Banning visitors from an entire country is a nationalistic generalisation. Yet it's widely accepted to be done to stop the spread of disease.</p>				

					2	<p>This has nothing to do with banning visitors. Put a travel stop from those countries is something I can get along, and they should also stop our people after certain time from coming home.</p> <p>This comment though has nothing to do with it. It's just right wing generalizations and hate towards people living in a different country. The Chinese rice worker or Chinese handy chip producer (for our phones) has no say on the system he lives in. He can't change anything about the information he gets and what his government does and he is trapped much harder in his system as we are.</p> <p>Especially we as people with that much information on how the WWII and the Nazis regime functioned should stay away from such things or we are not in any kind better.</p>				
					-2	<p>"This comment has nothing to do with it"</p> <p>Yeah, it doesn't. Check who you're replying to and what the comment your replying to was about.</p>				
					2	<p>Maybe you should check the comment chain first.</p>				
					-1	<p>The chain is irrelevant if I'm commenting on something specific.</p>				
					1	<p>I would say the comment itself is irrelevant if it nitpicks and doesn'T think about the context of the former one.</p> <p>But hey maybe that's just me and You are the entitled one since I'm commenting on something specific.</p> <p>I didn't know that for you the general rules for a discussion don't count (see I can also take things out of context)</p>				

					1	A fallacy of deductive reasoning	144 (7.6%)	18.d. Raising other how other Chinese human rights issues do not spark public interest, China's sub-par government, the inadequacy of the article's title, and then a discussion on how the previous comments are not about the article, argument ensues among users.	<b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> comets are a series of arguments aiming to reach an agreement	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.
			18.5	18	Racism towards Asian people is incredibly open and accepted in Europe. My girlfriend is ethnically Chinese and she and her friends often receive mildly disparaging comments in the UK (nearly daily), we received lots of stares in Rome and even just 2 days into our trip into Italy a group of teens shouted ching chong etc at us.					
				18	my gf is also chinese and in germany the situation seems to be similar. some behavior which people are too afraid to show against africans can still be shown openly against asians because it is more acceptable.					
				18	You can even notice in this thread how a lot of people are justifying being racist to Chinese people for the actions of a few or their government. My gf isn't a Chinese citizen and neither are her parents yet its understandable why she should receive racist comments?					

					6	<p>The first time I went for a drink with my Chinese now-boyfriend, a drunk man at the front door shouted (in good spirits) at him that he looked like a strange japanese guy.</p> <p>His family runs a restaurant and he gets complimented on his grasp of the Dutch language even though he was born and raised here. He gets questions like: "Where are you from? ... Yeah but where are you really from?"</p> <p>In school, children learn birthday songs in English ("Happy birthday to you..."), French ("Bon anniversaire pour toi...") and in pseudo-Chinese ("Hanky-panky shanghai...").</p> <p>There's a ton of this low-key shit that is not meant in a bad way or something, but it's just really grating to see these things over and over again. He's always the outsider, and there's always this stereotyping by race going on. I'm not saying that these people are necessarily bad people or racists or anything, but they just don't realise that they're being dicks, I suppose.</p>				
					5	<p>Strange, I never encountered any racism towards Chinese or Vietnamese people in Hungary. There are stereotypes and some tired jokes, but very very few blatant racism. They own shops and restaurants all over Budapest and I've basically never heard any complaints from Hungarians.</p> <p>Though I'm Hungarian so naturally they might feel different.</p>				
					14	<p>I would suspect that if you followed in their world you'd quickly notice some quite obvious things, a lot of nihao comments or kornichiwa or kungfu-related stuff or something else at the bare minimum. However if not, I would be very impressed of Hungary.</p>				
					3	<p>That's more tasteless than being hateful and hostile.</p>				



					4	If a black person was walking and minding their own business and a group of guys was behind them saying "ooga booga", laughing and giggling, would you just call that tasteless?					
					4	"Lmao kungfu" is more on dumb and stupid territory.  "Lmao you're a monkey" is to straight up insult.					
					-1	Would you not agree that it's still racism? Normalising it due to it being only tasteless and not hurtful isn't a good mindset.					
					1	I bet the UK is substantially more welcoming than many of the backward nations of continental Europe with a recent history of fascism.					
					0	Where exactly do you live in the UK? I can't say I've ever heard any openly racist comments about Chinese people in my city, and the university here has a substantial number of Chinese students.  Granted, you're much more likely to encounter such things than me if you have a Chinese wife, but I don't think it's exactly "open and accepted" ...  If you mean there's a lot of subtle racism about then sure, but that's not the same as openly throwing racial slurs and crass stereotypes around.					
					3	Girlfriend, not wife :P I come from Nottingham but her experience is primarily in Sheffield.  An example of the main type of stuff she would receive would be "nihao" but in a stereotypical Chinese accent.					

					1	<p>Oh shit, I failed at reading comprehension, sorry.</p> <p>I'm a soothern fockin poofta, so maybe we're just too smarmy and polite to come out with that shit openly (while still thinking it).</p>		94 (1%)	18.e. Personal experiences of European-Chinese experiencing racism around Europe (Italy, Netherlands, Germany, Hungary), the role of racism towards other races.	<b>(Information - Corporatism)</b> All these people coming together to share their stories	Users collaborate within the community with the exchanging of information.
			18.6	16	<p>When you know infected people purposely bypassed checkpoints and fled to other cities/countries just for the lulz, it's hard to garner any sympathy for them. This poor woman isn't at fault, but this is hardly surprisingly.</p>						
					8	<p>I doubt anyone did that "for the lulz" but yeah it is fucked up. Still doesn't excuse racism though.</p>		24	18.f. Comment justifying peoples racist responses being referred to in the article, other user responds denying the justification of racism	<b>(Persuasion - Identification &amp; Negotiation)</b> Aiming to establish norms. Response is restraining that attitude.	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and reach a common agreement
			18.7	n/a	[comment removed by moderator]	Comment was deleted by moderator					
					11	<p>Surprisingly racist. There are a lot of Chinese students where I live and their attitudes towards certain people is revolting.</p>					

					5	<p>There are hundreds of documented cases in youtube alone and most people visiting China are not youtubers.</p> <p>Then the comments on these videos by chinese...</p>					
					2	I'm not sure what difference their racism would make.					
					-2	Chinese is not a race, it is nationality, so this is not racist, how is that so hard to understand?					
					1	<p>lol... okay, relax a bit, you misunderstood me (ironically). Let's try this again.</p> <p>Chinese are very racist themselves.</p> <p>I'm not sure what difference their racism would make.</p>					
					1	Huge difference, intolerance triggers intolerance.					
					1	Ahh yes, of course there has to be someone to say it's okay to be racist against Chinese ...					
					0	I didn't say that, you dumb cunt, you cant be racist against cuntry or nation, it is not what this term means, its a simple term, you must be really stupid to missuse this.					
					0	<p>Isn't one common argument from far right that there is no difference in discriminating Nazis and discriminating foreigners (aka what about the "leftists")?</p> <p>If so hating on chinese because the majority from them are racists is still racism.</p> <p>Also thinking: (Chinese    Russia) == Evil is a very dangerous way of thinking, since it's the most easy path for people in charge to start a war... something no one with a sane mind should ever want.</p>					



				2	Where?				
				4	<p>The problem is that it's Chinese spreading the disease into other countries. Whether unknowingly due to the long incubation period or willingly when they basically fled to other countries.</p> <p>This isn't like the black plague and the Jews, we scientifically know where the disease is coming from and how she reaches other areas.</p> <p>It's not at all unnatural to keep away from possible risks.</p> <p>That said all people who left China in the last month and the people they had contact with should be in strict isolation. But that's easier said than done unless you want to lose the next election.</p>	19	18.h. Comment regarding the nature of humanity, response with opinion about the nature of the problem of COVID-19.	<b>(Persuasion - Involvement)</b> other users Participating in the conversation with their views	Being an active part of the conversation while trying to shape it.
			18.9	2	This whole situation reminds me of this [link]	Link to YouTube video titled "Ricky Gervais   The Terrorist   Out of America"			
			18.20.	2	Being in Australia... where we have LOTS of travel back and forth with China and several outbreaks already, one in a suburban Chinese restaurant, I can only see this getting worse. If they are not seen to be acting with basic travel precautions, I expect the blame game... to heat up				
			18.21	2	Better safe,than:"Oh i am sorry to inform you mr,but you are infected".				
			18.22	4	Pretty sure if someone says this, they're already racist.				
			18.23	9	Quite crazy how people are becoming so hateful over a disease that is about as lethal as the flu.				

					13	From what I read, flu has a lethality of 0.1%, nCoV so far seems to have 3%.					
					2	There is no way of assessing the coronavirus lethality reliably just yet so don't spread fake news.					
					5	That is right. That's why I said it seems to be 3%. It could be 1%, it could be 10%. But it seems rather unlikely to be 0.1%.					
					3	You're probably right, but I still feel like the racial hate is uncalled for. People calling out others as threats for the way they look is just insane.					
					1	It's discrimination but from an evolutionary point of view this is a useful discrimination. Chinese people are much more likely to carry the virus. Hate/fear is just the emotional wiring that connects their perception to their behavioral reactions. It's a primitive way of thinking but it works.					
					4	There's one thing to take precaution and to be alert of such threats, another to shout racial slurs.					
					0	More developed people make rational assessments. For less developed people emotional behavior is a very good heuristic. You are free to criticize it of course, I'm just trying to explain why they do this. Humans are racist by nature.					

				14	Not to mention the media hysteria about this whole thing.	37	18.i. Discussion about the lethality of COVID-19 compared to the flu. Statistical mortality rate given without source, conversation regarding the legitimacy of the claim and discrimination towards Chinese people and the role of the media	<b>(Information - Legitimacy)</b> giving information, statistics. <b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> Establishing norms for the group.	Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation framing it in a way that is true and believable and thus shaping the information to fit the discussion. Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.
				18.24	1	japanese are good people. its the chinese that are the evil of the earth.  i hope it wips china out there pure fucking evil. this is karma. for all the shit they have caused. its time to pay the piper			
				18.25	-2	Some people in the least tourist friendly country in the world use slur against worst tourists in the world that's in touch with the times.  Oh my god let's make some MOTHERFUCKING OUTRAGE MONEY!!!  Won't read that shizzle	Capital letters. Slang, can be read as "will not read that shit"		
					11	Many of the victims are not even Chinese though, just Asian. The virus is just being used as an excuse to be racist.			

					-4	<p>Do I really need to spell it out that of course some idiot is going to yell at the wrong Asian looking person?</p> <p>2+2=4.</p> <p>This is still just about making outrage money, nothing else. Everyone who clicks support the growing stupidity of our news media.</p>					
					5	<p>exactly ! if people keep yelling at an "Asian looking person" eventually they will yell at the right Asian looking person, so why the outrage! /s</p>	/s: sarcasm present				
					0	<p>Are you gonna go to France and enlighten the racists or do anything at all to help this problem or are you going to be sarcastic online and give money to things that promote outrage culture?</p> <p>I'm guessing the latter; so thanks for supporting the dumbing down of society in advance. Remember to think about your heart rate, don't want you dying over outrage news</p>					
					5	<p>Oh don't worry about me, my heart is fine. Thanks for the concern but I'd be more concerned about your own heart as you seem a little worked up.</p> <p>And to answer your question, yes I'm perfectly comfortable writing sarcastic comments online, rather than mounting a crusade on every comment I take issue with. Judging by the fact you are doing the same, it appears you are too.</p> <p>After all that is rather the point of the sub.</p>					
					1	<p>"No you"</p> <p>Nice comeback I'm proud of you</p>	Reference to previous comment				



					3	My apologies for pointing out your double standards.					
					1	Sure buddy, can't wait to see the fruits of your labor to stop Asian racism in France.					
					3	You know. You are absolutely right. Close the sub! Not worth discussing or having an opinion any issue on any topic unless it's followed up by direct action!! What was I even thinking.					
					1	Missing the point about merely supporting outrage culture again, cute.  This is a non story built up to make money, nothing less. Get it now?					
					1	yes your point was already pretty transparent.					
					1	Yet you missed it until I made it explicit					
					1	It takes a healthy degree of arrogance for someone to assume a lack of understanding, when faced by someone who challenges them. Either way I'm genuinely finding this chat incredibly tedious at this point. So enjoy your day.					
					1	“Challenge” haha  Run away from your failure to understand the point, I was expecting it  “Any topic” - proof you missed it ☹️	Reference to previous comment; Emoticon: face throwing a kiss				
					1	Won't take the time to read the article, will take the time to complain  Is this outrage culture					

					0	<p>“No you”</p> <p>Good comment, 10/10. I feel the public school nostalgia</p>	Reference to previous comment	29 (17%)	18.j. Argument between users, starting with the claim that the referenced news article is only referring to the Chinese. An argument commences between person who see the article as media to foster outrage and another user who sees that the media is reporting how some non-Chinese Asians are being targeted.	<b>(Persuasion - Negotiation)</b> aiming to reach a common goal; overall this is an argument between users	Users aim to reach an agreement that is in line with one another as they both aim to shape the tone of the subReddit.
			18.26	1	D:			Emoticon present: sad face, open mouth			
					-6	Well it's not hard to hate the Chinese. Their country is a dictatorship and they are brainwashed. Add the Coronavirus ti the mix and you can understand these French people.					
					4	I don't understand at all people that shout racial slurs towards other people they don't know. It's just not something I ever saw IRL or would ever think about doing.		Slang: IRL; In real life			
					-1	I will never shout anything racist in public. But that doesn't stop me from disliking some racial groups or countries in my own mind					
					1	There's a massive difference between those for me. Everyone should be free to think however they want, and even to speak about it with likeminded people, but personal attacks, whether verbal or physical, direct or indirect, are for me completely unacceptable.					



