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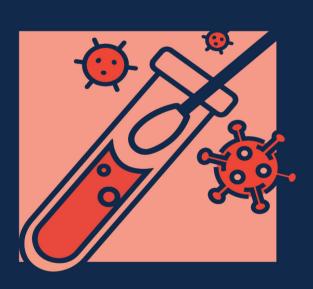
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WEALER'S GLOBAL NOTES

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People Are Suffering

White House he refused to answer questions about his veto of the massive defense bill or his refusal to sign the \$900 billion stimulus package congress had negotiated with his administration.

Tonight is Christmas Eve. More than fifty million families had difficulty putting food on the table today. The long lines are forming in many cities and the people are waiting for food.

Earlier today, Trump invited state Republican lawmakers to the White House. He hoped that someone somewhere will not enough right now for the people, why help him reverse the results of the Elec-

When President Trump was leaving the toral College vote. Shortly afterwards, he retweeted a call from one of his supporters from Vice President Pence to refuse to ratify the Electoral College results on January 6.

> Today President Trump announced more pardons for his supporters including Charles Kushner the father of his son-in-law, Jared Kushner.

> As ordinary citizens, we really don't understand why the president is holding this life or death bill and refusing to sign it. If you think that six hundred dollars is don't we add on to it in the future and



sign the stimulus package now and release the funds to all of our suffering people?

The whole world is watching the United States of America and they are laughing at us. We never would have thought that as the model of a democratic nation that

we would have a leader working against his own people

Mr. President, please look how the pandemic has put our nation into hell. We should come to the rescue of our pain and not add more pain upon us.





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Stay Home!

BUSINESS

Wear Mask!

The \$16 TRILLION Bug Pandemic May Cost U.S. **Economy Total Annual Output**



George Washington is seen with printed medical mask on the dollar banknote. (Photo/ © Reuters /File Photo)

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The U.S. economy may lose a whopping \$16 trillion due to the devastating impact of the Covid-19 outbreak, both in output and people's lives, new research has found. While most studies assess the costs of the deadly virus by its impact on the national gross domestic product (GDP), a paper published in the Journal of the American Medical Association earlier this week offered a different approach. The authors of the study – former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers and Harvard University economist David Cutler – also took into account losses associated with those who have died due to the virus, in addition to the purely economic costs. With the number of coronavirus infections in the US nearing eight million and deaths surpassing 215,000, the researchers believe that the outbreak may result in an estimated 625,000 cumulative deaths in the country through next year. Given the theoretical "conservative value of \$7 million per life," premature deaths linked to the coronavirus could wipe out nearly \$4.4 trillion, accord-

The virus is believed to have long-term effects on health, especially for survivors with severe or critical disease. As those complications lead

ing to their calculations.

to increased risk of premature death, they also have far-reaching consequences for the entire economy, with losses amounting to another \$2.6 trillion for cases forecast through the next year, the authors noted.



Even those who did not contact the deadly virus could also be affected by it, the paper adds. Suffering caused by the possible death of loved ones, as well as the effects of isolation and loneliness, may lead to deteriorating mental health conditions. This also takes its toll on the economy, which could lose approximately \$1.6 trillion due to mental health impairment, according to the research. The rest of the losses - nearly half of the total – are associated with a drop in income due to the coronavirus-triggered recession. The authors cited a previous estimate from the Congressional Budget Office, which projects a total of \$7.6 trillion in

lost output during the next decade

"The economic loss is more than twice the total monetary outlay for all the wars the US has fought since September 11, 2001, including those in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria," the study reads. "The total cost is estimated at more than \$16 trillion, or approximately 90% of the annual gross domestic product of the US," it concludes, adding that the estimated loss for a family of four would reach nearly \$200,000.

The paper comes as US lawmakers debate another stimulus package, set to mitigate damage from the virus. The research stressed that any such economic relief should allocate at least five percent of the funds for increased testing and contact tracing, as an investment of approximately \$6 million leads to averted



"Increased investment in testing and contact tracing could have economic benefits that are at least 30 times greater than the estimated costs of the investment in these approaches," the study said. It added that financial support for health measures should not be dismantled even when the concerns about the pandemic begin to recede.

