

Comparing the COVID-19 Virus Cases and Deaths with the GDP Impact Around the World, United States, New York and Texas

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Abstract

In the past eighteen months, the coronavirus that causes severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARA-2 (COVID-19)) has impacted the entire world with the total human death of over 4 million. The COVID-19 virus is an organic structure with nucleic acid and protein coating and was transferred from bats to humans. Also, several vaccines have been developed to control the COVID-19 virus disaster and the death rates have reduced in the past few months. It is also important to quantify the deaths and the number of affected humans due to COVID-19 virus, and the modeling of the trends based on the location might help to better understand the critical parameters influencing the COVID-19 virus impacts. Because of the COVID-19 impact the world Gross Domestic Products (GDP) was reduced from \$88 trillion to \$84.5 trillion, about 4% drop in year 2020. It also affected the GDP growth in the United States and also impacted all the states in the U.S. by varying amounts. Also, the GDP ranking of the U.S. states correlated well with the COVID-19 impact. In the year 2021 the GDP growth in the U.S. is going to be 2.2% with a total GDP of \$22 trillion.

Recently Delta, another highly contagious SARS-CoV-2 virus strain has started to impact world. The first Delta case in the United States was diagnosed in March 2021.

Introduction

It is important to understand the impact of virus attacks and cyber-attacks, both are human based disasters. Within one-year COVID-19 has resulted in human deaths and also transforming all operations and activities including education of children online. Cyber-attacks have increased by six times during the COVID-19 pandemic. Virus attack and cyber-attacks can get initiated any ware around the world occupied by humans, about 5% of the earth surface. Hence monitoring is a major challenge before it starts spreading and impacting many humans in the region, unlike satellite monitoring of hurricane origin and pathway. Also, virus spreading among humans can have many pathways and there is an urgent need for understanding the basic and fundamental science behind the virus spreading based on the type of virus, origin and the environment. Over the past hundred years, over dozen viruses have impacted the humans around the world including major economic losses (Ang, 2020; Vipulanandan 2020; Ettliger and Hensley 2021).

Virus

Viruses are found wherever there is life and have probably existed since living cells first evolved on earth. Scientific studies have evolved over the past 150 years focused on the composition (nucleic acid (DNA, RNA) with protein coat), structure, size compared to bacteria. By the end of the 19th century, viruses were defined in terms of infectivity (ability to produce infection), ability to pass filters, and requirement for living hosts. Also pig corneal tissue and hen kidney were used in vaccine production. Another breakthrough came in 1931, when the pathologist Ernest William Goodpasture and Alice Miles Woodruff grew **influenza** and several other viruses in **fertilized chicken eggs**. In 1949, John Franklin Enders, Thomas Weller, and Frederick Robbins grew **polio virus** in cultured human embryo cells, the first virus to be grown without using solid animal tissue or eggs. This work enabled Jonas Salk to make an effective **polio vaccine**. The second half of the 20th century was the golden age of virus discovery and most of the over 2,000 recognized species of animal, plant, and bacterial viruses were discovered during these years.

Opinions differ on whether viruses are a form of life, or **organic structures** that interact with living organisms. A complete virus particle, known as a virion, consists of nucleic acid surrounded by a protective coat of protein called a capsid. Although they have genes, they do not have a cellular structure, which is often seen as the basic unit of life. Viruses do not have their own metabolism, and require a host cell to make new products. Viruses display a wide diversity of shapes and sizes, called 'morphologies'. In general, viruses are **much smaller than bacteria**. Most viruses that have been studied have a diameter between 20 and 300 nanometres.

Virus is transferred as a result of human interaction with living cells including animals, birds, plants and bacteria where the virus is very active and represented as follows:

Living Cells (Animal/bird/plants/bacteria) + human \longrightarrow Virus Transferred

Various types of viruses have impacted the world over the past century.

SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) (Bats)

SARS-CoV-2 belongs to the same large family of viruses as SARS-CoV, known as **coronaviruses**, and was first identified in **December 2019 in the Chinese city of Wuhan (Figure 1)**. The virus likely **originated in bats**, like SARS-CoV, and passed through an intermediate animal before infecting people.

Since its appearance, the virus has infected tens of thousands of people in China and millions of others around the world. The ongoing outbreak prompted an extensive quarantine of Wuhan and nearby cities, restrictions on travel to and from affected countries and a worldwide effort to develop diagnostics, treatments and vaccines.

The **disease caused by SARS-CoV-2, called COVID-19**, has an estimated mortality rate of about 2.3%. **People who are older or have underlying health conditions** seem to be most at risk of having severe disease or complications. **Common symptoms include fever, dry cough and shortness of breath, and the disease can progress to pneumonia in severe cases.**

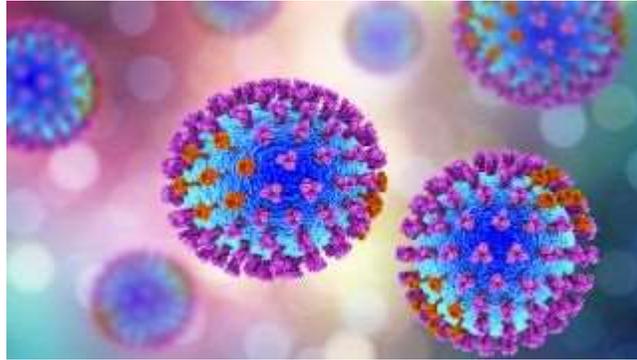


Figure 1 Image of COVID-19 Virus

The COVID-19 virus has really impacted the entire world in a very short time period. It has impacted all activities including education, business, construction and manufacturing. The oil price dropped to its minimum value of -\$40 dollars a barrel on April 20, 2020 in the history of oil market. Hence there is an urgent need to understand the problem to make safe decisions to minimize losses.

Transfer Media

It started in China and then spread around the world in stages going across Indian Ocean and Atlantic Ocean from continent to continent. Initially it impacted many countries above the equator but now many countries below the equator are impacted. It is important to understand the modes of transfer of COVID-19 around the world in a very short time period. This will definitely help minimize the human deaths and infected cases. It is also important look at the ground conditions, environments, human activities and also international travel. In the U.S. coastal states have been impacted the most.

Virus therapy

There are two types of therapies characterized as gene therapy and cell therapy. Over the decades gene therapy has been developed for controlling various types of virus attacks. In addition to developing the gene therapy, it is also important to develop the viral vector to deliver the medication to the right location in the body. Also, artificial virus are used as part of the viral vector.

The Pfizer vaccine that is being used in the U.S. and around the world is a gene therapy. Few other vaccines have been developed around the world for COVID-19 virus treatment.

Objectives

The objective is to investigate the trends and impact of COVID-19 virus around the world and United States. The specific objectives are as follows:

- (c) Compare the confirmed cases and total deaths around the world and the U.S and develop models to predict the confirmed cases and the deaths. Also verify the impact on the Gross Development Products (GDP).
- (d) Compare the confirmed cases and total deaths in Texas and the New York (initially badly affected state in the U.S.) and develop models to predict the confirmed cases and the deaths. Also verify the impact on the Gross Development Products (GDP).

In this study, data collected on COVID-19 impact over the past eighteen months was used. The data was collected from various data bases and it included the world, U.S.A. and two states in the U.S.A.

COVID-19 Virus

Data Analyses

In March of 2020, European countries such as Italy, Spain and United Kingdom, above the equator and also very high Gross Domestic Product (GDP), had the largest impact based on the deaths and total number of confirmed cases. There was very little impact on the North and South American continent. Since April 2020, United States (North) and Brazil (South) in the American Continent became the badly affected countries in the world based on the deaths and confirmed cases. Since June, Mexico and India have become two of the leading top 5 countries based on the number of people affected by the COVID-19 virus.