					1	Yes, and a substantially better standard of living and global links than yours. One wonders why the EU doesn't boot the Slavic nations out of the Union back into Russian and Turkish arms. The West already has their most productive citizens anyway.					
					0	Let's not talk about history, please. Your shit country, Russia and turkey fucked us over and over again. That's why you're so developed, you just killed and robbed every possible country on the world.					
					1	More likely to be a function of having upheld the rule of law, scientific innovation, started the industrial revolution, maintained secure property rights, separated religion and state, and facilitated the promotion of free trade.					
					1	"Their country is a dictatorship and they are brainwashed."  And we aren't under a capitalistic doctrine that weights people on how much money they and their ancient have earned?	Reference to previous comment				
					0	Hate the Chinese government, not the people of China.					
					-2	Fuck off with this racist apologia.  Using your logic, I could be racist towards people from Africa as well, as most of the countries there are dictatorships and they have a history of ebola. What about Brazilians and the Zika virus? Or Americans and measles? Or people from Madagascar and the fucking plague?		3 (76%)	18.k. Comment about the justification of racism in France, comments about people's personal racist tendencies, argument ensues among users about national stereotypes	<b>(Persuasion - Negotiation)</b> aiming to reach a common goal; overall this is an argument between users	Users aim to reach an agreement that is in line with one another as they both aim to shape the tone of the subReddit.

					A person from China cannot be blamed for the misdeeds of others and does not shoulder the blame for all his government has done.						
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	date	post	votes	#	votes	Comments and Comment Threads	Non-textual cues	Thread; total points	description (text Analysis)	Interpretation (Discursive Practice)	Explanation (Social Practice)
19	1.2.20	Coronavirus: 6,000 locked down on cruise ship off Italy									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/BkkGrl]. (2020, January 30). <i>Coronavirus: 6,000 locked down on cruise ship off Italy</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ew4ct4/coronavirus_6000_locked_down_on_cruise_ship_off/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ew4ct4/coronavirus_6000_locked_down_on_cruise_ship_off/</a>									
				19.1	36	Cruise extended for free? Nice.					
					21	Until poop tank fills up and seafood goes bad giving everyone diarrhea					
					3	My bar tab would be huge after the embargo.					
				19.2	15	r/TourismHell [link]	Like to subReddit r/TourismHell				
				19.3	14	Seems like it's over?  "The panic could soon be over on the locked down Italian cruise ship.The Italian news agency Agenzia Ansa has reported that the Chinese couple suspected of catching Coronavirus have been tested negative. "	Reference to section in news article				
				19.4	16	The woman had a fever - that could be a symptom of literally anything.  For context, she flew from Hong Kong which has a mere 10 confirmed cases. There is a slim chance that she has the virus.					
				19.5	5	CoronaCruise					
				19.6	3	That sucks					
				19.7	2	I wonder how the situation is on the ship. Are people totally freaking out?					

				19.8	2	First tests seem negative...hope so (I'm Italian)  https://www.ilmessaggero.it/civitavecchia/coronavirus_civitavecchia_nave_cruciera_costa_cinesi-5017522.html	Reference to news article “Coronavirus a Civitavecchia, test negative su turista cinese: cominciato lo sbarco dei 7.000. La nave ripartirà in giornata” (Translation from Italian: Reference to news article “Coronavirus in Civitavecchia, negative tests on Chinese tourist: the landing of 7,000 has begun. The ship will leave in the day”).				
				19.9	2	Just when you cruise holidays couldn't get worse					
				19.20.	-15	Just comical. Why were Chinese tourists allowed on a cruise ship? Unbelievable.					
20	1.2.20	Kazakhstan takes measures to protect its citizens from Coronavirus									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/LaromTheDestroyer]. (2020, January 30). <i>Kazakhstan takes measures to protect its citizens from Coronavirus</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ew50dm/kazakhstan_takes_measures_to_protect_its_citizens/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ew50dm/kazakhstan_takes_measures_to_protect_its_citizens/</a>									
21	1.2.20	OncoGen researchers propose personalized vaccinomics strategy for the novel China coronavirus									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/Ebadd]. (2020, January 30). <i>OncoGen researchers propose personalized vaccinomics strategy for the novel China coronavirus</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ew69s4/oncogen_researchers_propose_personalized/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ew69s4/oncogen_researchers_propose_personalized/</a>									
22	2.3.20	Lithuania will not evacuate its nationals from China due to coronavirus									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/NotoriousShy]. (2020, January 30). <i>Lithuania will not evacuate its nationals from China due to coronavirus</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ew78f9/lithuania_will_not_evacuate_its_nationals_from/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ew78f9/lithuania_will_not_evacuate_its_nationals_from/</a>									
				22.1	4	Smart people the lituanians					
				22.2	4	“Not one has expressed the need to return [from China],” Tamašunienė said. “France has offered to transport Lithuanian citizens, if there is a need.”  That is so sweet of France.	Reference to section in news article				

				22.3	1	Good way to save airfare on four expatriates.					
	date	post	votes	#	votes	Comments and Comment Threads	Non-textual cues	Thread; total points	description (text Analysis)	Interpretation (Discursive Practice)	Explanation (Social Practice)
23	2.3.20	France confirms sixth case of infection with coronavirus									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/Ra75b]. (2020, January 30). <i>France confirms sixth case of infection with coronavirus</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewa8x1/france_confirms_sixth_case_of_infection_with/fg2vnpb/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewa8x1/france_confirms_sixth_case_of_infection_with/fg2vnpb/</a>									
			38	23.1	3	1300s all over again					
				23.2	2	Ay caramba!	Spanish exclamation of surprise				
				23.3	3	We have subpar containment policies. Health workers with unadequate equipment. No thorough health check at the airport. It will be terrible. Hope it does not reach old or immunodeficient people.					
				23.3.1	3	Many people have expressed doubts about airport health checks, especially during regular flu season.		5	23.a. User's opinions on the healthcare policies in France, and French airports	<b>(Information - Corporatism)</b> Self-Identified French person, holds the authority	Users collaborate within the community with the exchanging of information.
				23.4	1	It's been an honor to post sarcastic remarks with you guys.  Time to order military grade gas masks. As I understood it they are quite effective at keeping you safe.					
					2	But wouldn't you need gas containers for it?					



					2	<p>I have no idea dude. It depends on the gas. Since it's biological, then decent filters will suffice I reckon.</p> <p>Of course, I'm kidding. The best thing to do is to be healthy and outlast the virus until the researchers finish the vaccine. Then pray you're in good terms with that country to get the vaccine. Then pray the vaccine works. Then move on with your life. The WHO website  <a href="https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/30-01-2020-statement-on-the-second-meeting-of-the-international-health-regulations-(2005)-emergency-committee-regarding-the-outbreak-of-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)">https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/30-01-2020-statement-on-the-second-meeting-of-the-international-health-regulations-(2005)-emergency-committee-regarding-the-outbreak-of-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)</a> actually agnoleges it's a problem and are on the case, I hope.</p>	Reference to World Health Organization statement: Statement on the second meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee regarding the outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)			
					2	<p>Probably overkill. From what I understand it's roughly the same if not less lethal than the common flu. Granted various flu strains kill ~600K people every year, so you'll want to contain it if possible (and no vaccines yet so it's hard to stop) so it doesn't get to young children or elderly people, but it's likely not the fourth horseman of the apocalypse.</p>	6	23.b. Joking Discussion thread about protective measures using gas masks. Users giving statistics about the characteristics of COVID-19.	Thread starts off as <b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> as they make a joke they know will resonate with the other users. Moves to <b>(Information - Legitimacy)</b> as the humor is not received by the other users and then the user must establish themselves with authority	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users. Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation framing it in a way that is true and believable and thus shaping the information to fit the discussion. '
			23.5		1	<p>A bit more information: this case spread within France.</p> <p><a href="https://www.lemonde.fr/planete/article/2020/01/29/coronavirus-en-chine-plusieurs-centaines-de-rapatriements-premiers-cas-au-proche-orient_6027700_3244.html">https://www.lemonde.fr/planete/article/2020/01/29/coronavirus-en-chine-plusieurs-centaines-de-rapatriements-premiers-cas-au-proche-orient_6027700_3244.html</a></p>	Link to news article titled "Coronavirus 2019-nCoV : un 6e cas confirm en France, les rapatriements depuis la Chine débutent" (Translated: Coronavirus 2019-nCoV: a 6th confirmed case in France, repatriations from China begin).			

			23.6	1	There was a documentary on the tv the other day that showed people returning to France from wuhan. They were shocked there werent any checks in china or France, although there were a lot of warning posts about the virus around the airport... Sigh					
				1	Is that true? In the UK everyone on the flight is entering via a military base and immediately taken to a special facility in the Wirral to be quarantined for two weeks					
				1	I think they have made it more strict now but for a bit the security checks were lacking	3	23.c. Giving information and asking questions about the protective measures given in airports. I think statements.	<b>(Persuasion - Negotiation)</b> Personal experiences paired with the an aim to reach a goal of understanding	Users aim to reach an agreement that is in line with one another as they both aim to shape the tone of the subReddit.	
24	2.3.20	Coronavirus declared global health emergency by WHO								
	Citation	<a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewb5tr/coronavirus_declared_global_health_emergency_by/fg0xofi/">r/Europe [u/fullersam]. (2020, January 30). <i>Coronavirus declared global health emergency by WHO</i>. [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewb5tr/coronavirus_declared_global_health_emergency_by/fg0xofi/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewb5tr/coronavirus_declared_global_health_emergency_by/fg0xofi/</a></a>								
		146	24.1	21	What happens now? Or is that just a warning for governments?					
				n/a	[comment deleted by user]	Comment was deleted by user				
				16	you're hilarious					
				3	He's Hisraeli					
				52	Same thing that happened when UK declared a climate emergency.					
				15	It's a warning for governments. That being said WHO does have the credibility as to placate the public to accept measures, which it would have otherwise disliked. Like additional scanning, checkpoints, various inconveniences, etc. So it's not a nothing burger.					
				4	WHO? What? Where? When? Why?					

				1	It's largely symbolic. It may provide legal protection against compensation claims by citing force majeure when a contractual party cancels a contract due to the virus outbreak.	112	24.a. Question asking for information regarding the virus, response with the perceived purpose of the WHO statement.	<b>(Uncertainty - Involvement)</b> user gives a response, <b>(Information - Legitimacy)</b> establishing the authority of the subReddit as a place to get answers	Going to the SubReddit for answers rather than looking online at medical sites paired with the other users confidently giving answers. There is an act of trust within the community that they are going to be satisfied with the information they receive and users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions.	
			24.2	25	*by WHOM...					
				14	WHOM'stve					
				10	It's actually a big deal if the big wigs in the world health organization declared a global health emergency.  Washing hands intensifies.		49	24.b. Series of jokes regarding the abbreviation of the World Health Organization to WHO	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> Joking indicates they know to participate in the group	Users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users.
			24.4	9	The WHO?					
			24.5	4	Well the doctor would know I suppose.					
			24.6	10	Who did?					
				9	Yes.					
				4	Yes, who.		23	24.c.Series of Jokes	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> Joking indicates they know to participate in the group	Users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users.
			24.7	20	Better late than never i guess					

					37	It's not late. You can't just go for the worst scenario immediately, or you are basically crying wolf. And when the wolf will actually come...					
					4	WHO can't do anything right anyway. In hindsight it's always either fearmongering like swineflu, or way too late like this time.					
					2	you win best comment. Arghhh					
					14	Don't cough on the internet, please. It's contagious!					
					1	Aaaaaaand you have the zombie plague. Too bad, shouldn't have gone on reddit today.		78	24.d. Opinions on the timings of the message form WHO was too late,	<b>(Persuasion - Negotiation)</b> Aiming to reach the same agreement; <b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> Joking indicates they know to participate in the group	Users aim to reach an agreement that is in line with one another as they both aim to shape the tone of the subReddit. Users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users.
				24.8	2	It looks like planet of the apes series.					
				24.9	1	I'd like to be put into hibernation until everyone around me stops panicking about some alleged life-threatening disease like every year.					
					1	As the article states quite clearly, this is health warning was declared with low-income nations in mind. Not the west or China, as they have much better ways of stopping the spread and treating the sick. Unlike low-income nations, where this outbreak could become a very serious problem	2	24.e. Comment stating people are over panicking about the COVID-19 outbreak. Response referring back to the article about the characteristics of the WHO message.	<b>(Persuasion - Legitimacy)</b> Trying to establish authority	Users aim to persuade others using information.	

