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percentage of people die from the virus, we use a sample of people, who already had at least some complications compelling them

defeated by the virtuous government. The second incentive for politicians is control. Any government is an apparition of planning, which inevitably succumbs to the desire of more control. We can see how salient and prominent these tendencies are in developing countries with weaker democratic institutions (for example, Russia), where the governments have gained almost full control over peoples' lives. It is already clear that some of the extreme measures implemented during this wartime will not be lifted even after the war is over. Ironically, the people themselves will not want them to be removed, because in their minds central planning will be closely associated with the victory over the common enemy—a dangerous and natural premise tapping into the very primordial wirings of our tribal biology.

What about mass media? Its incentives are obvious—ratings! Firstly, under isolation, people spend incongruously more time watching TV and online videos. Secondly, there is sheer terror in the minds of the people, which mass media uses for its advantage by further adding fuel to the



avoid overloading the capacity of hospitals. Currently most hospitals in the country are steadily below capacity, but the state comes up with new ways to justify prolongation of quarantine measures. It is only the recent protests in the USA and the pressure created by the people on the government that have finally budged the agenda forward with many states starting to ease up their firm grip on lives.

Alas, we cannot change the past, but we can use its lesson. 7.2 Tdeay5217 ( )-222 (but )-221 (w)-7 (