It is important to quantify and interpret the trends observed around the world and the U.S.A. in one and half years and it is analyzed in three periods. Period-1 was done from February 2020 to July 2020 (6 months), Period-2 was done from August 2020 to January 2021 and Period-3 was done from February 2021 to July 2021. Both the total confirmed cases and deaths continuously increased around the world till January 2021. In this study, the **focus was on** monthly changes in the confirmed cases and total deaths.

(a). World versus U.S.A.

Period-1 (February 2020 to July 2020) (Table 1)

It will be of interest to compare the impact of COVID-19 impact on the world and the U.S.A. with the highest GDP of \$21.5 trillion (Year 2019). The difference in the total cases and total deaths numbers between the world and the U.S.A will be the confirmed total cases and deaths in rest of the world (equal = world - U.S.A.).

World

There are over 210 countries around the world with a total population of 7 billion. The COVID-19 has impacted the countries in many different ways based on the location, environment, economic activities (GDP) and population density. In Table 1, the confirmed cases per month and death rates per month are summarized.

Confirmed Cases: The confirmed cases continue increase every month and the highest increase was in July which was **6.8 M/m**.

Death Cases: The death rate peaked in April and was **159K/m**. The death rates have reduced in May, June and July to about **146K/m**, **122k/m** and **371K/m**. The death rate was maximum in July, more the 2.3 times the previous maximum of 159K/m. The total death was **673,233** as of July 31, 2020.

United States of America (USA)

U.S.A. had its highest rate of confirmed cases and deaths in April (Tax Month in the U.S.A) (Table 1).

Confirmed Cases: The confirmed cases in April were **905K/m**. In the month of May, the confirmed cases decreased to **757K/m**. In the month June the confirmed cases have increased to **877K/m**. The confirmed case in July increased to **1.8M/m**. The highest confirm cases per day were on July 1, and it was 51,091.

Table 1. Comparing the COVID-19 Impact on the World and U.S.A. During the Period-1

Date	World		United States		Remarks
	Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths	Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths	
1/31/2020	8,234		0	0	World confirmed and deaths cases increased by 78K/m and 8K/m . U.S. confirmed and deaths were 68/m and Zero .
2/15/2020	69,050		15	0	
2/29/2020	86,009	8,000	68	0	
3/15/2020	168,941		3,613	69	World confirmed cases and deaths increased by 786K/m and 68.5K/m . U.S. confirmed and deaths were over 190 K/m and 5K/m .
3/31/2020	871,976	74,565	189,967	5,151 (6.9%)*	
4/15/2020	2,066,00		648,003	32,712	World confirmed cases and deaths increased by 2.4M/m and 159K/m . U.S. confirmed and death were 905K/m and 58.7K/m (Highest death rate for the U.S.A.)
4/30/2020	3,268,000	233,704	1,095,023	63,856 (27.3%)*	
5/15/2020	4,538,000	283,001	1,484,285	88,507	World confirmed cases and

5/31/2020	6,162,000	380,000	1,852,029	106,432 (28.0%)*	death increased by 2.9M/m and 146K/m . U.S. confirmed and death rate were 757K/m and 42.6K/m .
6/15/2020	8,010,000	425,093	2,186,553	120,247	World confirmed cases and death increased by 4.3M/m and 122K/m . U.S. confirmed and death rate were 877K/m and 23.7K/m .
6/30/2020	10,450,000	502,048	2,728,856	130,122 (26.8%)*	
7/15/2020	13,561,000	582,000	3,463,480	137,420	World confirmed cases and death increased by 6.8M/m and 171K/m . U.S. confirmed and death rate were 1.8M/m and 22.5K/m .
7/31/2020	17,297,276	673,233	4,495,014	152,670 (23%)*	
Remarks	Millions of humans have been affected in short period of time	Very high death and rate of deaths and the highest was 171K/m	U.S. has the highest confirmed cases.	U.S. has the highest total deaths	COVID-19 has impacted the world. U.S.A. has the highest confirmed cases and total deaths (No. 1) and matched with the world GDP rating.