				24.10.	1	<p>The flu kills several hundred thousand people a year.</p> <p>Where's the health emergency for that?</p>					
					4	<p>That's a misuse of statistics however. Epidemics are for illnesses which also have a higher lethality and transmissivity.</p> <p>More people die from knives per year than nuclear weapons, it doesn't mean we don't keep an eye out for nuclear proliferation.</p>					
					1	<p>The health emergency, as the article states very clearly, is not meant for the west or even China. It is meant for low-income nations.</p>	6	<p>24.e. Comment stating a perceived fact about the flu. Questions the nature of the COVID-19 outbreak, response refers back to the WHO article.</p>	<p><b>(Persuasion - Legitimacy)</b> Each comment was trying to use legitimacy to their advantage one was ore favorable than the other (seen in the upvote)</p>	<p>Users aim to persuade others using information.</p>	
				24.11	1	<p>It's really not that much of an issue. 2% of the sick die. All of them are old ppl or ppl with preexisting health conditions. It's bad, but it's nothing to panic about.</p>					

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25	2.3.2020	First case of nCoV coronavirus preliminary confirmed at Decease and infections hospital in Moscow, Russia								
	Citation	r/Europe [u/gonfuckedpalm]. (2020, January 30). <i>First case of nCoV coronavirus preliminary confirmed at Decease and infections hospital in Moscow, Russia</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewbwxl/first_case_of_ncov_coronavirus_preliminary/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewbwxl/first_case_of_ncov_coronavirus_preliminary/</a>								
			25.1	7	"Preliminary confirmed" doesn't mean it's confirmed. Although, I wouldn't be surprised, Russia shut down the whole border, most trains are cancelled and every plane coming from China gets checked up. The situation looks very serious	Reference to section in news article				
				3	Those are the kind of things you do to prevent a situation from becoming serious. If the country was infected already, there wouldn't be much point in closing that border.		10	25.a. Comment is user's information regarding the COVID-19 outbreak in Russia, agreement with the comment.	<b>(Information - Legitimacy) &amp; (Persuasion - Negotiation)</b> Aiming to reach a consensus by means of establishing an authority in information	Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation framing it in a way that is true and believable and thus shaping the information to fit the discussion. Users aim to reach an agreement that is in line with one another as they both aim to shape the tone of the subReddit.
			25.2	3	Good luck russians.					
				-2	Тnx, bro! сука блять)0)))	Text: uses Cyrillic letters to shape English alphabet letters to read "Thanks bro";	1 (40%)	25.b. Joke	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> Joking indicates they know to participate in the group, although the	Users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know

					Translation from Russian: "bitch fuck" ;			low point value indicates that they do not really know	what jokes will resonate with users.
		25.3	2	Good enough for the country with a vast border to China.					
		25.4	0	It's interesting to note they have a specialised hospital for those wishing to be deceased.					
26	2.3.2020	First two cases of Coronavirus confirmed at Italy (Rome), all flights to China close, the couple travelled in center and nothern Italy for 10 days							
	Citation	r/Europe [u/Gigaktor]. (2020, January 31). <i>First two cases of Coronavirus confirmed at Italy (Rome), all flights to China close, the couple travelled in center and nothern Italy for 10 days.</i> [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewe5dt/first_two_cases_of_coronavirus_confirmed_at_italy/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewe5dt/first_two_cases_of_coronavirus_confirmed_at_italy/</a>							
27	2.3.2020	Italy suspends all China flights as coronavirus cases confirmed in Rome							
	Citation	r/Europe [u/cc_hk]. (2020, January 31). <i>Italy suspends all China flights as coronavirus cases confirmed in Rome.</i> [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewlqls/italy_suspends_all_china_flights_as_coronavirus/fgz0qa/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewlqls/italy_suspends_all_china_flights_as_coronavirus/fgz0qa/</a>							
		27.1	34	Well, fuck, they went through the two most populous cities in Italy, I'm scared to think of all the people they got close to.					
			9	i got my passport stolen in bangkok, right before flying to myanmar and laos (both bordering with china). I thought i have been fucking unlucky, but maybe it was the opposite...					
			1	I'm pretty sure that you can get a temp passport from BKK.					
			1	yeah, but that allows you only to get home... that's the point.					
			n/a	[comment removed by moderatoer]	Comment was deleted by moderator				

				1	<p>1 - italians don't have to get a visa for thailand, as any other person in the whole fucking world. i needed the passport to go to birmania then laos</p> <p>2 - there's plenty of italians in thailand. i've been there 2 times, last time 8 years ago, met a lot of italians.</p> <p>3 - bring your racism somewhere else</p>					
				n/a	[comment removed by moderatoer]	Comment was deleted by moderator				
					<p>1 - and that was my pourpose, i was a tourist</p> <p>2 - non ho mai percepito nessun odio o astio verso la nostra nazionalità. ti consiglierei di toglierti dal culo il tuo vittimismo. ho parlato anche con un poliziotto thailandese che è italiano</p> <p>3 - birmania, myanmar, burma, as you fucking prefer</p> <p>cmq grazie per la cortesia, hai vinto il premio di stronzo del mese.</p>	<p>Translation from Italian: "I have never felt any hatred or resentment towards our nationality. I would advise you to get your victim out of the ass. I also spoke to a Thai policeman who is Italian"; "Anyway thanks for the courtesy, you won the asshole prize of the month."</p>				
				1	<p>Cmq oh, manco l'italiano capisci... vittimismo? Poliziotti thailandesi italiani? Ma che cazzo scrivi? Ma prima di andare in giro per il mondo, una cazzo di lingua la riesci ad imparare? Almeno quella del tuo paese... su dai...</p>	<p>Translation from Italian: "Anyway oh, I don't even understand Italian ... victimization? Italian Thai policemen? What the fuck are you writing? But before you go around the world, can you learn a fucking tongue? At least that of your country ... come on ..."</p>				



				1	ti posso assicurare che era italiano, di Roma, li da 30 anni. Non mi credere se preferisci. Addio leone da tastiera	I can assure you that he was Italian, from Rome, there for 30 years. Don't believe me if you prefer. Goodbye keyboard lion	48	27.a. Comment stating the fear of the user for the people of Rome who potentially encountered a person from China, A user's personal experience, argument regarding passport laws and Italians in Thailand, some comments deleted by moderator.	<b>(Persuasion - Negotiation)</b> aiming all participate into eh conversation	Users aim to reach an agreement that is in line with one another as they both aim to shape the tone of the subReddit.
			27.3	15	Wouldnt it be smarter to do this before cases show up in Rome?					
				52	Yes, Mr. hindsight. But the 2 Chinese landed in Italy on the 23th. And a complete air traffic block would have been considered a stupid move 10 days ago, when the situation didn't seem so serious.					
				2	WHOOPS	69	27.b. Comments regarding the timing of the airline suspension, response and opinion regarding the timing of the action, ends with a joking comment.	<b>(Uncertainty - Involvement)</b> going to the sub to as the question <b>(informative - Legitimacy)</b> addressing the question ion	Going to the SubReddit for answers rather than looking online at medical sites paired with the other users confidently giving answers. There is an act of trust within the community that they are going to be satisfied with the information they receive and users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions.	
			27.4	3	They should also stop the flights to Singapore!					
			27.5	n/a	[comment deleted by user]	Comment was deleted by user				
				13	It's lip-service. If I want to buy a plane ticket to Taiwan, on some sites I need to look under China, Chinese Taipei or China (Taipei). If you ban flights to China, you					

					gotta include Taipei or you'll make China angry.					
				1	Not only do they not have to, they also probably won't.					
				-15	Taiwan is China.	one or (51.7%)	27.c. Comment deleted by user, thread regarding the relationship of Taiwan to China	<b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> The establishment of the norms especially the notion that Taiwan is not China	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit	
			27.6	n/a	[comment removed by moderator]	Comment was deleted by moderator				
				34	Stop spamming fake news. It's just a music school which has suspended lesson until a visit with doctors at the start of February (so just some days). Asian students haven't been banned anywhere. Looking at your comments, I'd say you are the most racist about this topic					
				3	98% of the infected people are in China, and like 2/3 of the rest are in South East Asia, and one can assume that the virus may spread faster in countries near China, it's because of geographical considerations, not due to slanted eyes or something, and it has been done by 1 school anyway, not by the whole country, and for the people who talk about Korea having the same number of cases as other European countries or something, most of the cases (if not all, I'd have to check) of infected people in Europe were Chinese tourists, not locals		37	27.d. Comment wherein the user responds to the deleted comment by the moderator identifying that the comment was inaccurate. Response is perceived information of the COVID-19 infection characteristics.	<b>(Persuasion - Legitimacy)</b> establishing authority while <b>(Information - identification)</b> establishing the norms of the sub	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.

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28	2.3.20	Wuhan coronavirus: 2 people in England have virus, authorities say									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/cc_hk]. (2020, January 31). <i>Wuhan coronavirus: 2 people in England have virus, authorities say</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewmi7y/wuhan_coronavirus_2_people_in_england_have_virus/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewmi7y/wuhan_coronavirus_2_people_in_england_have_virus/</a>									
				28.1	6	Brexit and this. What a lovely day for Britain.					
				28.2	3	It makes a good location for a quarantine island.					
				28.3	-2	r/upliftingnews	Link to subReddit: "r/uplifting news"				
29	2.4.20	Italy declares state of emergency over coronavirus									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/badblueboy146]. (2020, January 31). <i>Italy declares state of emergency over coronavirus</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewmuea/italy_declares_state_of_emergency_over_coronavirus/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewmuea/italy_declares_state_of_emergency_over_coronavirus/</a>									
				29.1	14	Btw, it has nothing to do with the cruise ship in the picture, it's a couple of Chinese tourists that were positive for coronavirus in Rome.					
				29.2	5	State of emergency for two cases? Someone is playing on the brutal setting.					
				29.3	4	Shiet. Fuck. Welp, I was joking yesterday about military gas masks, today...					
30	2.4.20	Russia Reports First Coronavirus Cases									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/jurhurdur]. (2020, January 31). <i>Russia Reports First Coronavirus Case</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewojgj/russia_reports_first_coronavirus_cases/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewojgj/russia_reports_first_coronavirus_cases/</a>									
				30.1	3	chuckles I'm in danger					
				30.2	1	And still no one in Moscow, weird					
31	2.4.20	First case of coronavirus confirmed in Sweden									

Citation	r/Europe [u/poklane]. (2020, January 31). <i>First case of coronavirus confirmed in Sweden</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewq4a8/first_case_of_coronavirus_confirmed_in_sweden/fg5x1pt/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewq4a8/first_case_of_coronavirus_confirmed_in_sweden/fg5x1pt/</a>									
			31.1	73	According to news, the person who got infected had acted exemplary. She had isolated herself as soon as she was in Sweden with no human contact, even going as far as letting friends drop food by the door. And when she started getting symptoms, called the healthcare who immediately sent her an ambulance with protective gear and isolated her at the infectious disease ward.					
				21	That's some big brain play right there. Respect to her.					
				11	Just natural swedish behaviour		75	31.a. Description of situation, comments revealing favor that the woman isolated herself.	<b>(Information - Corporatism)</b> Collaboration and agreement from the other commenters.	Users collaborate within the community with the exchanging of information.
			31.2	146	Welcome to the club, Swedish bros					
				41	One of us... One of us..					
				52	This virus will likely blow over but imagine if it was something that could actually wipe out humanity, and we let everyone fly in from the infected area. What a disaster  The blame lies mostly on china for failing to keep people from leaving					
				13	And, more importantly, for failing to prevent the incredibly unhealthy environment in the market.					
				0	Wishful thinking.  Sorry the winter darkness is getting to me.					

					13	<p>China announced a total lockdown of the entire city of Wuhan on 23rd Jan.</p> <p>The rest of the world has had over a week (since cities totalling ~50 million people are in lockdown) to realise that this is actually serious, yet still only a handful of countries have only just started mandating quarantine for Wuhan travellers and banning flights from China.</p> <p>Much of the blame falls on Sweden's authorities here.</p>					
					1	Damn it's only been a week? Feels like a month to me my bad					
					5	Didn't some people in the West cry about civil liberties when the quarantine was first announced?					
					3	Doesn't matter what China does, it's wrong. Quarantining cities with millions of inhabitants? Draconian shithole. Not preventing every single person from leaving the country? They didn't even try!	247	31.b. Joking comments about being part of the COVID-19 "club". Discussion questioning if China has taken the correct measures against the spread of the virus, and it Sweden took the correct measures.	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> Joke indicates they know how to participate in this sub. <b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> Establishing that China is to blame, China is taking the wrong measures	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users. Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.	
				31.2	34	Why was a woman who was in Wuhan on January 24th in Sweden and not still in Wuhan?					
					22	It's our problem, not hers, I guess...					
					20	People on Chinese media who have fewer and live in Wuhan made posts and "guides" on how to leave the quarantine with a fever. They actually take pride in bypassing the quarantine and take it as a success. I highly recommend if you have time to watch first 30 minutes of the video of two guys who have lived for years in China:	Link to YouTube video "Coronavirus - Inside info and discussion"				

					<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lk5XkhUKMDM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lk5XkhUKMDM</a>					
					1	Wait, the first 30 minutes of the video or the 30 minutes after the time stamp you linked to?  Edit. Since there are only 20 minutes after your timestamp, I guess you mean the beginning of the video.				
					7	First 30 minutes of the video, I will edit my comment promptly				
					1	Really interesting stuff, thanks for the recommendation.				
					0	Glad you've enjoyed it!				
					-2	Oh man i just finished the whole thing. To think that Reddit is full of Chinese trolls claiming superiority of Chinese people over westerners (even on this sub) is literally out of this fucking world. But i can't blame them, cause I also thought my country was on a higher level than it really is until i started traveling.				
					2	allegedly around 5mil people left Wuhan before the quarantine. Hence the shit load of people on wechat bragging about escaping Wuhan.				
					-9	I don't know. The selfish bitch should get jail time imo. Some people might die because of her. Asshole.				
					29	Returning to Sweden implies that she lives in Sweden. Knowing that returning from Wuhan put her in a risk group, she apparently kept away from people and waited, as one should.				

					11	But she was in a plane to sweden with many other passengers					
					18	True.  However, at the time of flight, she had no symptoms - today is 7 days after the 24th. Requiring her to stay in a foreign land indefinitely would not make any sense, would it?					
					4	Yes it would. That region is under quarantine.					
					-7	"The woman had not been in contact with other people since returning to Sweden so there is no risk of her having spread the virus, "  Oh, I see. She teleported into the mountains.	Reference to section in news article				
					3	There are car parks at airports, you know...					
					11	Oh, yeah, you're right. She should just be a Chinese citizen now and forget her home and family (or whatever). You know the old rallying cry of the honorable, "Everyone left behind!" BTW, I'd say you appear to be the selfish one in this case. If she took proper precautions, as appears the case, she unequivocally did the right thing.					
					-2	The Swedish government will evacuate Swedish citizens in an organized manner, in a manner that won't threaten the health of the entire world. This cunt decided fuck the quarantine zone and sat on flights with hundreds of passengers thus acting as an agent for spread of the disease. Fucking cunt.					

