

Warren ends White House bid, leaving Biden, Sanders to fight for Democratic nod

(Reuters) - Elizabeth Warren ended her presidential campaign on Thursday after concluding she had no realistic path to the Democratic nomination, leaving behind a two-man battle between former Vice President Joe Biden and U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders.

Warren, a liberal senator who won plaudits for her robust policy plans and focused her campaign on fighting the corrupting influence of money on politics, had finished well behind the two front-runners on Tuesday in 14 states across the country, including her home state of Massachusetts.

Her exit ensures that what was once hailed as the most diverse field of candidates in U.S. history has narrowed to a race between two white, septuagenarian men for the right to face Republican President Donald Trump in November.

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Warren, who still commands a loyal base of supporters, did not immediately endorse either of her rivals, saying she would decide at a later time whether to do so. She has spoken with both front-runners since Tuesday's votes.

Biden, a 77-year-old moderate, and Sanders, a 78-year-old liberal from Vermont, have emerged as the standard-bearers for the two major wings of the Democratic Party. Outside her home in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on Thursday, Warren spoke bluntly about her failure to find a middle ground between the party's dueling factions. "I was told when I first got into this, there are two lanes," she said. "I thought it was possible that wasn't the case, and there was more room to run a different kind of campaign. Apparently that wasn't the case." The former bankruptcy law professor, who was largely responsible for creating the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) while still an academic, had emerged as a top contender last fall, arguing she could serve as a consensus candidate for both progressives and centrists.



Democratic U.S. presidential candidate Senator Elizabeth Warren talks to reporters outside her house about the end of her campaign for U.S. president with her husband Bruce behind her after informing her staff that she is withdrawing from the 2020 U.S. presidential race in Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S., March 5, 2020. REUTERS/Brian Snyder

While Warren is more closely aligned ideologically with Sanders, she may conclude that backing Biden - who surged to the lead by winning 10 of the 14 Super Tuesday states - is better positioned to help her advance her policy priorities. A Reuters/Ipsos poll released on Thursday had Biden with a 10 percentage-point lead among Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents. Democratic U.S. presidential candidate Senator Elizabeth Warren talks to reporters outside her house about the end of her campaign for U.S. president with her husband Bruce behind her after informing her staff that she is withdrawing from the 2020 U.S. presidential race in Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S., March 5, 2020. REUTERS/Brian Snyder

The friendship between Warren and Sanders also developed cracks during the campaign. In January, Warren accused Sanders of calling her a "liar" after a debate in which he denied her allegation that he had told her a woman could not

beat Trump. Some polls have shown her supporters almost evenly split between Biden and Sanders when asked to pick their second-favorite candidate. Both former rivals reached out to her supporters: Biden called Warren the "fiercest of fighters" on Twitter, while Sanders praised her work on women's rights, corruption and healthcare before making a pitch to her backers.

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A medic prepares a stretcher to transfer a patient into an ambulance at the Life Care Center of Kirkland, the long-term care facility linked to several confirmed coronavirus cases in the state, in Kirkland



Medical staff of the Ministry of Health check passengers' temperature, amid coronavirus outbreak, upon their arrival to El Dorado international airport in Bogotá



A woman walks past an ambulance at the Life Care Center of Kirkland, the long-term care facility linked to several confirmed coronavirus cases in the state, in Kirkland

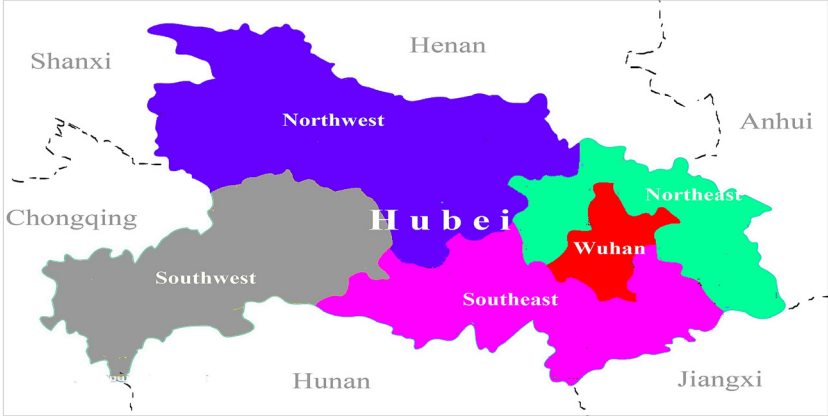


Colombian Migration office staff wear protective face masks to avoid contracting coronavirus, at El Dorado international airport in Bogotá



Medical staff of the Ministry of Health checks passengers' temperature, amid coronavirus outbreak, upon their arrival to El Dorado international airport in Bogotá

China Sacrifices A Province To Save the World From Coronavirus



OVERVIEW
Hubei province has seen 97% of all deaths from the virus. Quarantine lockdown delayed key supplies from getting in.