- ***Percentage death in the U.S.A. based on the World Deaths**

Death Cases: The death rate in April was **58.9K/m**. The highest death rate for a day was **2683/day** on April 21 and on April 15 it was **2631/day**. In the month of May, the death rate was **42.6K/m** and in June it has reduced to **23.7K/m**. In July the death rate was **22.5K/m**. The highest percentage of death was 28% based on the world death in May. The total death is over **152,670**, about 23% of the world deaths and is the highest in the world and **matched with the GDP ranking**. The U.S. population is only 4.5% of the world population, so the death rate is over 5 times higher and hence doesn't match with the total population, which is ranked 3rd in the world.

Period -2 (August 2020 to January 2021) (Table 2)

World

The data are summarized in Table 2.

Confirmed Cases: The confirmed cases continued to increase every month and the highest increase was in January 2021 which was **19.4 M/m**.

Death Cases: The death rate peaked in January 2021 to **402.8K/m**, 2.5 times the July death cases. The death rates continued to increase except September. In December the death rate was to **277K/m**. The total death was 102,107,858 on January 31, 2021.

United States of America (USA)

U.S.A. had its highest rate of confirmed cases and deaths in January 2021, more than 6 times and 1.6 times the cases in April (Tax Month in the U.S.A) (Table 2).

Confirmed Cases: The confirmed cases in January 2021 were **6.2M/m**. In the month of August, the confirmed cases decreased to **1.5M/m**. In the month of October and December the confirmed cases increased to **2.1M/m** and **4.6M/m** respectively. Total confirmed cases at the end of January 2021 were close to 26 million (Table 2).

Table 2. Comparing the COVID-19 Impact on the World and U.S.A. During the Period-2.

Date	World		United States		Remarks
	Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths	Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths	
7/31/2020	17,297,276	673,233	4,495,014	152,670	World confirmed cases and death increased by 8.0M/m and 175K/m . U.S. confirmed and death rate were 1.5M/m and 30.8K/m .
8/16/2020	21,481,494	771,532	5,361,742	169,486	
8/31/2020	25,330,679	848,030	6,021,465	183,399 (21.6%)*	
9/28/2020	33,125,652	998,074	7,115,337	204,758 (20.5%)*	World confirmed cases and death increased by 7.8M/m and 150K/m . U.S. confirmed and death rate were 1.5M/m and 30.8K/m .
10/18/2020	39,842,711	1,111,874	8,140,728	219,599 (19.8%)*	World confirmed cases and death increased by 13.4M/m and 227.6K/m . U.S. confirmed and death rate were 2.1M/m and 29.7K/m .
12/31/2020	82,686,157	1,805,002	19,740,468	342,312 (19.0%)*	World confirmed cases and death increased by 17.1M/m and 277.3K/m . U.S. confirmed and death rate were 4.6M/m and 49.1K/m .
1/31/2021	102,107,858	2,207,834	25,932,793	436,799 (19.8%)*	World confirmed cases and death increased by 19.4M/m and 402.8K/m . U.S. confirmed and death rate were 6.2M/m and 94.5K/m .
Remarks	Over hundred Millions of humans have been affected in one year.	Very high total death and rate of deaths and the highest was 402.8K/m	U.S. has the highest confirmed cases.	U.S. has the highest total deaths	COVID-19 has impacted the world. U.S.A. has the highest confirmed cases and total deaths (No. 1) and matched with the world GDP rating.

- ***Percentage death in the U.S.A. based on the World Deaths**

Death Cases: The death rate was highest in January 2021 and was **94.5K/m** and in April it was **58.9K/m**. In August the death rate was **30.8K/m**. The total death at the end on January 2021 was over **436,799**, about 19.8% of the world deaths and is the highest in the world and **matched with the GDP ranking**. The U.S. population is only 4.5% of the world population, so the death rate is over 4 times higher and hence doesn't match with the total population, which is ranked 3rd in the world.