					<p>1</p> <p>"Threatened the health of the entire world"? If you're so worked up about this threat, I can't imagine your anxiety for much, much, much larger threats, including: global warming; sedentary lifestyles; alcohol abuse; opioids; food insecurity; tribalism; terrorism; poverty; mosquitoes; the stupid risks we take for sex; war; anti-vaxxers; our own Sun eventually swallowing the Earth; Icelandic volcanoes; American supervolcanos; plastic pollution in the oceans; the sham that is "recycling", which really is just rich countries paying poor countries to hide the problem from the rich ones by polluting the poor ones; the state of the Amazon rainforest; cancer; megalomaniacs; the unknown effects on the human body of newer phenomenon like constant cell phone emissions directly next to our genitals and brain; overpopulation of the planet; nuclear weapons; car accidents; the unsustainability of oil; idiots assassinating terrible, but powerful leaders of other countries in other countries; idiots shooting down passenger jets and then saying it was mechanical failure; idiots invading countries and annexing ports; idiots using drones to kill extrajudicially anyone and everyone and getting a Nobel "Peace" Prize for it; idiots all over the world rising to power on the back of the fear of "the other"; the slow, but advancing death of antibiotics; the fact that Nazis can arise to lead large countries and it can always happen again anywhere; possible answers to the Fermi paradox; the inevitable endgame of the Universe being either the Big Crunch or the Big Freeze, meaning either way there is no way for humanity to survive forever, no matter how transcendently advanced in technology we get; whatever aspect of humanity allows the Kardashians to become gigantic stars; and so on forever.</p> <p>My point is, there are countless larger problems that we face than some human being, with a life and rights and freedoms, exercising those rights and freedoms, in a reasonable way, instead of "taking one for the team" and accepting that her life and freedom no longer matter, because some anxiety-riddled person on the Internet believes their concerns about something that doesn't affect them takes priority over another's right to live and be free. Thus, my final addendum to my list above is: the selfishness that allows people to ignore the humanity of others so easily.</p>			
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				1	You clearly don't understand just how dangerous an airborne virus can be. China have put cities with millions of inhabitants under quarantine because this virus can very well mutate into a more virulent form of it infects enough people. If this spreads in Sweden because this bitch I hope karma comes back at her big time.					
				1	How many has it killed in first-world countries?					
						146 (12.5%)	31.c. Asking a question about why the woman was not stopped by the Chinese government from leaving, praising the woman for taking protective measures, references to how people in China bypass quarantine, people's opinions that she should face repercussion for deciding to go to Sweden knowing that she was sick.	<b>(Persuasion - Negotiation)</b> Aiming to get to a point of agreement. Involvement: The other commenters personal options regarding China	Users aim to reach an agreement that is in line with one another as they both aim to shape the tone of the subReddit.	
			31.3	27	#GotlandIndependence /s	/s: Sarcasm present				
			31.4	8	Close Norway to our neighbours.					
				-2	Sorry, I pulled a reversed UNO, it's Dual Monarchy Union time.		6 (20%)	31.d. Opinion stated that Norway should be closed, comment response is sarcastically refers to a monarch that rules two kingdoms	<b>(Persuasion - Involvement)</b> comment, comment does not resonate with other users	Being an active part of the conversation while trying to shape it.
			31.5	5	It's in the city where I live in. Trying to always keep myself updated on new information about this situation.					

					11	<p>I live in Munich, we currently have 5 confirmed infected people and all of them have had mild or no symptoms and are just waiting to be released from Quarantine.</p> <p>Corona sucks, it's like the flu and we don't need a second flu, but it's not really dangerous for healthy people.</p>					
					2	<p>Munich has 7 cases with 3 additional that look almost certain at this point( family of 5 with 2 already infected and all in the same isolation room)</p> <p>And another case from the same company that has flown to tenerife. So 11 people got infected in bavaria so far.</p>					
					1	<p>Well there's always the risk of it mutating. I don't know what the probability of that is but u never know i guess. I think one should always be cautious regarding new diseases and i mean even though it might not be dangerous for healthy people but they can still be carriers for the disease and make it dangerous for elderly or weak people.</p>					
					n/a	[comment deleted by moderater]	Comment was deleted by moderator				
					1	<p>There's always a risk. I wouldn't consider it to be big but who knows.</p>	20	<p>31.e. Giving personal references to how they are dealing with the virus, non-cited information given regarding the severity of the virus and possibility for the virus to mutate.</p>	<p><b>(Information - Legitimacy)</b> users are giving their information regarding the virus, they are expected to be listed to therefore by defile they have an authoritative stance in the discussion.</p>	<p>Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation framing it in a way that is true and believable and thus shaping the information to fit the discussion.</p>	

				31.6	2	Time to close the bridge!						
				31.7	2	I arrived from a Asian country to Sweden a week ago and at Arlanda Airport there was NO ONE doing checks what so ever. Swedish naivete at its best. The country I came from had checks everywhere. Im will be surprised if there isn't a pandemic in Sweden						
				31.8	4	Although this was a Chinese tourist like in other cases, I jokingly predicted that Sweden would get it from an infected Santa Claus Village employee visiting Haaparanta for snus :D	Emoticon present: Face with Tears of Joy					
				31.9	2	I can't access the article because of "project shield". Did Chinese hackers DDoS the website because of the rift with the ambassador?	Abbreviation: DDOS "Distributed Denial-Of-Service"					
				31.9.1	3	Do you use a script blocker like noscript or something? I do on Firefox and it does stop the page loading from that "project shield" thing while the page loads fine using brave or chrome.		5	31.f. Thread indicating that the posted article cannot be reached, questions if Chinese hackers, suggestions to accesses the article.	<b>(Information - Corporatism)</b> Collaboration and agreement from the other commenters.	Users collaborate within the community with the exchanging of information.	
				31.10.	1	They just reported the first in Spain too.						
				31.11	0	....fuck						
				31.11.1	2	Well I think Bulgaria and Romania have suspected cases (Bulgaria has 2 iirc), so those two are much worse than the one in Sweden (speaking geographically cause we are neighbors and all that).  Unless you live in Sweden then yeah...	Abbreviation: iirc "If I recall correctly"					

					1	Shit, thats even worse.  "Unless you live in Sweden then yeah"  Nah, but i have relatives that live there.	Reference to previous comment	3	31.g. Reactive comment, non-cited information about the situation in Bulgaria and Romania, personal commentary.	<b>(information - Corporatism)</b> Giving personal information about their situations	Users collaborate within the community with the exchanging of information.
				31.12	0	This plague inc player is rather persistent, though he upgraded symptoms too early and even has a mortality level he STILL is spreading the plague....hmmm...					
				31.13	n/a	[comment deleted by user]	Comment was deleted by user				
					16	You're more likely to get assassinated by Putin than die of that virus in a rich country (assuming you don't have HIV or are not 90).					
					4	You don't know me, the chance that Putin assasinates me could be sky high!					
					6	Why worry when very country will have a few cases soon...					
					4	I can only tell you what I've told other people in this thread already, Corona is like the flu, it's dangerous for people with pre-existing conditions, but for a healthy adult it's just a little uncomfortable for two weeks, many seem to even have no symptoms.  The governments of the world don't want it to spread because we don't need a second flu, but it's also not a particularly dangerous disease, just a nuisance.					

				0	<p>First of all, flu is pretty dangerous (a lot of people think that common cold is a flu, it's not) so a very contagious flu would be bad already. And this novel coronavirus is an order of magnitude worse. Seasonal flu has less than 0.1% mortality rate and the novel coronavirus is about 2%. We don't know it yet but those 98% that survive may not fare that well, either. SARS left many complications and a lot of people became essentially disabled after recovery.</p> <p>This new virus is in an early stage and chance of getting it is like winning a lottery but it may turn into something pretty bad so I would not dismiss it.</p>				
				2	<p>I know the flu is not the common cold, the flu is not dangerous for normal healthy adults though. Those who die from it are usually nearing the end of their life anyway. It's similar with Corona, it doesn't cut people down in their prime, it only hits those that are vulnerable. As I said, we don't need a second flu and that's why the governments fight it so adamantly, but as a healthy adult you don't need to worry about this disease, at least not for your own sake.</p>				

					1	<p>Those who die from it are usually nearing the end of their life anyway.</p> <p>No. Seasonal flu kills a lot of children. And complications from flu (pneumonia, sinus problems, increasing heart problems) can shorten life for people that are far from the end of life.</p>		33	<p>31.h. Joking correlation between death rates of COVID-19 to assassination of Putin, joking discussion, discussion asking questions about the virus and non-cited comparing the common flu to COVID-19.</p>	<p><b>( Uncertainty &amp; information - Legitimacy)</b> Argument as theses fight for authority in the discussion.</p> <p><b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> as they know how to contribute to the conversation</p>	<p>Going to the SubReddit for answers rather than looking online at medical sites paired with the other users confidently giving answers. There is an act of trust within the community that they are going to be satisfied with the information they receive and users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions. Users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users.</p>
				31.14	-7	<p>...at first they thought it's only a flu. - 12 Monkey's-</p>					
				31.15	-40	<p>PewDiePie h as the coronavirus because he left YouTube for a break</p>					

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32	2.5.20	Coronavirus Has Europe Treating Chinese People Like the Plague								
	Citation	r/Europe [u/OldfashionedJizz]. (2020, January 31). <i>Coronavirus Has Europe Treating Chinese People Like the Plague</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewtiqj/coronavirus_has_europe_treating_chinese_people/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewtiqj/coronavirus_has_europe_treating_chinese_people/</a>								
			32.1	8	This is just rational behavior. If we didn't want to see it in public, we should have closed our borders to people coming from China weeks ago. I hope nobody gets discouraged from taking measures to protect themselves by this media hate campaign. Your safety matters more than what SJW bloggers think of you.					
			32.2	8	That's a racist headline and a xenophobic comment on a bus, but how does it represent "the French" ??? This woman is literally stigmatizing an entire country because of a single anecdotal incident and a newspaper headline. The article is xenophobic itself. Terrible article. I hate this kind of liberal fake-progressivism. I hate that it's coming to Europe. Let's google the author... oh she's American, no surprise then.					
			32.3	4	As is tradition. Funny how some people expect otherwise.					
			32.4	0	The same happened with ebola, didn't see anyone complain back then.					
33	2.5.2020	WHO declares coronavirus a global health emergency as cases grow in Europe								
	Citation	r/Europe [u/lilly_sc]. (2020, January 31). <i>WHO declares coronavirus a global health emergency as cases grow in Europe</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewtlxi/who_declares_coronavirus_a_global_health/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewtlxi/who_declares_coronavirus_a_global_health/</a>								

34	2.5.20	Coronavirus: EU mobilises €10 million for research							
	Citation	r/Europe [u/deleted]. (2020, January 31). <i>Coronavirus: EU mobilises €10 million for research</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewtupj/coronavirus_eu_mobilises_10_million_for_research/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewtupj/coronavirus_eu_mobilises_10_million_for_research/</a>							
			34.1	10	Surely 10€ means it's nothing serious.				
			34.2	9	10m EUR is enough for a handful of researchers. Nowhere near enough.				
			34.2.1	3	I'm assuming the individual countries will provide a lot more than that, as this is just on the EU level.	12	34.a. Thread stating that the measures taken by the EU to fund research is insufficient, assumption that individual countries will fund research measures.	<b>(Information - Legitimacy) (Persuasion - Involvement)</b> Stating their advice/opinion on the matter	Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation framing it in a way that is true and believable and thus shaping the information to fit the discussion. Being an active part of the conversation while trying to shape it.
35	2.6.20	Spain confirms first case of coronavirus (detected in German tourists)							
	Citation	r/Europe [u/parlourtrick]. (2020, February 1). <i>Spain confirms first case of coronavirus (detected in German tourists)</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewxmfj/spain_confirms_first_case_of_coronavirus_detected/fg68plf/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewxmfj/spain_confirms_first_case_of_coronavirus_detected/fg68plf/</a>							
			35.1	15	Unless they are old or chronically ill they should have little to worry. Although a spread of the virus is bad news for those who are old and chronically ill.				
				7	It can still makes you incredibly sick and not all the deaths are from the old and chronically ill.				
				2	Does it make you more sick than normal flu?				



				4	Yes., it's a lot more likely to cause pneumonia and severe cases can cause organ failure. Severe pneumonia requires intensive care treatment and can kill even healthy people. If there is a major outbreak, hospitals may be stretched too thin and not be able to provide the level of care needed. This could mean pneumonia cases that are normally recoverable could become fatal. Also there has been reports that the virus may cause permeant damage to kidneys.					
				3	BUT I WANT TO PANIC NOW	31	35.a. Comments and questions giving opinions, stating who should be worried.	<b>(Legitimacy - Information) (Uncertainty - Involvement)</b> Stating their advice/opinion on the matter	Going to the SubReddit for answers rather than looking online at medical sites paired with the other users confidently giving answers. There is an act of trust within the community that they are going to be satisfied with the information they receive and users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions.	
			35.2	9	Were the German tourists of East Asian origin or did they recently visit China?					

			23	<p>Neither. This quite a significant development. The German cluster came about through a business conference attended by a lady from Wuhan. She was reported as being asymptomatic whilst in Germany and only became sick on the flight back to China. One of her German colleagues was subsequently diagnosed with the virus.</p> <p>3 more colleagues have since been diagnosed.</p> <p>The article is short on detail but it appears that one of the tourists was in contact with one of those 4 German colleagues, none of whom had visited China.</p> <p>Singapore currently has 13 infections, all of them mainland Chinese tourists who are being kept in isolation in two Singapore Hospitals. All of them mingled to a greater or lesser extent with the local population before being admitted (139 close contacts have been identified and 134 of those have already been traced and are being monitored). It is still the incubation period but so far no locals have been reported as being infected. The next two weeks will be very instructive as it will show how widely this group infected others in a country they were visiting. From that we will get better idea of the virus's potential. Fortunately Singapore has the expertise and infrastructure to handle this.</p>	32	35.b. Question asked regarding the facts of the situation. non-cited response.	<p><b>(Uncertainty - Involvement)</b> Going to the sub for answers</p> <p><b>(Informative - Legitimacy)</b> People responding</p>	<p>Going to the SubReddit for answers rather than looking online at medical sites paired with the other users confidently giving answers. There is an act of trust within the community that they are going to be satisfied with the information they receive and users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions.</p>
		35.3	1	Germans don't wash, and I have big penis tho.				
36	2.6.2020	Wuhan virus: Spain confirms first case of coronavirus						
	Citation	r/Europe [u/cc_hk]. (2020, February 1). <i>Wuhan virus: Spain confirms first case of coronavirus</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewz9bd/wuhan_virus_spain_confirms_first_case_of/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ewz9bd/wuhan_virus_spain_confirms_first_case_of/</a>						
		36.1	1	Wuhan virus is smaller than my penis tho.				

