

Looking for answers in pandemic crisis

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With respect to the coronavirus, there are things I understand and things I don't.

First, the things that seem pretty clear:

I understand we're in a crisis.

I understand things will probably get worse before they get better.

I understand exceptional times call for extraordinary measures.

I understand an abundance of caution and it's better to be safe than sorry.

I understand the need to save lives is the overriding consideration.

I understand leaders often have to make difficult decisions with incomplete information.

I understand the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few.

I understand trade-offs have to be made between individual liberties and the common good.

I understand that doing something is better than nothing.

I understand the only time we seem to come together is when we are facing adversity.

I understand the news is no longer really the news.

I understand human nature is relatively immutable.

Then there are a few things that baffle me:

I don't understand why the end justifies the means.

I don't understand why we were not more prepared for the inevitable.

I don't understand why we always react rather than prevent.

I don't understand why ideology is more important than reality.

I don't understand why we listen to charlatans more than experts.

I don't understand why we'd rather jump on a bandwagon than chart our own course.

I don't understand why we treat adults like children.

I don't understand why we don't acknowledge that a digital divide exists.

I don't understand why more sacrifice is asked of the have-nots than the haves.

I don't understand why our leaders are not more transparent.

I don't understand why we tolerate incompetence.

I don't understand why we are hoarding toilet paper.

All things considered, however, I believe we will survive coronavirus.

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