

# Review of: "Global Governance and Sustainable Development: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic"

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This commentary on the current global governance landscape and the lessons we can learn as a society from the pandemic is important, timely, and insightful.

The manuscript began by describing the pandemic's economic and wider societal impact. It then delved into the various reactions by governments operating under different ideologies and the tension of balancing protecting the health of the population with the autonomy and privacy of individuals.

It then goes on to discuss the impact of the anxiety surrounding the pandemic and how marginalised and vulnerable populations are treated (in varying contexts) as a result of this. While I agree that this view is very important, I would suggest that the author discuss a bit more the other side of this anxiety, e.g., the pernicious rise of anti-vaxers and misinformation during this period that led to an increase in vaccine hesitancy and the resultant effect on mortality and morbidity in an already stressed health system. See [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(23\)00136-8/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(23)00136-8/fulltext), [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/landig/article/PIIS2589-7500\(20\)30227-2/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/landig/article/PIIS2589-7500(20)30227-2/fulltext)

The author's analysis of the countrywide and international disparities was very important and led to the final section on the unsustainability of the current capitalist model, in particular, the depletion of the planet's resources and the harmfulness of the current paradigm, and again, the disparity among countries. I would suggest the authors add a few lines about the mutual exclusivity of capitalism and sustainable development, the notion of infinite growth of this current economic system in a society and planet with finite resources.

Lastly, I would suggest that some language editing is needed; there are a few punctuation and grammatical errors in the text.

Kind regards.