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37	2.6.20	Rome music school bans all East Asian students from class amid coronavirus fears									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/Banyan1060]. (2020, February 1). <i>Rome music school bans all East Asian students from class amid coronavirus fears</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ex4ieg/rome_music_school_bans_all_east_asian_students/fg6c6br/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ex4ieg/rome_music_school_bans_all_east_asian_students/fg6c6br/</a>									
				37.1	11	This makes no sense at all. If they haven't been in China for the past month or so, there is no risk at all. The person who made up this measure is an idiot.					
				37.1.1	4	The guy's a moron and currently under investigation from two different ministries as he apparently isn't new to subjecting students to idiotic measures like this one. I'm not saying they're going to have his head but I wouldn't rule that out, either. Especially considering that there's already a class action going on...					
				37.1.2	1	They could have been infected by close family.					
					3	Who then also had to have traveled halfway around the world first. An Italian who traveled to the region or had family traveling there is just as much of a risk. They should look at travel history, not ethnicity.					

				0	<p>Who then also had to have traveled halfway around the world first. So? It's not 1920. An Italian who traveled to the region or had family traveling there is just as much of a risk. Sure but that's way less likely. How are they going to check travel history for every single person? What about the family of that person? The ban makes sense.</p>				
				1	<p>Yes, that's the point. A lot of Europeans also travel to China and could take the virus with them.  Sure but that's way less likely. How are they going to check travel history for every single person? What about the family of that person?  Yes, those are the challenges in containing a virus like this.  The ban makes sense.  It does not. Those people were not in the Chinese region where the virus originated. They might not even be Chinese even. Why should a Vietnamese student be banned from attending his lessons because of a virus in China.</p>	20	37.a. Comments gives opinion on the news article referencing that the ethnicity is not inherently tied to the COVID-19 virus.	<b>(Persuasion - Negotiation)</b> Aiming to reach an agreement	Users aim to reach an agreement that is in line with one another as they both aim to shape the tone of the subReddit.
			37.2	3	This is a bit mad				
38	2.6.20	China is turning to the European Union for assistance as it struggles to contain the outbreak of coronavirus							
	Citation	r/Europe [u/U5K0]. (2020, February 1). <i>China is turning to the European Union for assistance as it struggles to contain the outbreak of coronavirus</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ex6qwo/china_is_turning_to_the_european_union_for/fg6nppd/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ex6qwo/china_is_turning_to_the_european_union_for/fg6nppd/</a>							
			38.1	14	Nice , a step forward				
			38.2	16	What if Europe will need this for their own population in the near future? Which I hope is not so.				

				31	It's a good practice to establish for when we need help.					
				-22	Why would we need help? When was the last time europe had an outbreak? Latest outbreak was in in 1972 in Yugoslavia (smallpox)					
				24	Never say never					
				15	It may not be an outbreak. Shit happens.					
				16	Do not underestimate vaccine critics' stupidity					
				1	What needs to be said here is that none of the countries are sufficiently prepared to tackle a major strain of a deadly virus as it is.  That being said, if we are not expecting an outbreak that means we can help as we don't need that stuff, right?					
				38	Would it not be smart to help contain these things at their source? The medical equipment sent will not just help them to take care of already ill, but also help them to limit further spread of the disease.					
				5	The less it's a problem in China, the less it is here.	124 (15%)	38.a. A Discussion thread regarding the future of European COVID-19 pandemic and the reasons for aiding China in their fight against the disease.	<b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> Establishing the norms in the thread of helping each other	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.	
			38.3	16	After all the bullying via threats of censoring european media, this?  I think China should be helped					

					but at-least an apology for past conduct is due.					
					17	That sounds pretty bad. Well help save lives only if you apologize first.				
					21	Exactly. The government doesn't deserve the help. But the people has no part in that mess and they are the ones that need it. So we should certainly send any aid we can spare.				
					11	You do realize that government $\neq$ population and that their population is in danger right?				
					13	That's why we're helping them, regardless of the government's pathetic attempts of censorship in European countries.				
					6	I never said to outright deny medical help lol. But an apology would be nice.				
					1	I bet you haven't been to China. The Chinese people are as bad as their government when it comes to aggressive nationalism.	85	39.a. Discussion thread regarding the best practices; If china should apologize for its conduct or not, the role of the Chinese population versus Chinese government in this situation.	<b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> Establishing the norms in the thread of helping each other	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.
				38.4	-3	I bet this was a CIA experiment. puts on tin foil hat*				
				38.5	n/a	[comment deleted by user]	Comment was deleted by user			
					6	Taiwan claims continental China and Mongolia So it would be weird to solve a civil war by dividing a country in two... Oh wait, Korea, Vietnam... never mind				

					1	Why would you have civilians suffer for that?		7	39.b. The relationship between China and Taiwan, initial comment was deleted by user	<b>(Persuasion - Involvement)</b> contributing to the discussion with their own opinions	Being an active part of the conversation while trying to shape it.
39	2.6.20	Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) day by day statistics - China and Europe									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/Andrzej80]. (2020, February 1). <i>Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) day by day statistics - China and Europe</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ex7voz/novel_coronavirus_2019ncov_day_by_day_statistics/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ex7voz/novel_coronavirus_2019ncov_day_by_day_statistics/</a>									
				39.1	2	And now in Sweden, Spain, the UK and Russia... OMG...					
40	2.6.20	Coronavirus: German evacuation flight lands in Frankfurt									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/ps4Firt]. (2020, February 1). <i>Coronavirus: German evacuation flight lands in Frankfurt</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ex9v8s/coronavirus_german_evacuation_flight_lands_in/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ex9v8s/coronavirus_german_evacuation_flight_lands_in/</a>									
			11	40.1.1	3	copy/paste article					
41	2.7.20	Coronavirus: EU sends 12 tons of protective clothing to China									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/deleted]. (2020, February 2). <i>Coronavirus: EU sends 12 tons of protective clothing to China</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/exedqd/coronavirus_eu_sends_12_tons_of_protective/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/exedqd/coronavirus_eu_sends_12_tons_of_protective/</a>									
			26	41.1	11	Which was probably made in China. Oh, the irony!					
					0	Checking my first aid kit, I get the impression that you are wrong.		11	41.a. Ironic comment, sarcastic response	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> Joke indicates they know how to participate in this sub.	Users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users.

			41.2	4	"Brussels (dpa) - In the fight against the corona virus, the European Union delivers twelve tons of protective clothing to China. According to the EU Commission, the People's Republic asked for it. Brussels had contacted the EU countries. These gathered the twelve tons of protective clothing that were already on their way to China..."	Reference to section in news article				
			41.3	1	They should have demanded open access for EU experts in exchange for those supplies. It seems that China is trying to cover up how bad it actually is.					
42	2.7.20	Coronavirus, Spallanzani institute isolated corona virus; Italy health minister "Thanks to that we might have a better chance to study the virus and find a cure"								
	Citation	r/Europe [u/deleted]. (2020, February 2). <i>Coronavirus, Spallanzani institute isolated corona virus; Italy health minister "Thanks to that we might have a better chance to study the virus and find a cure"</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/exo763/coronavirus_spallanzani_institute_isolated_corona/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/exo763/coronavirus_spallanzani_institute_isolated_corona/</a>								
		145	42.1	44	Whoa! Been a while since Italy has saved the world. Nice to see that Italy still got it.					
				24	Glad that my taxes are being spent wisely for once!					
				27	Italy was also instrumental in dealing with SARS. Nice job, Italy <3					
				-27	The US and China are way ahead of any other country finding a cure					
				1	I won't believe it unless I see a red bus with that written on the side.					
				14	I'd like a source on that.					
				1	Click on the picture/title of this post. The link brings to a legit Italian newspaper. The announcement was made by the Italian minister of Health. Who may or may not be reliable, I agree, however it's official news					



				8	I was asking about the source on the claim that the US and China are ahead of other countries in finding a cure.					
				4	Oh sorry then, can't help you on that. However the linked article about the Italians isolating the virus mentions that China had already isolated it ten days before, but had not shared the information.					
				-13	<p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51299735">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51299735</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.wsj.com/articles/gilead-sciences-offers-experimental-drug-for-coronavirus-treatments-testing-11580511519">https://www.wsj.com/articles/gilead-sciences-offers-experimental-drug-for-coronavirus-treatments-testing-11580511519</a></p> <p>China has been quiet on the issue but i would be extremely suprised if they weren't working on the genomic sequences of the virus too</p>	Reference to news article titled "Coronavirus vaccine: Scientists race to develop prevention"; Reference to news article titled "Gilead Sciences Offers Experimental Drug for Coronavirus Treatments, Testing".				
				23	<p>China is quiet.</p> <p>Your conclusion: They must be way ahead of everybody else!</p> <p>By that logic Uganda is even further. They haven't even mentioned the thing!</p> <p>Your article on USA is like: USA is working on it.</p> <p>Your conclusion: OMG they are way ahead! Lol</p>	<p>Abbreviation</p> <p>OMG: oh my god; abbreviation</p> <p>Lol: laugh out loud</p>				
				-30	If you actually think Italy are ahead of the US then your deluded. I agree with your point on China though, complete speculation					

					2	Hey man, another Italian here, keep it up with the stereotypes and prejudices, Italy will go on no matter what, we are a strong and very cultural population, like yours. So just remember, hate often comes from ignorance, think about yourself and your education after this.					
					15	Oh boi how butthurt are you	Slang: "boi" used to roast/make fun of someone				
					2	Grande!	Translated from Italian "great"				
					1	Looking more like a venti.	Translated from Italian "twenty"				
					3	Freaking Starbucks using Italian words casually! Venti mean "Twenty" and Grande means "Big"...					
					2	I know, I was joking. Just FYI the venti size is 20 fluid ounces so it's not that stupid. Just pretty stupid.	Abbreviation: FYI "for your information"				
					2	Yeah I read that, strange anyways... (☞☞5☞☞)	Emoticon: face with fingers pointing				

					8	<p>"If you actually think Italy are ahead of the US then your deluded"</p> <p>The structure of this sentence is interesting. The "if" at the beginning of it indicates that you made it all up, using only your imagination. You have no knowledge whatsoever of what I think, but the sentence seems to indicate that knowledge is not what interests you, and you prefer to make up things.</p> <p>I will reply in the same vein, by making something up about you and starting it with an if: "If you actually think horses that have wings exist and are called Pegasus and live in Greece, then you are deluded."</p> <p>Look, I am communicating with you on your level!</p>	Referen ce to previou s comme nt			
					-12	<p>Exactly I have no knowledge on what you think that's why I said 'if' but what you said implies that you actually think the US aren't ahead of Italy, which is contrary to all evidence, articles and actually reasonable thinking, so let's hope I was wrong ☹</p>	Emoticon: smiling face			

				4	<p>"what you said implies that you actually think the US aren't ahead of Italy"</p> <p>It does no such thing, and your sentence doesn't make any sense anyway.</p> <p>You seem to think that science is like a linear line, like a 100 metre race.</p> <p>It is more like, to crack a disease like this, you need to research 1000s of things.</p> <p>So instead of having 1 line, you have 1000 different lines, with many of them having different random countries as the leading country. Italy can be nr 1 on isolation, Australia nr 1 in production, Japan nr 1 on knowing what it does to A, USA nr 1 on knowing what is does to B and C and so on.</p>	Referen ce to previou s comme nt			
				-13	<p>a bit late to the party tho... the Australians did it a long time ago</p> <p><a href="https://www.news.com.au/technology/science/human-body/australian-scientists-grow-coronavirus-in-a-laboratory/news-story/e4b20ced324b6fbec99402ce2255b873">https://www.news.com.au/technology/science/human-body/australian-scientists-grow-coronavirus-in-a-laboratory/news-story/e4b20ced324b6fbec99402ce2255b873</a></p>	Link to news article titled "Australian scientists grow coronavirus in a laboratory"			

					18	<p>That's not the same as isolating.</p> <p>You can grow stuff by just taking a sample with coronavirus in it, and then grow all the stuff in the sample.</p> <p>That is different from isolating the coronavirus. What the Australians do is step 1 to isolating it, I would guess. Once you know how to make more virus, you can work in isolating it from all the other stuff in the sample.</p>	108 (46.7%)	42.a. Encouraging response from Italy revealing positive Italian sentiments. Negatively received comment regarding the US/China role in finding a cure and comments questioning the source for the claim. Leads to a subsequent argument centering around the notion of racism towards Italians. False claim that Australia has a cure.	<b>(Confidence &amp; Persuasion - Identification)</b> establishing the norms in the thread of positivity . And the role/attitudes towards Italians, and perceptions of fake news	User aims to establishing the firm basis of what something is. Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit
			42.2	26	No matters who will find the cure, the only important thing is that whoever find a cure will make it accessible to all. Btw before doubting about the quality and efficiency of italian scientists, i suggest you to read about Carlo Urbani					
				17	no one doubts the quality of italian scientists. why would anyone doubt that. italy doesn't have any scandals in this regard.					
				7	Excuse me? You know that SARS, the coronavirus from 2003 was identified and blocked early thanks to an Italian scientist that insisted like hell on declaring an emergency ect... He died knowing what he was risking as he said it was his duty as a medic, show some respect for people who study and dedicate their life to research.					
				2	how does what you wrote contradict anything I have said?					