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Scenes of chaos and despair are emerging daily from China’s Hubei province, the landlocked region of 60 million people where the new coronavirus dubbed 2019-nCoV was first identified in December, and where it has since cut a wide, deadly swathe. While cases have spread around the globe, the virus’ impact has been most keenly felt in Hubei, which has seen a staggering 97% of all deaths from the illness, and 67% of all patients. The toll, which grows larger every day, reflects a local health system overwhelmed by the fast-moving, alien pathogen, making even the most basic care impossible. It’s also an ongoing illustration of the human cost extracted by the world’s largest-known quarantine, with China effectively locking down the region from Jan. 23 to contain the virus’ spread to the rest of the country, and the world. But Hubei -- known for its car factories and bustling capital Wuhan -- is paying the price, with the mortality rate for coronavirus patients there 3.1%, versus

0.16% for the rest of China. “If the province was not sealed off, some people would have gone all around the country to try to get medical help, and would have turned the whole nation into an epidemic-stricken area,” said Yang Gonghuan, former deputy director general of China’s Center for Disease Control and Prevention. “The quarantine brought a lot of hardship to Hubei and Wuhan, but it was the right thing to do.” “It’s like fighting a war -- some things are hard, but must be done.” Wuhan, home to 11 million people, is a “second-tier” Chinese city, meaning it’s relatively developed but still a step below China’s major metropolises of Shanghai, Beijing and Guangzhou. It has well-regarded hospitals, but resources lag behind those of more prominent cities. The scale of the crisis only became fully apparent to the wider public in the days leading up to the start of China’s annual Lunar New Year holiday on Jan. 24, as cases emerged elsewhere. The 110 intensive care unit beds in the city designated for virus patients had al-

ready been filled many times over when China announced on Jan. 23 that it would take the unprecedented step of sealing off Wuhan, preventing possible pathogen carriers from traveling out, but also preventing most people from coming in. The quarantine soon widened to encompass nearly the entire province.



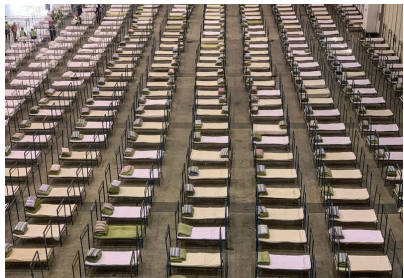
Medical staff take samples from a person at a quarantine zone in Wuhan, Feb. 4.

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In the chaotic, confused days that followed, which coincided with China’s week-long national holiday, the quarantine restrictions coupled with an already overwhelmed city infrastructure meant that supplies of essential medical equipment including masks, protective suits and high-grade disinfectant were slow to get to Wuhan’s hospitals. While China’s government activated eight cargo carriers on Feb. 2 to ship in 58 tons of supplies to Wuhan, and donations are starting to flow in from all over the world, the shortages in those crucial days -- combined with the virus’ rapid spread as the surge in patients saw hospitals turn people away for lack of space -- had devastating consequences. Between Jan 23. and Feb 4., the number of officially recorded deaths from the coronavirus in Hubei grew by over 25 times, to nearly 500. Scores more likely went unrecorded because they weren’t admitted to hospital in time to be diagnosed.



Cleaners wash the street with a high-pressure water gun in Wuhan on Feb. 3.
(Photo/Getty Images)

While virus cases within Hubei province are still growing by the thousands every day, infections are slowing in the rest of China -- an early sign that the aggressive containment may have worked to limit the coronavirus’ spread nationally and globally. The quarantine was the right thing to do for the good of the wider population, said the doctor at the Third People’s Hospital. “Some may say Hubei was sacrificed, but it did effectively stem the spread to elsewhere.” The quarantine in Hubei dwarfs previous efforts in other parts of the world. In Liberia in 2014, an impoverished neighborhood of about 70,000 people was shut off during an Ebola outbreak, triggering violent riots. As the lockdown continues with no end in sight, it’s raising ethical and legal questions. “The lockdown may be necessary to contain the spread of the virus, but you have to ensure there’s enough medical resources to meet the demand for care in those cities,” said Zhang Qianfan, a professor at Peking University Law School. “The lockdown shouldn’t mean the city gets deserted and people are left to survive or die on their own.” **TopPriority**
Reports of potentially preventable deaths in Hubei exacerbated by the quarantine restrictions have been coursing through China, said Yanzhong Huang, director of the Center for Global Health Studies at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, and a senior fellow for global health at the Council on Foreign Relations.



