

COVID-19 coronavirus

Ignoring common sense never used to be an anglophone stereotype.

What separates the US and the UK from other democracies is extravagant self-belief.

Half a millennium of potted history tells Anglo-Americans they are destined always to be on the winning side.

It blinds both to how the rest of the world increasingly views them, which is with sadness and growing mockery.

**Edward Luce,
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