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### **Target**

Decision Makers

Government and Public Health

Healthcare Professionals

### **Topic**

Media

### **Tags**

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Risk perception

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From our analysis of readers' comments, it appears that these claims are unjustified. First, we found that the public did not speak in a single unified voice, but rather, was divided into supporters and opponents of quarantine. Both sides used scientific arguments and resorted to similar terminology, and tended to cite and present studies backing their arguments. As for irrational fears, although quarantine supporters expressed emotions, they indicated mainly concerns, not panic or hysteria.

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