					2	My fault, it seemed to me like sarcasm was involved, sorry again. I got angry cause of the many people insulting my country. Thanks for the comment (ಠ_ಠ)	Emoti con: smilin g face					
					2	hey np. i yeah i actually found the initial comment a bit weird since i didnt remeber anyone having any issues with itlalian scientists	Abbre viation : np “no proble m”					
					2	I instead had read all the comments in various thread in how Italian medicine and health system is bad, couldn't help myself and get angry, have a good day!						
					2	The health care system is one thing, scientific research is another thing.						
					1	ah yeah comments about health care systems are usually mean but scientists i never saw anything negative about.						
					1	The fun part is seeing Americans insulting other countries, then they are the first to NOT call an ambulance as it will cost them too much, lol.	Capital letters	62	42.b. Discussion thread starting with the opinion that the important part of finding a cure is making it accessible to all nations, discussion and misinterpretation of sarcasm regarding the abilities of Italian scientists.	<b>(Persuasion - Corporatism)</b> Collaboration and agreement from the other commenters.	The act of trying to get their own perspectives to be heard while collaborating with the community.	
				42.3	3	So much discussion about the nationality of people trying to find a cute. Fuck that. lets just rephrase it to something like:	Capita l letters					

					HUMANS ARE CLOSER TO A CURE. GREAT!					
			42.4	3	I recall reading that a group of Japanese researchers managed to do the same. Good that there's others too.					
			42.5	1	It's in Latin ☹	Emoticon: pleading face				
			42.6	-4	Hasn't China already created a vaccine which will be rolled out in a month? Also they have a test which determines in 15 Minutes if someone's infected.					
			42.6.1	10	What vaccine? Please link your sources there's so much misinformation going around regarding nCov.					
				2	Remembered it wrong. They isolated it as well <a href="http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202001/27/WS5e2eab94a31012821727363d.html">http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202001/27/WS5e2eab94a31012821727363d.html</a>	Link to news article "Coronavirus vaccine research, development, is imminent: Lab official"				
			42.6.2	-2	Yeah, they call it the 'Social credit score'. If it's below a certain level you're infected and have to be quarantined in a special camp.					
				0	The social credit score is just like a normal credit score which isn't based on how well you've paid your past credits back because in the past Chinese people wouldn't take credits so often. It takes trustworthiness into account which they calculate by looking at the criminal history amongst other things. But sure. Let's further push the fake news about how it is employed in some dystopian internment scheme.					

				1	<p>Amongst other things' here including whether you support or criticize the CCP. Plus it doesn't affect only your ability to borrow, but also whether you're allowed to buy plane or train tickets.</p> <p>As to the concentration camps in Xinjiang, I'll admit I don't know if social credit is used there or if they just go straight for the internment, rape, torture and murder of ethnic/religious groups they don't like without bothering to use the scores. That said, I don't think that the use of the social credit scores would make a meaningful difference to whether I consider a state which murders people to use them as organ donors as a dystopia. China is already so far over that line that a little massively intrusive state surveillance here and there is kind of superfluous.</p>	<p>Abbreviation: CCP "Communist Party of China"</p>		
				-1	<p>Again this is fake news. The plane and train ticket news came from the time when the social credit system was maintained by private companies. They incentivized it by offering benefits like faster boarding for people with better scores. Because of the backlash in terms of privacy the Chinese Government made the system public instead of private. Please inform yourself. Because of such fake news I don't know which news outlets to trust anymore. You'll have to read all news to find the bias in each one. "Organ stealing" is a popular topic to build up an image of a comic book villain state (e.g. Every balkan state claims of the others that they are organ traffickers and we all know that this is not the case) so I'd be more careful to trust such allegations.</p>			



				0	<p>So it was a private system as of March last year?</p> <p>If you're going to spout CCP propaganda, at least try to make it difficult to debunk your bullshit.</p> <p>As to organ harvesting from political prisoners, it is pretty well documented, though the CCP have done their best to imprison anyone who spoke out about it and suppress reports by threatening governments.</p>	<p>Abbreviation: CCP "Communist Party of China"</p>		
				0	<p>Did you read the article? It doesn't link any sources whatsoever. It just states that 2 years ago some video went "viral". Such videos can easily be faked, but only Chinese media spout propaganda not your holy British media which is infallible, no?</p> <p>As for the Wikipedia article. It's obviously quite one-sided. It even states itself that the counterarguments are not all written down there. I myself am not that informed into this topic to evaluate it, but as I've said such allegations are a popular way to demonize a whole population (e.g. how the Nazis claimed all sorts of things about the Jews - including organ stealing)</p> <p>Funny, how China is always regarded as censoring, manipulative and all other kinds of things, but our media is trusted blindly despite it's bad track record of just wanting to generate as much clicks as possible. Of course, Chinese information is not to be trusted blindly, it has to be checked and is checked extensively. Sadly fake news from our media is rarely looked back upon and some information is just accepted as is because of blind trust. But you'll not even think about that because in your eyes I'm just spitting propaganda and every remotely positive news about China has to be fake. I concede that I might have a slight bias, but still, we should all try to look through the messaging which the media and governments try to sell us.</p>			

					0	<p>Did you read the article? Seriously, because you're describing something totally different. The article cites announcements from the National Public Credit Information Centre and the National Development and Reform Commission. There's nothing about a viral video in there until the absolute last paragraph. That's not the point of the article. On the wikipedia article it notes that the counterarguments section needs expanding, not that there are counterarguments that have been made that are missing. It's just that there's not much there because China's response has been to ignore the question, make statements that they're following WHO procedures when conducting transplants (which is irrelevant, it's the equivalent of responding 'I was driving under the speed limit' when asked if the car you are driving is stolen) and imprison people for talking to EU or UN representatives about it.</p>	
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				-1	<p>At the bottom of the article they try to push their narrative by stating a viral video. So obviously you really haven't read the article.</p> <p>I don't know why you avoid the fact that it doesn't state any sources. Here another article which doesn't state any sources as well but shows that the whole information in your article is outdated:  <a href="https://www.ft.com/content/f772a9ce-60c4-11e7-91a7-502f7ee26895?mhq5j=e5">https://www.ft.com/content/f772a9ce-60c4-11e7-91a7-502f7ee26895?mhq5j=e5</a> (All information in your article cites data from 2017 and older. After 2017 the whole system was revamped. Still your article wants to push a narrative that in 2019 it's the same system so it really is fake news)</p> <p>Well that's just an interpretation that you have made. When a Wikipedia article states that a section needs expanding this means that there is information which is not yet added. It totally does not mean that Wikipedia criticizes China for not mentioning anything regarding this topic.</p> <p>But yeah, as I've said you're not capable of critically reading articles which support your perspective. Now I fully understand how it was possible that your media conned you into leaving the EU. It has full control over what people regard as the truth.</p>	Reference to news article "China changes tack on 'social credit' scheme plan"	5 (61.5%)	42.c. Question/claim that China has already created a COVID-19 cure is challenged by another user to cite their information. Subsequent argument referring to the Chinese 'social credit score' system.	<b>(Information - Legitimacy)</b> Argument as users fight for authority in the discussion.	Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation framing it in a way that is true and believable and thus shaping the information to fit the discussion.
				42.7	0	Reddit last end of the world fantasy is over.				

	date	Post	votes	#	votes	Comments	Non-textual cues	Thread; total points	description (text Analysis)	Interpretation (Discursive Practice)	Explanation (Social Practice)
43	2.7.20	Coronavirus: 'We can all play our part' - UK public health campaign offers advice to stop spread									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/Cheap-Git]. (2020, February 2). <i>Coronavirus: 'We can all play our part' - UK public health campaign offers advice to stop spread</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/expk0h/coronavirus_we_can_all_play_our_part_uk_public/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/expk0h/coronavirus_we_can_all_play_our_part_uk_public/</a>									
44	2.8.20	Coronavirus: Marine Le Pen expresses support for "stigmatized" Chinese community									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/query1938]. (2020, February 3). <i>Coronavirus: Marine Le Pen expresses support for "stigmatized" Chinese community</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/exyj9m/coronavirus_marine_le_pen_expresses_support_for/fgg8qng/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/exyj9m/coronavirus_marine_le_pen_expresses_support_for/fgg8qng/</a>									
			0	44.1	9	Marie Le Pen.... Against stigmatisation? Isn't she like Pétain level far-right?					
					16	Yes. But her trying to expand her voter base to culturally conservative Asian voters isn't the worst idea she's ever had (lol bringing back the Franc)					
					9	Or perhaps Chinese money is involved					
					3	lol bringing back the Franc  In the last election she had dropped leaving the euro and leaving the EU from her program, because she can't even convince her entire base to go with that.  The one good side of "people voting for her because they feel disconnected from normal parties" is that a decent amount of her voters are not actually morons and won't stand for complete stupidity. Probably why she lost several % in the polls after the 2nd turn debate (aka	Fictitious Dialogue; Reference to previous comment				

					<p>MLP shows France just how stupid she actually is).</p> <p>Don't get me wrong I'm not defending her voters, and she will turns on them the instant she gets elected, but because of them she can't campaign on the actual level of her (and her party's) beliefs. Unlike what we see in some other EU countries in recent decades, she can't come out and say stuff like "the nazis were cool", she would lose everything but her core base of voters (and that's much less than the 20% that count as her actual base nowadays).</p>					
				7	<p>That's a surprisingly intelligent move from her, that's dangerous. A far-right politician who is not a total idiot....</p>					
				4	<p>It's a parroting move. Every single time a minority that is not the muslims gets a bit pressed, she comes out and denounces it, all the while pushing a "back to french roots, defend ourselves from immigrants" speech. Any frenchman that gets convinced by this is a total moron, she's more obvious in her lies than a 4 year old.</p>					
				2	<p>That's like 5 and half voters, this is a show for the other voters with "hey, we're not as xenophobic as people say!", she and her party will forget about the miniscule chinese minority in France in about a month.</p>	Fictitious Dialogue				

				-3	bringing back the franc is in fact her best idea yeat. But of course it was cancelled because boomers are conservative and afraid of change. Pathetic					
				2	N'importe quoi	Translated from French: "Whatever"	49 (5.7%)	45.a. Discussion centering around the response of the French president. Opinion that the response of the French president was favorable and surprising.	<b>(Persuasion - Negotiation)</b> Collaboration and agreement from the other commenters.	Users aim to reach an agreement that is in line with one another as they both aim to shape the tone of the subReddit.
			44.2	2	She bump her head or somethin' ?					
			44.3	0	Death is more important than feelings.					
				2	Those stupid feelings-havers might come to a different conclusion now that someone's actually denounced their mistreatment.  Le Pen. How fucked must the situation be that it's actual fucking Le Pen.		2	45.b. Opinion that the response of the French president was unfavorable.	<b>(Persuasion - Corporatism)</b> Collaboration and agreement from the other commenters.	The act of trying to get their own perspectives to be heard while collaborating with the community.
45	2.8.20	A top European music school suspended students from East Asia over coronavirus concerns, amid rising discrimination								
	Citation	r/Europe [u/wengchun]. (2020, February 3). <i>A top European music school suspended students from East Asia over coronavirus concerns, amid rising discrimination</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eyahwo/a_top_european_music_school_suspended_students/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eyahwo/a_top_european_music_school_suspended_students/</a>								
		0	45.1	3	I sure hope they are discriminating against those with the virus and those without. Just as you would hope the police would discriminate against those					

					who committed a crime and those who did not					
			45.2	-1	Of course it had to be Italy.					
46	2.9.20	German coronavirus evacuee describes life in quarantine								
	Citation	r/Europe [u/TrollEinsatzgruppen]. (2020, February 4). <i>German coronavirus evacuee describes life in quarantine</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eyn9fe/german_coronavirus_evacuee_describes_life_in/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eyn9fe/german_coronavirus_evacuee_describes_life_in/</a>								
47	2.9.20	Italian panic over coronavirus targets Chinese								
	Citation	r/Europe [u/lilly_sc]. (2020, February 4). <i>Italian panic over coronavirus targets Chinese</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eyw0gb/italian_panic_over_coronavirus_targets_chinese/fgloggj/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eyw0gb/italian_panic_over_coronavirus_targets_chinese/fgloggj/</a>								
		7	47.1	4	Panic has never been a good advisor.					
				2	Tell that to Italians.					
				2	They only tells lies in order to boost the clicks on those stupid sites. This whole wave of panic will surely end with plenty of people getting sued for false allarms and other petty mischief.		8	48.a. The role of panic in Italian media.	<b>(Persuasion - Negotiation)</b> Aiming for an agreement	Users aim to reach an agreement that is in line with one another as they both aim to shape the tone of the subReddit.
			47.2	-5	what could go better together than italians and phobia of non-white non-italians?					
48	2.9.20	Coronavirus latest: Britain urges all citizens to leave China as death toll tops 425								
	Citation	r/Europe [u/lilly_sc]. (2020, February 4). <i>Coronavirus latest: Britain urges all citizens to leave China as death toll tops 425</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eyw0q7/coronavirus_latest_britain_urges_all_citizens_to/fgmebg0/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/eyw0q7/coronavirus_latest_britain_urges_all_citizens_to/fgmebg0/</a>								
		18	48.1	1	It's just the flu guys! Nothing to see here! We always lock down 60+ million people in flu season. Multinationals like Apple, H&M, Starbucks, McDonalds, Ikea etc always flee the country during flu season. Macao always shuts down its Casinos during flu season. We always extend the holidays during flu season. Our markets always loose 8% during flu					

						season. Go back to work, worker bee! And stop being racist against great Communist nation of China!				
				48.2	0	Nobody except fools like you think that this is just a flu season, not in China, not anywhere in the world. In fact the Chinese government have been very serious and responsive in solving this problem. I mean, locking down an entire city, building 2 full sized hospital within a week, and pouring billions in vaccine research funding, this speed of mobilization of resources is unheard of in other countries. Ofcourse Its not perfect, there was initial cover up by the local city government, but the response from central government has been amazing.				
					1	He's obviously bring sarcastic. How can you miss that ?				
					1	The sarcasm is un warranted really. Nobody is hiding the dangers of this virus and china has been reacting correctly to the virus.				
49	2.10.20	Belgium confirms first case of coronavirus								
	Citation	<a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ez7uo3/belgium_confirms_first_case_of_coronavirus/fglolu7/">r/Europe [u/LaromTheDestroyer]. (2020, February 5). Belgium confirms first case of coronavirus. [Online forum post]. Reddit. https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ez7uo3/belgium_confirms_first_case_of_coronavirus/fglolu7/</a>								
			44	49.1	19	The person was repatriated from China and put into isolation immediatly after arrival in Belgium, as were all the people he came into contact with on the plane. No danger.				
				49.2	8	2 dna points				



				49.3	11	A sad day for the Belgian beer industry.					
					n/a	[comment deleted by user]	Comment was deleted by user				
					9	They've renamed it Budvirus Lite		20	50.a. Joking comment, comment deleted by user, joking response.	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> Joke indicates they know how to participate in this sub.	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users.
				49.4	3	Is this the right time to start chanting "one of us, one of us"?					
				49.5	2	Wasn't this person who got the virus on the plane from China to UK recently?					
				49.6	-5	Seasonal Flu is a bigger killer ,some of the British media ' is the Fecking DO ' are going slightly overboard .But in this day & age I expect this to be a regular occurrence !					
					10	Then why are China blockading several cities? Is that because of the British tabloids?					

