Politics + COVID-19

Cause + Consequence

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Country:	Switzerland	Canada	Czech Republic	Pakistan
Current Leader:	Simonetta Sommaruga	Justin Trudeau	Milos Zeman	Arif Alvi
System of Government:	Semi-direct democratic federal republic	Constitutional monarchy/ parliamentary democracy	Parliamentary republic	Parliamentary/federal republic
Ideologies:	Currently, the Social Democratic Party of Switzerland is in power, which is commonly aligned with centre-left or left-wing philosophies. They endorse social democracy. Providing adequate public services and taking action on issues like climate change are also parts of the SP's ideologies.	The liberal government in Canada is defined by liberalism and social liberalism. This includes ideologies such as free market, free trade, economic freedom, equal rights, freedom of speech, separation of church and state, and democratic capitalism.	There are a number of political parties in the Czech Republic, from far left communist parties to far right ideologies. The current leader of Czechia, Milos Zeman, is an independent candidate. He was previously leader of the Czech Social Democratic Party. Zeman himself has been associated with both left and right-wing viewpoints. However, the current prime minister of the Czech Republic, Andrej Babis, is part of his own political party called ANO 2011, which is generally seen as being catch-all. In the Czech Republic government, the prime minister controls government activities and organizes the cabinet. It is the president's job to elect the prime minster.	Pakistan has had many stints with authoritarian military governments but are making their way to democracy. Currently, Arif Alvi is part of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party. It is generally associated with centrist-right ideologies. However, the party seems to be favouring progressive philosophies, such as equality for all races and religions. It is often associated with Pakistani nationalism and populism.
Population:	8.8 million	38 million	10.6 million	213 million

# of COVID Cases	26,588	30,106	6,433	6,919
# of COVID Deaths	1,281	1,196	169	128
Interesting News on COVID?	Switzerland is another country that will be planning to reopen small businesses around April 27th, and eventually schools and everything else that follows.	Justin Trudeau has said that coronavirus restrictions will most likely be loosened in around the summertime, but that we also may see smaller waves of the virus in the future and that Canada cannot return to "normal" until a vaccine is developed.	The Czech Republic is one of the first countries to begin moving out of the economic shutdown from the coronavirus, reintroducing small shops and other public activities.	More than half of the country's population lives in the Punjab province, which has been hit the hardest, with 2,945 cases.

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