Workers set up beds at an exhibition center that was converted into a hospital in Wuhan, Feb. 4.
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Comparing the “draconian measures” in Hubei to the mass surveillance prevalent in China that would seem intolerable to many in the west, he said: “If you ask Chinese people, 8 out of 9 will say they can live with that.” More than 8,000 medical workers from across the country have gone into Hubei, mostly to the 27 hospitals in Wuhan designated for treating coronavirus patients. The rest have fanned out to smaller cities nearby. Two new hospitals, with 2,600 beds in total, were completed in 10 days, built by more than 2,000 migrant workers, while stadiums, offices and hotels are being converted into isolation units. But hospitals in Hubei are still short of supplies, said a doctor working in the testing department at the Wuhan Tongji hospital. He also declined to give his name on concern he’d face backlash. Two-Thirds of Coronavirus Cases are in Hubei. **Another 1/3 are in the rest of China and less than 1% are elsewhere.**
(Source: Data compiled by Bloomberg from official sources, as of Feb. 5)

“Things are improving, but we are really overloaded and running diagnostic tests 24-7, and still struggle to complete them,” the doctor said on Tuesday. “I think we have not reached the peak of infections yet.” (Courtesy Bloomberg.com)

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Lady wearing a mask walks past a travel advisory sign in New York’s John F. Kennedy International Airport. (Photo/Getty Images)

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Foreign travel to the U.S. is slated to tumble over the next six months, according to the latest data from the U.S. Travel Association.

The USTA’s three-month Leading Travel Index (LTI) projects international inbound travel will fall by 6% year-over-year, “as the coronavirus outbreak continues to roil the global economy,” the agency said in a release Tuesday.

“The latest Travel Trends Index (TTI) captures data from January, when awareness of coronavirus began to ramp up and China — one of the biggest travel markets to the U.S. — implemented aggressive measures to curb travel out of certain cities.”

Why it matters: The predicted drop of 6% over the three-month period is the sharpest in the five-year history of the TTI, and would be the largest decline in international inbound travel since the 2007–2008 financial crisis.

Be smart: “There is a lot of uncertainty around coronavirus, and it is pretty clear that it is having an effect on travel demand — not just from China, and not just internationally, but for domestic business and leisure travel as well,”

USTA president and CEO Roger Dow said in a statement.



However, he adds that “it’s important to keep in mind that the restrictions and warnings are highly specific to countries where there have been pronounced outbreaks. Right now there is absolutely no official guidance that people need to be reconsidering travel in the U.S.”

United Airlines cutting April flights amid coronavirus fears

United Airlines will be cutting flights in April due to slowed demand amid growing fears over the novel coronavirus, per CNBC.

Where it stands: International flights will be cut by 20% and domestic flights by 10%. The rollback comes as coronavirus has spread worldwide since Janu-

ary — largely due to international travel stemming from Wuhan, China, and other sites of major outbreaks, including Italy and Iran.



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The big picture: United is one of several airlines that have cut down on flights due to the outbreak itself or reduced demand stemming from fears of traveling. Foreign travel to the U.S. is slated to tumble over the next six months, according to the latest data from the U.S. Travel Association.

British Airways announced Monday it was canceling 12 flights from London’s Heathrow to New York’s JFK airport — the most profitable route in the world — to match low demand.



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British Airways announced Monday it was canceling 12 flights from London’s Heathrow to New York’s JFK airport to match low demand caused by the coronavirus outbreak.

•Why it matters: It’s the only route in the world that rakes in more than \$1 billion in revenue per year, topping the rankings of highest-earning flights by nearly \$300 million more than its closest

rival, according to travel firm OAG.

•What they’re saying: “We will be contacting customers on cancelled flights so we can discuss their travel options, including rebooking onto other carriers where possible, full refunds or booking with BA for a later date of travel,” the airlines said in a statement.

•The big picture: The airline has canceled several other flights to Italy, France, Germany and other countries in Europe from London’s airports. Routes to China, Singapore and South Korea have also already been paused due to the outbreak.

What’s happening: United, Hawaiian

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•The State Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have advised Americans to reconsider travel to South Korea.

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