				9	<p>This is a ridiculously stupid and dangerous argument.</p> <p>Yes, influenza kills more people in total, but is overall way less severe and has a miniscule actual death rate compared to 2019-nCoV (around 0,1% compared to estimated 3+%). The transmissibility (R0) of flu is usually around 1,3; whereas 2019-nCoV has an R0 of probably over 4. The serious complication rate for it is also ridiculously high at around 20%, meaning that every 5th person who has symptoms requires an ICU bed. For flu that's less than 1%.</p> <p>Around 60 million people are now quarantined and the Chinese economy is starting to suffer. This disease is leagues more severe than standard influenza, and it's downright malicious to try to convince people otherwise.</p>				
				7	<p>It is a bigger killer now, but the number of people infected by coronavirus has been growing exponentially for the past month. This is the worrying part, because who knows how long this will continue. Even with a coefficient of 1.1, if you start with 500 (roughly the current number of deaths), 30 days later you get to 8725; in 60 days, you're at 152,241. And the current coefficient is higher than 1.1, the last time I checked.</p>				
				6	<p>It's just the flu guys! Nothing to see here! We always lock down 60+ million people in flu season. Multinationals like Apple, H&amp;M, Starbucks, McDonalds, Ikea etc always flee the country during flu season. Macao always shuts down its Casinos during flu season. We always extend the holidays during flu season. Our markets always loose 8% during flu season. Go back to work, worker bee! And stop being racist against great Communist nation of China!</p>	27	<p>50.b. Claim that flu is a greater threat than COVID-19, responses challenge the claim, referencing statistical information without sources, sarcastic comment.</p>	<p><b>(Information - Legitimacy &amp; Identification )</b> Establishing the nor while exercising authority</p>	<p>Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in providing information to the conversation framing it in a way that is true and believable and thus shaping the information to fit the discussion.</p>

50	2.10.20	Coronavirus: MEPs call for coordinated response as EU tally rises further							
	Citation	r/Europe [u/sn0r]. (2020, February 5). Coronavirus: MEPs call for coordinated response as EU tally rises further. [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ez85iw/coronavirus_meps_call_for_coordinated_response_as/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ez85iw/coronavirus_meps_call_for_coordinated_response_as/</a>							
			19	50.1	1	Again, the EU is waaaay behind schedule on this. The fact that there are still thousands of Chinese citizens landing in Europe everyday, many unscreened, is a criminal act! This will end in a catastrophe if adequate measures are not taken today. Today, not tomorrow, not in a week, TODAY!			
51	2.10.20	European Commission to spend €10m on coronavirus research							
	Citation	<i>coronavirus research</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ez9itb/european_commission_to_spend_10m_on_coronavirus/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ez9itb/european_commission_to_spend_10m_on_coronavirus/</a>							
52	2.11.20	ECB's Lagarde warns coronavirus is fueling economic uncertainty							
	Citation	r/Europe [u/will_fishers]. (2020, February 6). <i>ECB's Lagarde warns coronavirus is fueling economic uncertainty</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ezhxew/ecbs_lagarde_warns_coronavirus_is_fueling/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ezhxew/ecbs_lagarde_warns_coronavirus_is_fueling/</a>							
			1	52.1	2	But if you want any economy to talk about, first it would be really beneficial to survive...			
				52.2	1	"Look, everyone is getting infected with this new virus, people in China dying of it and it's spreading much worse than SARS!"  "The economy! Someone think of the economy!"  I love the EU, but it's leaders are extremely deep in the lobbyism-swamp.			
				52.2.1	3	To be fair, she is the leader of the ECB and it's her job to think about the economy....			
53	2.11.20	PREPARE activated to Mode 2 in response to novel Coronavirus cases in Europe > Prepare Europe							
	Citation	r/Europe [New-Atlantis]. (2020, February 6). <i>PREPARE activated to Mode 2 in response to novel Coronavirus cases in Europe &gt; Prepare Europe</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ezz3va/prepare_activated_to_mode_2_in_response_to_novel/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/ezz3va/prepare_activated_to_mode_2_in_response_to_novel/</a>							
54	2.12.20	Trump engineered the Coronavirus, Russian state TV host says							
	Citation	r/Europe [u/redyons]. (2020, February 7). <i>Trump engineered the Coronavirus, Russian state TV host says</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f07fuz/trump_engineered_the_coronavirus_russian_state_tv/fgsfbe1/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f07fuz/trump_engineered_the_coronavirus_russian_state_tv/fgsfbe1/</a>							

			26	54.1	6	<p>“What did Donald Trump, the president of America, China’s main rival in the world arena, do in his previous life? That's right, he handed out crowns at his famous beauty contest. So the origin of the coronavirus, and most importantly, the goals and objectives of its use become absolutely clear,” he continued, admitting that it was just a conspiracy theory.</p>				
				54.2	30	<p>TheMoscowTimes should be banned for their shameless propaganda.</p> <p>You can hear the host clearly state that he is describing a conspiracy theory. So nice of TheMoscowTime not to translate that part of what the host said.</p>				
					1	<p>don't you see a discrepancy in your logic? you defend the host but the same kind of defense can be applied to moscowtimes. you even said it yourself - they wrote that host said that it is a conspiracy theory. yes, it's below the text and the majority won't see this, but the same is true for hosts' message - a lot of uneducated people can perceive this news as a probable fact, not for all of them "conspiracy" means "lie".</p>				
					4	<p>No, there is no discrepancy. The title of the article is a lie. The Russian host did not say that, he said that there is a conspiracy theory that states that Trump engineered corona virus. Yes, they then exposed their own lie in the text of the article but it doesn't mean that the tile is any more accurate. Even when they exposed that information they still spin it by using the word "admitted" like the TV host tried to hide that information, while in fact it was the first thing he said.</p> <p>On the other hand, at no point did Russian TV host lied about anything and he started that segment by specifying that this is a conspiracy theory.</p>				

					2	<p>It's kind of hard to ban Moscow Times when they're the only non-Kremlin-run mainstream English news in Russia.</p> <p>On the topic of this conspiracy though, the same thing happened during SARS. Some crackpot Russian scientist publicized it, and the Chinese internet became convinced it was an American bioweapon.</p>				
					6	<p>Sometimes having no information is better than having misinformation.</p> <p>If something important happens in Russia then actual news agencies will pick it up. So there is no need for this garbage source which is only useful to spin irrelevant stories into "Muh Evil Russia"</p>				
					5	<p>rferl is a bit more sane. also meduza/en, but they don't public everything in English.</p>	<p>Abbreviation: rferl "Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty"</p>			
					4	<p>Rferl isn't Russian though, it's a CIA propaganda system dating back to the Cold War.</p>	<p>Abbreviation: rferl "Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty"</p>			
					4	<p>Neither is moscowtimes, it used to be Finnish now it's Dutch. Meduza is Latvian.</p>				
					1	<p>Meduza is just based in Latvia. Most of their workers are Russian nationals unless something changed recently.</p>	57	<p>55. a. Discussion centering around the notion that Moscow times failed to make the statement, regarding the conspiracy aspect of the claim, salient. Conversation surrounding fake news and misinformation in Russian news.</p>	<p><b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> establishing the norm that this media site should not be used.</p>	<p>Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.</p>
			54.3		5	<p>That's not a virus. That's his hair.</p>				

				54.4	n/a	[comment deleted by user]	Comment was deleted by user				
					1	The guy is so anti-science, he probably doesn't even believe in viruses.		1	55.b. Comment was deleted by user, cannot interpret the meaning of the thread.	N/a	N/a
				54.5	1	Trump can't engineer an umbrella. In order to be an evil mastermind you have, first, to have a mind.					
					1	but his tiny hands are quite apt for crafting small things like a virus		2	55.c. Sarcastic comment regarding the probability that Trump orchestrated the virus, humorous response.	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> Joke posted into the sub	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users.
				54.6	0	Russia's indulgence of the bizarre has no limits. Poland started the Second World War. Nazi-Soviet Pact never existed.					
				54.7	1	lol we couldn't even organise a piss up in a brewery over here m. Hilarious!					
				54.8	1	Easy on the vodka there!					

			54.9	0	<p>In the beginning the anchor indeed states that he speaks about some conspiracy. But in the end he asks the audience: You think it's nonsense? Well, I would too, but let's see a video of our special reporter...</p> <p>So, he implies that his theory has at least some merit to it. And it's hilariously cringy to watch these if you know Russian and you know the context.</p> <p>We had a popular stand-up comedian, who tried to explain everything from "semantics" point of view. For example, he could take a word "radost" (joy) and vivisect it. Like, "ra" in this word is tied to the god Ra, and this god Ra according to him is not Egyptian but Slavic.</p> <p>This comedian was quite popular and there are lots of idiots who believe in this kind of "semantics". And these not very bright people are exactly who watch Russian TV nowadays - so this TV anchor knows that his audience are degenerates and speaks their language.</p> <p>And that Trump is behind the virus, because "corona" in the name and because Trump was giving away crowns... - is exactly what this dude wants his audience to think.</p>				
			54.10.	-1	Lol, that MISLEADING tag.. :P				
			54.11	-2	Ok mr. Russia, very cool, thanks for sharing!				
55	2.7.20	Fiat warns of coronavirus risk to Europe car plant							
	Citation	r/Europe [u/will_fishers]. (2020, February 7). <i>Fiat warns of coronavirus risk to Europe car plant</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f07h8q/flat_warns_of_coronavirus_risk_to_europe_car_plant/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f07h8q/flat_warns_of_coronavirus_risk_to_europe_car_plant/</a>							
56	2.7.20	Patient behind coronavirus alert in Vilnius released home with flu							
	Citation	r/Europe [u/NotoriousShy]. (2020, February 7). <i>Patient behind coronavirus alert in Vilnius released home with flu</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f0aqgo/patient_behind_coronavirus_alert_in_vilnius/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f0aqgo/patient_behind_coronavirus_alert_in_vilnius/</a>							

			10	56.1	3	The two are not that far different in lethality rates eitherway.					
					4	While true with current statistics, they are quite different as a threat. The Flu is fully sequenced and predictable to a good degree, hence a new flu vaccine every year with the best available defenses for the latest strains. This new virus is completely unknown, there are no predictions available and vaccines are months if not more away. The threat of this virus is not its current strain but it mutating into a much more potent threat, the more people that get this virus the more of a chance it will mutate.					
					-3	Flu wasn't engineered in some Chinese lab :/	Emoticon: Neutral Face	4 (42.8%)	57.a. Opinionative claims of virus characteristics.	<b>(Information - Legitimacy)</b> people present their opinions speaking into the narrative that they hold some sort of authority	Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation framing it in a way that is true and believable and thus shaping the information to fit the discussion.
57	2.7.20	Coronavirus discrimination targets Asians in Finland									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/DismalShower]. (2020, February 7). <i>Coronavirus discrimination targets Asians in Finland</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f0d9b3/coronavirus_discrimination_targets_asians_in/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f0d9b3/coronavirus_discrimination_targets_asians_in/</a>									
			1	57.1	2	Ironically, Finns are around 10% East Asian.					



				57.2	1	For her part, China-born Diana* said that she now prefers to work remotely rather than commute to the office, because she's afraid that if she coughs it will send the entire bus into a panic. She added that at daycare, one of her colleague's children was called "a Chinese virus".					
58	2.7.20	Professor Neil Ferguson (Imperial College London) on the current 2019-nCoV coronavirus outbreak.									
	Citation	r/Europe [deleted]. (2020, February 7). <i>Professor Neil Ferguson (Imperial College London) on the current 2019-nCoV coronavirus outbreak</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f0fudm/professor_neil_ferguson_imperial_college_london/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f0fudm/professor_neil_ferguson_imperial_college_london/</a>									
59	2.8.20	Five Brits in French ski chalet catch coronavirus									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/BkkGrl]. (2020, February 8). <i>Five Brits in French ski chalet catch coronavirus</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f0q25n/five_brits_in_french_ski_chalet_catch_coronavirus/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f0q25n/five_brits_in_french_ski_chalet_catch_coronavirus/</a>									
			23	59.1	11	Well, they arrived in Contamines ski resort (contaminés= contaminated, infected) :)	Translated from French "contaminated"; emoticon: smiling face				
					6	Lol, this has some oniony quality. desperate times call for desperate measures	Abbreviation: Lol "laugh out loud"	17	60.a. Sarcastic comment and response	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> Joke indicates they know how to participate in this sub.	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users.
				59.2	1	So, today we're learning about 5 infections from a man coming from Singapore (not China) staying there in Contamines-Montjoie from 01/27 to 01/28. So we're now learning about infections from almost 2 weeks ago, almost a week before the last major airlines stopped their regular flight to/from China. And flights from/to Singapore are still going to this day. Makes you wonder how many people slipped through since then ... (sorry for my broken non native English)					
60	2.9.20	Briton in French Alps may have spread coronavirus to others across Europe									