Related U.S. Employers Cut Record 2 MIL-LION JOBS As Coronavirus Batters Economy



The Hollywood sign in Los Angeles, California. (File Photo/ US © Reuters / P.T.

Job cuts announced by US employers have hit nearly 2 million so far this year, with the entertainment industry accounting for 40 percent of total layoffs, according to global outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas. In its report published on Thursday, the company said that last month's lay- (File Photo® Reuters / B. McDermid) offs in the US were down 56 percent from July, but still 116 percent higher than at the same period one year ago. August job cuts of nearly 116,000 lifted the total number of this year's layoffs to 1,963,458. The number has already broken the previous record for the whole of 2001, when US-based employers announced a total of 1,956,876 cuts.

Most of the jobs – nearly 800,000 – vanished from the entertainment sector so far this year, followed by firms operating in retail and services. In August, entertainment and leisure companies, including bars, restaurants, hotels, and amusement parks, posted the second-highest number with 17,271 job

Air and transport companies downsized their staff even more last month. According to the report, 26,545 job cuts were announced in the struggling sector – 59 percent lower than in the previous month, but 647 percent higher than in August 2019.

"The leading sector for job cuts last month was transportation, as airlines begin to make staffing decisions in the wake of decreased travel and uncertain federal intervention," said Andrew Challenger, senior vice president at Challenger, Gray & Christmas. "An increasing number of companies that initially had temporary job cuts or furloughs are now making them permanent."

The coronavirus pandemic is still battering the US labor market. According to the latest Labor Department data, seasonally adjusted initial claims for jobless benefits for the week ending August 29 stood at 881,000. While it is around 130,000 down from the previous week's totals, it is only the second time the number of new jobless claims dropped below 1 million since the pandemic hit in March.

U.S. Economy Suffers Sharpest Drop Ever As GDP Crashes Nearly 32% During Coronavirus Peak



The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)

In the worst plunge ever recorded, the US economy contracted by 31.7 percent in the second quarter at the height of the Covid-19 crisis, according to revised data released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis on Thurs-

The latest US gross domestic product (GDP) reading is slightly better than the estimate issued last month, when the agency said that the world's largest economy shrank at an annual rate of 32.9 percent in the April-June

Despite the upward revision, based on better than previously estimated private inventory investment and personal consumption expenditures (PCE), the GDP drop is still the sharpest on record. The previous worst quarterly drop since tracking began in 1947 was observed in the first three months of 1958, when GDP fell 10 percent on an annualized



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The plunge came as most business activities were paralyzed for weeks, and millions of Americans lost their jobs amid strict stayat-home orders to contain the spread of the deadly virus. Despite having the highest number of coronavirus infections, the US gradually lifted lockdowns, possibly paving the way for partial recovery in the next

However, there are concerns that a second wave of Covid-19 may come this fall, further disrupting the economy

"The full economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic cannot be quantified in the GDP estimate for the second quarter of 2020 because the impacts are generally embedded in source data and cannot be separately identified," the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) said. (Courtesy www.rt.com/

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Editor's Choice



Jupiter and Saturn appear close together alongside the Statue of Liberty in New York City, December 21, 2020, as the solar system's two biggest planets appeared to meet in a celestial alignment that astronomers call the "Great Conjunction." REUTERS/Bjoern Kils/New York Media Boat



Dr. Eileen Sprys, front, and registered nurse Mary Bond, hug each other at Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa, Texas, December 17, 2020. Not a single rural hospital in Texas received any doses of the coronavirus vaccine after approval this past week, frustrating rural health workers including those at the COVID-besieged Medical Arts Hospital. "We're all exposed all the time," Sprys said. "We don't have an isolated COVID wing or staff only dedicated to COVID unlike in larger hospitals. To not be included in the first shipment of vaccines is just so upset-



Mariachis play their instruments as they pay homage to Saint Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians, during the annual pilgrimage as the coronavirus outbreak continues, in Mexico City, Mexico, November 22. REUTERS/Carlos Jasso



