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The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on the world, but the response to the virus has varied significantly from country to country. This article explores the reasons for these differences, including factors such as political ideology, healthcare systems, and cultural norms.

Political Ideology

One of the most significant factors that has influenced the response to the coronavirus has been political ideology. Countries with right-leaning governments have tended to take a more laissez-faire approach to the pandemic, while countries with left-leaning governments have been more likely to implement strict lockdowns and other measures to contain the virus.

For example, the United States, which has a right-leaning government, has been criticized for its slow and inadequate response to the pandemic. The Trump administration downplayed the severity of the virus, resisted calls for lockdowns, and promoted unproven treatments.

In contrast, New Zealand, which has a left-leaning government, has been praised for its successful response to the pandemic. The government implemented a strict lockdown early on, and it has since managed to contain the virus and reopen the economy.

Healthcare Systems

Another factor that has influenced the response to the coronavirus has been the strength of the healthcare system. Countries with strong healthcare systems have been better able to cope with the pandemic, while countries with weak healthcare systems have been overwhelmed.

For example, Italy, which has a strong healthcare system, was able to provide adequate care to most of its COVID-19 patients. However, India, which has a weak healthcare system, has been overwhelmed by the pandemic and has struggled to provide adequate care to its patients.

Cultural Norms

Cultural norms have also played a role in the response to the coronavirus. In some cultures, it is more common to wear masks and practice social distancing, while in other cultures, these practices are less common.

For example, in East Asian countries, it is more common to wear masks and practice social distancing, and these countries have been more successful in containing the virus. In contrast, in Western countries, it is

less common to wear masks and practice social distancing, and these countries have been less successful in containing the virus.

The response to the coronavirus has varied significantly from country to country, and this is due to a number of factors, including political ideology, healthcare systems, and cultural norms. Countries that have been able to successfully contain the virus have typically had strong healthcare systems, implemented strict lockdowns, and encouraged the use of masks and social distancing.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a global crisis, but it has not affected all countries equally. The response to the virus has varied significantly from country to country, and this has had a profound impact on the course of the pandemic.

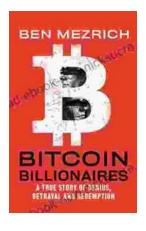### Fighting the First Wave: Why the Coronavirus Was Tackled So Differently Across the Globe by Peter Baldwin

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