January 2021 has been the worst month for the world and the U.S.A. for the total confirmed cases and total deaths. Total deaths around the world have been over 2.2 million and the U.S.A. had 19.8% of the total deaths.

Period -3 (February 2021 to July 2021) (Table 3)

World

The data are summarized in Table 3.

Confirmed Cases: The confirmed cases reduced for two months and then increased in April 2021 which was **24.2 M/m**. In the following months it has decreased.

Death Cases: The death rate reduced for two months from the peak in January 2021 of **402.8K/m**. The death rate increased in April to 400K/m and reduced in the following months till end of July 2021.

United States of America (USA)

The rate of confirmed cases and deaths continuously decreased (Table 3).

Confirmed Cases: The confirmed cases in February 2021 was **2.7M/m**. In the month of June, the confirmed cases decreased to **0.5M/m** but increased in July to **1.4M/m**. Total confirmed cases at the end of May 2021 was over 34 million, about 10% of the U.S. population (Table 3).

Table 3. Comparing the COVID-19 Impact on the World and U.S.A. During the Period-3.

Date	World		United States		Remarks
	Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths	Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths	
1/31/2021	102,107,858	2,207,834	25,932,793	436,799 (19.8%)*	World confirmed cases and death increased by 19.4M/m and 402.8K/m . U.S. confirmed and death rate were 6.2M/m and 94.5K/m .
3/01/2021	114,391,317	2,536,905	28,652,953	514,253 (20.3%)*	World confirmed cases and death increased by 12.2M/m and 329.1K/m .

					U.S. confirmed and death rate were 2.7M/m and 77.5K/m .
3/31/2021	129,006,800	2,817,932	30,460,837	552,073 (19.6%)*	World confirmed cases and death increased by 14.6M/m and 281K/m . U.S. confirmed and death rate were 1.8M/m and 37.3K/m .
4/18/2021	141,113,721	3,017,912	31,668,532	567,217 (18.8%)*	World confirmed cases and death increased by 24.2M/m and 400K/m . U.S. confirmed and death rate were 2.4M/m and 30.3K/m .
5/31/2021	171,029,617	3,556,671	34,043,068	609,544 (17.1%)*	World confirmed cases and death increased by 19.9M/m and 360K/m . U.S. confirmed and death rate were 1.6M/m and 28.2K/m .
7/09/2021	186,357,540	4,026,904	34,676,896	622,213 (15.5%)*	World confirmed cases and death increased by 11.8M/m and 361.2K/m . U.S. confirmed and death rate were 0.5M/m and 9.7K/m .
7/31/2021	198,332,145	4,229,777	35,688,506	629,064 (14.9%)*	World confirmed cases and death increased by 17.1M/m and 291K/m . U.S. confirmed and death rate were 1.4M/m and 9.8K/m .
Remarks	Over hundred Millions of humans have been affected in the first 6 months in year 2021.	Very high total death and rate of deaths. Total death was over 4 million and the highest rate of death was 402.8K/m	U.S. has the highest confirmed cases.	U.S. has the highest total deaths of over 629,000 and 14.9% of the world deaths.	COVID-19 has impacted the world. U.S.A. has the highest confirmed cases and total deaths (No. 1) and matched with the world GDP rating of being No. 1.

- *Percentage death in the U.S.A. based on the World Deaths

Death Cases: The death rate has continuously decreased from **94.5K/m** In January 2021. In April it was **30.3K/m**. In August the death rate was **30.8K/m**. The total death at the end on June 2021 was **629,064**, about 14.9% of the world deaths and is the highest in the world and **matched with the GDP ranking**. The U.S. population is only 4.2% of the world population, so the death rate is over 3 times higher and hence doesn't match with the total population, which is ranked 3rd in the world.