A Christmas tree with names of those who died during Beirut port explosion, is seen near the damaged grain silo, in Beirut, Lebanon December 22, 2020. REUTERS/Mohamed Azakir



First lady Melania Trump departs after welcoming the arrival of the White House Christmas Tree outside the White House in Washington, November 23. REUTERS/Hannah McKay



Scott Fujii, 34, is given a 24-hour rapid coronavirus test by nurse Caren Williams at Tom Bradley international terminal at LAX airport so he can travel to Hawaii to see family in Los Angeles, California, November 23. REUTERS/Lucy Nicholson



A man queues to fill oxygen in a tank for a relative, due to an increase in coronavirus infection rates in Mexico, outside a medical supply store in Mexico City, December 21, 2020. REUTERS/Edgard Garrido



Refrigerated trailers store bodies of the deceased at a temporary morgue, during the COVID-19 pandemic in Brooklyn, New York City, November 23. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid



COMMUNITY

Hackers Access Documents Related To Authorized COVID-19 Vaccines



Illustration/Sarah Tew/CNET

KEY POINTS

Attackers were able to target the European Medicines Agency, which regulates vaccines, including Pfizer and BioNTech's COVID-19 treatments

"Big game hunting" (BGH) has escalated, and ransom demands have soared into the millions, causing unparalleled disruption

Cybercriminals are weaponizing sensitive data to increase and maximize pressure on ransomware victims

The "eCrime ecosystem" is evolving, increasing in specialization, tailor-making their actions to the victim

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Hackers were able to get documents related to approved COVID-19 vaccines after they hit the European Medicines Agency with a cyberattack. The attackers "unlawfully accessed" regulatory documents related to the coronavirus vaccine candidate put forward by biotech firm BioNTech and partner pharmaceutical company Pfizer, BioNTech said in a statement Wednesday.

The European Medicines Agency, which is responsible for reviewing vaccine effectiveness, confirmed the hack in its own statement but declined to provide additional details during an ongoing investigation. The agency said the hack won't affect its timeline for release of the

BioNTech said that its own servers weren't af-

fected and that it's unaware of a theft of any personal data belonging to its 43,500 test subjects being.

It's unclear who was behind the cyberattack, but hackers from countries including China, Russia and North Korea have targeted pharmaceutical firms that are developing COVID-19 vaccines.

The United Kingdom began its mass vaccination program on Tuesday, becoming the first country to start delivering the vaccine on a wide scale. The program, expected to reach 4 million people by the end of December, is using BioNTech and Pfizer's vaccine, which showed a 95% effectiveness rate during its clinical tri-





BioNTech didn't respond to a request for comment on what details about the vaccine the hackers were able to access. Hackers have also targeted how the vaccine will be rolled out -- posing as cold storage supply chain companies and aiming at distributors who will be providing the vaccines to millions of people.

The UK's National Cyber Security Centre said that it is supporting vaccine research and helping its defense against hackers. It's still investigating the breach, the agency said in a statement.

"We are working with international partners to understand the impact of this incident affecting the EU's medicine regulator, but there is currently no evidence to suggest that the UK's medicine regulator has been affected," the agency said. (Courtesy /www.cnet.com)

Related

Hackers Are Going After

COVID-19 Vaccine's Rollout The cyberattacks are targeting distributors who will be distributing and storing vaccines for the coronavirus pandemic

Hackers aren't just looking to steal information on the vaccines for COVID-19 -- they're also going after its distribution and suppliers, security researchers warned in a report released on Thursday. Researchers from IBM's X-Force team detailed a global hacking campaign targeting government agencies, tech companies and energy suppliers in countries like Germany, Italy, South Korea and Taiwan.

The companies and government agencies are all connected to the Cold Chain Equipment Optimization Platform (CCEOP), a partnership between UNICEF, Gavi the Vaccine Alliance and other organizations to help with vaccine



One hacking campaign posed as a cold storage container company. Pfizer's vaccine needs to be stored at extremely low temperatures.

