

COVID-19 coronavirus

There is an evident lesson from the pandemic: countries that restricted movement of people early, coupled with an effective and well-run tracing system, fared much better than others, irrespective of ideology. Medical or preventive strategies have nothing to do with political or economic systems.

Presumably, Joe Biden, Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin brush their teeth. The one who is more thorough is likely to need a dentist less, irrespective of any ideological position.

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