Vipulanandan p-q Model

It is important to predict the observed trends for the total deaths (Y) with time (t) using analytical models. Preliminary investigation was done using Vipulanandan p-q model (Vipulanandan et al. 2018). The model parameters can be used to evaluate the important parameters that are impacting the COVID-19 the total deaths.

$$Y = Y_0 + \left[\frac{\frac{t}{t_f}}{q_2 + (1 - p_2 - q_2)\frac{t}{t_f} + p_2 \left(\frac{t}{t_f}\right)^{\left(\frac{p_2 - q_2}{p_2}\right)}} \right] Y_f \tag{1}$$

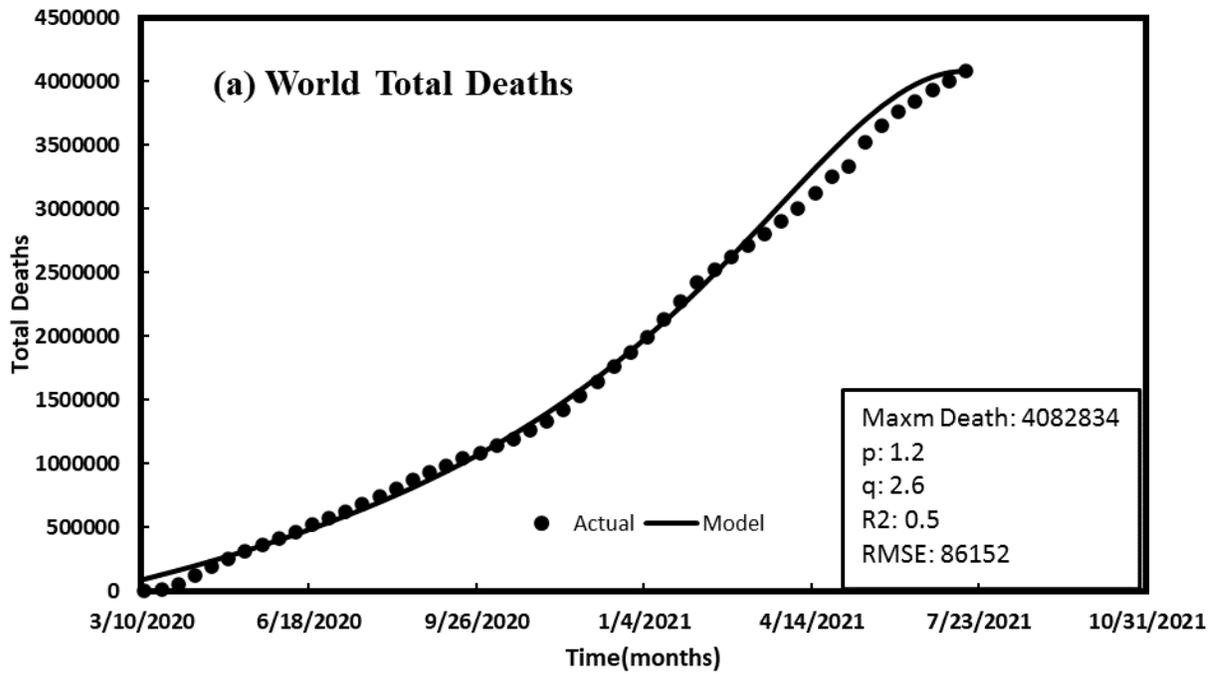
Model parameters (p₂, q₂ Y₀ and Y_f) will be related to the critical variables such as population, population density, GDP (economic activity), temperature, relative humidity, food, transport facilities, animals and others.