	Citation	r/Europe [u/trolls_brigade]. (2020, February 10). <i>Briton in French Alps may have spread coronavirus to others across Europe</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/flcq03/briton_in_french_alps_may_have_spread_coronavirus/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/flcq03/briton_in_french_alps_may_have_spread_coronavirus/</a>									
			27	60.1	28	Now that that have left the EU, they want to destroy it. This is an act of war !					
				60.2	6	great...lets hope not too many are infected					
				60.3	1	Assuming the virus is as infectious as the chinese explained in that 'aerosol transmission' press release, is it still useful to distinguish people 'travelling from a risk country' as a factor in diagnosing this?  Is there even a way to know at this point if patients coming into a hospital with pneumonia are not already 'local' coronavirus cases?  Or are local authorities physically chasing the footsteps of China returnees and testing all at risk?					
				60.3.1	1	The person they say spread this seems to have caught it in Singapore, so chasing people who travelled to China would not have helped in this case.		2	61.a. Asking questions about the characteristics of the virus and characteristics of European responses to the virus. Response is informative opinion.	<b>(Uncertainty - Negotiation)</b> aim to reach an agreement	User uses questions in aims to reach an agreement.
61	2.10.20	ECDC chief: Low risk for coronavirus but EU pandemic prep should be reviewed									
	Citation	r/Europe [u/sn0r]. (2020. February 10). <i>ECDC chief: Low risk for coronavirus but EU pandemic prep should be reviewed</i> . [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/flnbt6/ecdc_chief_low_risk_for_coronavirus_but_eu/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/flnbt6/ecdc_chief_low_risk_for_coronavirus_but_eu/</a>									

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62	2.10.20	UK: Coronavirus 'imminent threat' to public health							
	Citation	r/Europe [u/DrugD]. (2020, February 10). <i>UK: Coronavirus 'imminent threat' to public health</i> [online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/flnh8b/uk_coronavirus_imminent_threat_to_public_health/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/flnh8b/uk_coronavirus_imminent_threat_to_public_health/</a>							
			60	62.1	47	I am actually relieved that UK takes this seriously. I wish more countries would follow. It is better to take drastic measures now than to regret big time later. I don't want to see another Wuhan anywhere in Europe.			
					6	If only Canada would take it seriously. But well they got what they voted for. Trudeau thinks it would be discriminatory against Chinede nationals to take it seriously.			
					5	You will not see another Wuhan anywhere in Europe no matter what so you can already calm down.			
					23	The probability is not that large but why do you think so? In Singapore we have 43 cases. There are now 3 cases of unknown origin (without travel to China and without contact with any Chinese visitor). No deaths yet but 6 are critical and this is very worrisome. It is not a big stretch of imagination to see that if we have thousands of cases (and we can avoid them only by proper quarantine), the hospitals would be overwhelmed and we can have many people dying just like in Wuhan. Coronavirus may die down but it will not die down without containment. So the aggressive efforts to limit its spread are the only thing to spare us from Wuhan-like situation.			
					-18	Just do what you did the last time the world ended and you'll be fine.			

					20	<p>"Just do what you did the last time the world ended and you'll be fine."          Who said that the world will end? But millions dead and many more seriously ill is not fun.          In the last 100 years of so, we had 3 pandemics that killed millions: Spanish flu killing tens of millions, Asian Flu killing about 2 million and [Hong Kong Flu](<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Influenza_pandemic#Hong_Kong_Flu_(1968-1969%29)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Influenza_pandemic#Hong_Kong_Flu_(1968-1969%29)</a>).          Another bad pandemic is not a very big stretch of imagination.</p>	Reference to previous comment: link to Wikipedia article "Influenza pandemic"		
					-17	<p>Do you know what year it is?          Anyway, what did you do the last time a new coronavirus emerged from poor conditions in handling of live animals and caused an epidemic of pneumonia-like disease with higher than 0 fatality rate that spread to dozens of countries around the world in more or less isolated cases?</p>			
					18	<p>"Do you know what year it is?"          Yeah, it is 2020, where people can travel to the other end of the world and come into contact with maybe a thousand people in a crowded city in a day. You'd love that only if you are a coronavirus.</p>	Reference to previous comment		
					-6	<p>Ah, so that makes 1918's level of medicine, sanitation, and containment protocols highly relevant here then.          Well, nothing to be done then, the mankind is going to die. :(</p>	Emoticon: sad face		
					10	<p>You are way over estimating our ability to fight and treat new and unique diseases and viruses.          People die from all sorts of things and we cant prevent it. One new virus with the right properties can wipe out a large share of the human population with us being nothing but observers. We have been lucky so far. But no we dont have the ability to prevent or stop this scenario if it happens.</p>			

					-2	You are correct, humanity is going to die in like a month. As proven by [insert a historical epidemic, preferably from a year even before the discovery of penicillin because that's the most relevant evidence]. We don't have the ability to do literally anything, not even mankind's best and brightest from reddit can do anything, let alone some shmucks from disease control departments over the world. :(	Emoticon: sad face		
					-12	The regular seasonal flu kills several hundreds of thousands people each year. This virus so far, is only slightly more deadly to (already weak) groups. This one so far hasn't reached one thousand (if the Chinese aren't lying about their numbers). [ text contains strikethrough]  The average person does not have to worry about this at all. Just wash your hands a bit more often until this all blows over.	Text contains strikethrough		
					37	The Wuhan virus is just as infectious as the flu but is more deadly and more people require hospitalization. If the Wuhan virus becomes seasonal like the flu and infects same number of millions a lot more people will die.			
					-3	That's a fair point. Obviously I'm not trying to trivialize the whole situation; better safe than sorry. But I trust this will all turn out fine in the end. At least, so far :)	Emoticon: Happy Face		
					7	"But I trust this will all turn out fine in the end. At least, so far :)"  Why do you believe that? How confident are you, what probability would you assign to this outcome?	Reference to previous comment		

					-3	<p>Well, as I mentioned in other replies, I feel like (western) governments and health organisations are pretty much on top of this. Same with most outbreaks from recent times. Also, there have been no confirmed cases in my country (yet), which obviously makes it hit less home.</p> <p>I don't think I could put a probability on it. Let's just say I have high confidence so far. I can't predict the future. Obviously my opinion on this can change; we'll see how it progresses.</p> <p>Only thing I am possibly 'worried' about, is how the Chinese government is handling this, and they are perhaps providing fake numbers/statistics.</p> <p>This comment, by another user explains what I mean. Quite baffling.</p>				
					11	<p><a href="https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/coronavirus-hubei-province-reveals-fatality-rate-for-first-time-wuhan-comes-in-second">https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/coronavirus-hubei-province-reveals-fatality-rate-for-first-time-wuhan-comes-in-second</a></p> <p>Well there is new information from China.</p>	<p>Link to news article "Coronavirus: Hubei province reveals fatality rate for first time, Wuhan comes in second at 4.06%"</p>			
					6	<p>OK, well now that is quite a significant higher percentage than I was aware of.</p>				
					10	<p>According to China, the flu killed only 144 there in 2018. This coronavirus already killed more than the flu, from what they report. That flu number is wrong for sure. And the count for the coronavirus too, probably.</p>				
					8	<p>I'm afraid you are probably right.</p> <p>ALso, have you seen this reply? Those Chinese numbers seem pretty fishy, as his predictions so far are almost spot on. [link]</p>	<p>Link to Reddit post: "[OC] Quadratic Coronavirus Epidemic Growth Model seems like the best fit".</p>			



					2	<p>No, I've actually been following it quite closely. And yes, it has almost doubled weekly. At least, if the Chinese aren't lying about their numbers. In reality they're probably even higher.</p> <p>Take a look at this comment, pretty baffling:  <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/dataisbeautiful/comments/ez13dv/oc_quadratic_coronavirus_epidemic_growth_model/fgkkh59/?context=3">https://www.reddit.com/r/dataisbeautiful/comments/ez13dv/oc_quadratic_coronavirus_epidemic_growth_model/fgkkh59/?context=3</a></p> <p>Still, no cause for panic (yet). Western governments and organisations are handling the situation pretty good so far.</p> <p>Also, I did not edit my comment? Well perhaps I ninja edited it, can;t remember. I probably meant to say 'let's hope they don't keep doubling' or something along those lines.</p> <p>Edit: 'Panic is not good, rather to be alert'. That's kinda my point. Organisations are on top of this, and I trust them. No need to worry too much. At least, I don't worry. I let the professionals 'worry' about it. I'd probably worry a bit more if I was in China.</p>	<p>Link to Reddit post: “[OC] Quadratic Coronavirus Epidemic Growth Model seems like the best fit”.</p>		
					5	<p>"The regular seasonal flu kills several hundreds of thousands people each year"</p> <p>And CDC's numbers show that roughly 0,1% of those affected by seasonal flu die. The numbers so far indicate that 2%, or one out every 50 people, infected by 2019-nCoV die. Maybe it will drop with time, but I find it hard to blame governments for preparing for the worst.</p> <p>Comparing absolute values for a new disease and one that is well established doesn't make sense.</p>	<p>Reference to previous comment</p>		



					0	I am not blaming governments. I'm just saying there is no reason for panic. It's good that they are on alert, but I personally am not worried at all (so far). I'm not worried because they are on top of things. It's a positive thing, hence why I'm not worried. And yes, the comparison with the regular flu was a bit of a whataboutism and a bad comparison in hindsight.				
					5	Seasonal flu kills far more people than SARS did, or Swine Flu. Why do you think people were worried then, and why do you think they're worried now?				
					5	I feel like most people aren't that worried. At least not over here. Government and health institutions/organizations are on top of this, and as long as they don't worry too much about it, I don't. No need for unnecessary panic, so far at least. Obviously it's a good thing they're on top of it. Better safe than sorry, before it evolves into a real pandemic.				
					3	There are no known cases in Denmark, so it's not a present concern here either. I'm speaking of WHO and other global crisis agencies who monitor events such as this.	194 (19.3%)	63.a. Opinion stating how user favors that preventative measure in the UK, ill received response is that a situation like that of Wuhan will not appear in Europe, response is that the probability is still likely, and conversation ensues over the best practices surrounding this virus-to continue daily habits or to approach this new virus with different attitude given the new circumstances. No questions from users, yet informative claims with and without sources are used to respond and challenge other users.	<b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> Shaping the norms of the sub. <b>(Information - Legitimacy)</b> identifying who has the authority to speak	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit. Users feeling entitled to contribute to the conversation in answering questions or providing more context to the conversation framing it in a way that is true and believable and thus shaping the information to fit the discussion.

				62.2	6	Nope! This is a confirmed nothing burger. Everyone keep moving along, nothing to see here: the CCP has everything under control.					
				62.3	16	Good. Let's Y2K this disease, and make it a situation which uneducated people make fun of 20 years.	Slang: "Y2K" refers to the year 2000 or the situation wherein in the new years day in 2000 there was a widespread fear that all electronic items would cease to work				
					1	The truth here folks			63.b. joke	<b>(Humor - Involvement)</b> knew how to create a commend that participates well in the sub	Shows that the users want to and know how to participate in the discussion, they know what jokes will resonate with users.
				62.4	-4	I don't understand why people are going to extremes here, according to data we have, 2019-nCoV will probably not be a Spanish Flu 2, but also isn't as unimportant as flu.					
					13	Better safe than sorry and the data that we have might not be reliable.					
					1	Oh please don't get me wrong, I agree with that, my reasoning is more like: We should prepare for the worst but we shouldn't panic.					
					5	The flu should be treated more importantly than it is, though. It takes quite the toll, especially on the elderly & those already sickly, yet folks blithely cough their lungs out, open-mouthed,					

					regularly on the public transit I use.					
				2	<p>If a new a unique virus comes around with a 4 to 5% mortality rate and the spread becomes out of control no one will be telling anyone to panic because 300 plus minus million people will die. Not saying it's the case but it could be and one day will be.</p> <p>So yes you are right dont panic because if the mortality rate is this high a d it spreads easily a d is out of control the there is little that can be done but research hope and wait.</p>	17 (19% - )	63.c. Discussion comparing preventative measures and practices between the COVID-19 and the flu. Information without sources are posted.	<b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> establishing the norms of the group	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.	
63	2.10.20	UK declares coronavirus 'serious and imminent' health threat as four new cases confirmed								
	Citation	r/Europe [u/lilly_sc]. (2020, February 10). <i>UK declares coronavirus 'serious and imminent' health threat as four new cases confirmed</i> [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f1x7g2/uk_declares_coronavirus_serious_and_imminent/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f1x7g2/uk_declares_coronavirus_serious_and_imminent/</a>								
64	2.11.20	British traveller may have spread novel coronavirus across Europe, officials say								
	Citation	r/Europe [deleted]. (2020, February 11). <i>British traveller may have spread novel coronavirus across Europe, officials say</i> [Online forum post]. Reddit. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f1zqw6/british_traveller_may_have_spread_novel/fhaulkd/">https://www.reddit.com/r/europe/comments/f1zqw6/british_traveller_may_have_spread_novel/fhaulkd/</a>								
			30	64.1	16	the EU should block all direct and indirect travel to, from or through China and Singapore.				
					4	And the UK? :P	Emoticon: Face with tongue out			

					5	<p>And Singapore? Japan? The US? Thailand? Malaysia, Germany?</p> <p>The Brit got infected in Singapore by a Chinese visitor from Wuhan.</p> <p>Maybe the EU should focus on at least doing something meaningful with visitors who've been to China in the last 14 days. Anywhere in China (not just Wuhan).</p> <p>The USA and Singapore have both banned that category from entering. And residents returning have to be quarantined for 14 days.</p> <p>Europe and the UK are still behind the curve on this.</p> <p>The only difference between Europe and say Singapore in terms of proximity to the virus is the flight time.</p> <p>Nobody travels overland from China to Singapore.</p>					
					2	Yeah good luck with that					
					-2	What exactly do you mean by indirect? Doesn't that include every journey and every person on earth?					
					0	like an indirect flight.					
					0	but the moment you expand from direct to indirect, you have included every plane journey ever made. They are all indirectly connected to eachother. This is just a fantastical nonsense idea that misunderstands how connected everything is.					
					2	i'm talking about people, not planes. planes don't spread diseases. but what i'm saying is if someone flies from Hubei to Calcutta, that person should not be allowed to come to Europe.	27 (6.8%)	65.a. Opinions regarding thoughts on flight travel and the EU role in curving the spread of the virus.	<b>(Persuasion - Identification)</b> establishing the norms of the group	Giving opinion and trying to persuade others of their opinion and thus allowing to shape the tone of the subReddit.	