The attacks came as emails pretending to be from Haier Biomedical, a Chinese company that says it's the world's only complete cold chain provider. The cold chain is a crucial part of the Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine rollout as it needs to be stored at a temperature of -70 degrees Celsius (-94 degrees Fahrenheit).

Haier Biomedical is working CCEOP, the World Health Organization and the United Nations to help with the COVID-19 vaccine's rollout, and the hackers sent emails to targets asking for price quotes, IBM's researchers said. The emails contained a malicious attachment that would ask people to enter their passwords to view the files, which the hackers would steal. It's unclear if any of the attacks were successful, but the purpose was likely to gather information for future attempts, IBM's researchers said.

"Moving laterally through networks and remaining there in stealth would allow them to conduct cyber espionage and collect additional confidential information from the victim environments for future operations," Claire Zaboeva, a cyber threat analyst at IBM's X-Force and co-author of the report, said.



The hacking targets included the European Commission's Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union, who would be in direct contact with several countries and could open pathways for more targeted attacks. The hackers also sent malware-laced emails to companies making solar panels, which provide power for

cold storage containers in countries without access to electricity, and IT companies in South Korea and Germany who support pharmaceutical manufacturers.

"A breach within any part of this global alliance could result in the exposure of numerous partner computing environments worldwide," IBM's researchers said.

The report didn't indicate who was behind this hacking campaign, but suggested that it's likely a nation-state behind it because of how sophisticated the targeting is. In recent months, countries like China, Russia and North Korea have launched cyberattacks against pharmaceutical companies developing COVID-19 vaccines.

IBM Warns Hackers Targeting COVID-19 Vaccine Operations

In a blog post released Thursday, IBM said it had uncovered a phishing plot targeting "organizations associated with a COVID-19 cold chain," referring to the chain of people and businesses responsible for storing the vaccine at the necessary cold temperatures. The U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency shared the report Thursday along with a warning to anyone involved in operations related to the vaccine.



"The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) encourages Operation Warp Speed (OWS) organizations and organizations involved in vaccine storage and transport to review the IBM X-Force report," its post read.

On Wednesday, the Wall Street Journal reported that North Korean hackers have targeted at least six pharmaceutical companies on the US, UK and South Korea that have been working on COVID-19 vaccines. The US's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency released a statement on the hacking campaign, urging companies involved with COVID-19 vaccines to review IBM's report. (Courtesy www.cnet.com/)



入母为什么总是

此前,一则新闻轰动了美国医学界自身,总将自己捆 一曼哈顿的知名妇科医生罗伯特·哈登 绑为社会、国家的 ,打着"检查"的名义实施性犯罪行为, 一份子。大集体的 在长达二十年的时间里,竟无人站出来指 意识形态里,谈及 控他。第一位站出来揭露罗伯特恶行的, 个体的性是非常羞 是孕期去做检查的杨伊芙——华裔前总统 耻的,是见不得人 候选人杨安泽的妻子。

另一位美国体操队队医拉里:纳萨尔 罪孽深重。 (Larry Nassar) 在 30 多年间性侵 265 名少

很多时候面对性侵,并不是孩子不想 说,而是不知道怎么说,甚至都不知道自 的,却是个体大于 己被侵犯了,毕竟他们也不太明白什么叫 集体,天赋人权, 做"性",更不知道何为"边界"。

在中国, 让父母开诚布公地与孩子谈 由主义理念。人们 性,是一件非常尴尬的事情。至少在很多 更为看重的,也往 中产以下家庭来说(甚至包括中产以上) 往是自身的感受, , 均是如此。

美国队医性侵265名少女:父母为什会、国家概念之外 么总是不教孩子"性知识"?

为什么我们谈性色变?为什么父母不敢正 视孩子的眼睛告诉孩子你是怎么来的,爸 自己最为神圣的事 爸妈妈是如何创造你的,生命的起源来自 于父母精神与身体的结合?