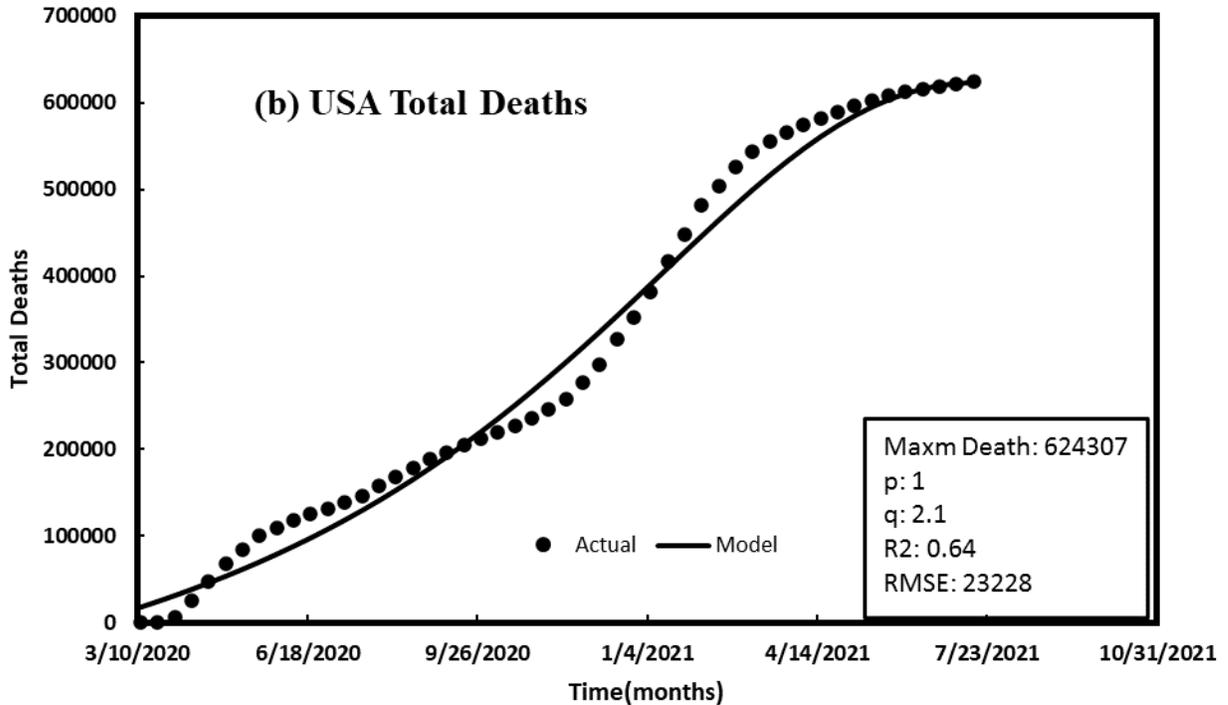
The rate of death increased with time and then decreased. The model is predicting this trend very well. The total death model predictions are compared to the data in Figure 2 for the world and the U.S.A. The model parameters p₂ and q₂ for the world was higher than for the U.S. by about 20% as summarized in Table 4. Also, the model parameter ratio q₂/p₂ was 2.2 and 2.1 for the world and the U.S.A. respectively.

Table 4. Vipulanandan p-q Model parameters for the death predictions for the World and U.S.A.

State	Maximum Death (Y _f)	Time for Max. Death (t _f) (months)	p ₂	q ₂	R ²	RMSE (Number of people)	Remarks
World	4,082,834	15.5	1.2	2.6	0.50	86,152	Rate of deaths increased up to April 2021 and then decreased with time
U.S.A	622,213	15.5	1.0	2.1	0.64	23,228	Rate of deaths

							increased with time
Remarks	U.S.A. had the highest number of deaths in the world.	January 2021 had the highest rate of deaths in the world. Slope was highest.	Decreased with number of deaths.	Decreased with number of deaths.	Coefficient of verification was good for the highly varying data .	Represents the accuracy of the predictions	Predicted the total deaths with time very well.





**Figure 2. Total Deaths with Time (a) World and (b) United States of America
(b). New York Versus Texas**

Period-1 (February 2020 to July 2020) (Table 5)

New York Versus Texas

In the U.S.A. the coastal states were more impacted by the COVID-19. For comparison, State of New York (GDP no.3 in the U.S.) was selected to represent the east coast with the Atlantic Ocean and Texas (GDP no.2 in the U.S.) along the Gulf of Mexico (GOM). Both these states are also impacted by hurricanes and flooding. Data are summarized in Table 5, Table 6 and Table 7.

