

*The Moral Roots of Quarantine in the East and the West: Is a New Model of Good Governance Possible?*

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The anti-Covid 19 measures adopted by various states (as well as particular reactions given by distinct citizens) in today's world represent, roughly, two different ethical models of good governance: self determination and family determination. The self-governance model is rooted in the modern Western values of self ownership and individual autonomy, initiating and emphasizing the idea of individual human rights for limiting state power rather than pursuing collective welfare or general happiness. The family-governance model, on the other hand, has been a long-standing Eastern tradition that takes society as a big family in which government plays a parental role in promoting the total wellbeing of society. This presentation explores the possibility of constructing a new model of governance by addressing the merits and problems of each model in relation to the circumstances of combatting the Covid 19 pandemics. I will argue that it is plausible to develop a new Mencian model of benevolent governance by integrating both thoughts of rights and virtue.