因为儒雅、含蓄的文化环境背景,决 从孩子3、4岁起 定了我们社会中的每一个人,不会真正去 ,就有意识地告知 面对内心深处的自己,去正视自己的需求 他们各自的性别角 , 反而在涉及个人隐私上, 人们总是极力 色, 要求他们在日 一包括性、性别意识、性别角色。

这种回避导致的直接后果是什么呢? 那就是成为一个从未贴近自己的性格 、性别去真正了解过自己的"陌生人"

从出生到成长,再到后来成家立业, 直接学习人体生理 始终都是以外在要求和标准来走自己的人 知识。 生道路,就算是性别与性别意识和行为, 都需要外界来影响和灌输。

美国队医性侵 265 名少女:父母为什 切都是那么的陌生与稀奇。 么总是不教孩子"性知识"?

一旦孩童的父母在没有进行提前教育,那 均属沉默、回避、一概不谈的状态。 么儿童从小到大的性意识、性别意识、社

而在中国社会文化背景中,性教育历 教育的遗憾与缺失。 来都是讳莫如深的,大逆不道的,不应该 被谈论和公开提及的。就算是亲密爱人之 应该缺席的人。 间,公开谈性和性趣,也会被人侧目;而 父母与子女谈性,则更是少之又少。

这种氛围不是天生的,而是在一种极 都离不开父辈有经验者的护卫。 为特殊的社会背景之下产生的。

强大"为社会主流氛围的,人们从不关注 的重要性,逐渐开始加大对孩子的早期性 的过程

的,是不应该有的

然而在西方社 会文化价值体系内 , 历来宣扬和强调 自由、平等等等自 个体完全独立于社

私密之事就是 , 西方, 尤其是发 达国家的父母们, 常生活中注意各种

等孩子进入青 春期,更会让他们

但是,对于中 国父母来说,这一

至少在80后之前,父辈在这些问题上

有的少女不知道自己怀孕了,宿舍产 会性角色等各个方面,都会只是模糊遵循 子;有的男生不知道自己的身体到发育期 社会大规则,无法在内心清晰,从而导致 ,为喉结变粗、声音变声、嘴唇上方长出 自身在社会行为上陷入懵懂和混乱,即使 胡须容貌而惊恐。中国孩子们跌跌撞撞的 侥幸不混乱,也比较缺乏自我保护意识。 青春期和尴尬里,全都是父辈不敢直面性

在最为重要的青春期里,父母是最不

无论是从精神上的开明指引,还是身 体上生理知识的梳理、指导和帮扶学习,

万幸的是,越来越多的新生代父母已 中国历来是以"个体的泯灭与集体的 经从自己的成长经历中意识到了这一问题

教育。

男孩性教育 —— 遗精

遗精是男孩身体发育过程中非常重要 的一环。然而,现实总是妈妈在代替父亲 立 来跟儿子沟通这些事情,这其实是非常不 合适的。

比如妈妈对12岁儿子非常关注,每次 方面的心理建设与疏导。 都要问儿子是否遗精,其实这位妈妈不知

这时候,家庭中父亲更要主动将有关 遗精的生理常识告诉孩子。日常父亲与孩 精神和内心自尊自爱自重自信,不因为

子交流上的内容可以参考如下几点: 1.告诉孩子第一次遗精时会经历怎样 己全身心的交付了出去。

2.告诉孩子遗精后的生理卫生常识 3. 让孩子明白遗精是正常的

女孩性教育 —— 心理疏导和价值观树

女孩子较为弱势,所以父母多半把精 力放在了防身上,却忽视了对女孩子在性

女孩性教育最为重要的一关,就是 道,她这样做已经严重侵犯了孩子的隐私 在女孩青春期萌动时期,第一时间告知 ,容易让孩子没有内在尊严感。所以,所 身体性冲动和舒缓性冲动的方式方法。 有的母亲都要明白,12岁的儿子已经是一 比如多运动、参加大范围的社会交往活 个男人了,一定要从此开始保持与儿子的 动,在人群中找到自己的位置分散注意

> 力等。 另一方面,则一定更要教会女孩在 别人的花言巧语或者财物馈赠,就把自

