

## **COVID-19 coronavirus**

**It turns out that liberalism does not by definition breed egoism and irresolution.**

**A lot of the easy calumnies against it (“We could never fight a war now”)**

**appear less certain. And if**

**the “horizontal” bond among citizens is a bit stronger than assumed, so is their “vertical” cord with government.**

**Anti-elitism – the spirit of the age, we thought – is broad but it can also be**

**shallow, or at least selective. The speed with which people deferred to the medical and bureaucratic establishment was telling. The crisis has found nothing more wanting than our cynicism.**

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