

# **COVID-19 coronavirus**

**In the case of COVID-19, China's scientists and physicians acted decisively and responsibly to protect the health of the Chinese people within this historical context.**

**They warned their government,  
their government warned WHO,  
and WHO warned the world.**

**Western democracies failed  
to listen to those warnings.**

**There are questions for both the  
Chinese government and WHO to answer.  
But to blame both China and WHO for this  
global pandemic is to rewrite the history  
of COVID-19 and to marginalise  
the failings the of Western nations.**

**Richard Horton, *The COVID-19 Catastrophe***