New York State (GDP \$1.7 Trillion, 8% of U.S. GDP and #3 in the U.S.)

New York State has had the highest confirmed cases and deaths in the U.S.A.

Confirmed Cases: New York had its highest rate of confirmed cases in April (Tax Month in the U.S.). The confirmed cases in April were 234K/m (26% of U.S.). In the month of June, the confirmed cases and the death rates have reduced to 79K/m, and 6.7K/m. The last few weeks death rate has dropped to below 40/day. The highest confirm cases per day was on **April 15, and it was 11,661** with death rate of 888/day. The total confirmed cases on July 31 were over 443,000 (July 31), 10% of the U.S. confirmed cases.

Death Cases: New York had its highest rate of deaths in April (Tax Month in the U.S.). The death rate was **21.1K/m** (36% of U.S.). The highest death rate for a day was 1025/day on April 17 and on April 15 it was 888/day. In the month of June, the death rate

has reduced to 6.7K/m. The last few weeks death rate has dropped to below 40/day. The total deaths is over 32,765 (July 31), 23% of the U.S. deaths.

The population in New York city is about 8.4 million and the population density is 27,558 people/square miles. This is about 7.6 times higher than Houston, largest city in Texas.

Texas State (GDP \$1.89 Trillion, 11.3% of U.S. GDP and #2 in the U.S.)

Texas has very high confirmed cases comparable to New York, but the total deaths are much lower.

Confirmed Cases: Texas had its highest rate of confirmed cases of **276K/m in July** (Table 5). The confirmed cases in May were 36.4K/m. In the month June the confirmed cases have increased to 102K/m. The highest confirm cases per day was on July 28, and it was 11,037 with death rate of 45/day. The total confirmed cases were over 443,000 (July 31), comparable to New York and 10% of the U.S.

Death Cases: Texas had its highest rate of deaths in July of **4.5K/m**. The highest death rate for a day was 154/day on July 15 and on April 15 it was 30/day. In the month June the death rate was 810/m. The last few weeks death rate has increased, and the maximum was 499/day on July 13. The total deaths are 6998 (July 31), about 21.4% of the New York deaths.

The population in Houston, largest city in Texas is 2.3 million and the population density is 3,634 people/square miles. Houston population is 27.4% and population density is 13% of New York City. The Houston death percentage is in between the population and population density.

Table 5. Comparing the COVID-19 Impact on New York and Texas During the Period-1

Date	Texas		New York		Remarks
	Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths	Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths	
2/29/2020	0	0	20	0	Texas confirmed cases and deaths were 3.7K/m and 56/m. New York confirmed, and deaths were 77K/m and 2.7K/m
3/15/2020	73	0	740	10	
3/31/2020	3,666	56	76,946	2677	
4/15/2020	16,009	375	218,562	15,500	Texas confirmed cases and deaths increased by 24.8K/m and 746/m. New York confirmed cases and death were 234K/m and 21.1K/m (Highest for New York)
4/30/2020	28,455	802	310,839	23,780	
5/15/2020	46,787	1,308	356,016	28,411	Texas confirmed cases and death increased by 36.4K/m
5/31/2020	64,899	1,686	389,903	30,509	

					and 884/m . New York confirmed and death rate were 79K/m and 6.7K/m .
6/15/2020	91,380	2,016	406,081	31,548	Texas confirmed cases and death increased by 102K/m and 810/m . New York confirmed and death rate were 27.9K/m and 1.6K/m .
6/30/2020	167,269	2,496	417,836	32,129	
7/15/2020	302,817	3,625	430,277	32,495	Texas confirmed cases and death increased by 276K/m and 4.5K/m . New York confirmed and death rate were 26K/m and 636/m . (Highest for Texas)
7/30/2020	443,026	6,998 (4.6%)*	443,745	32,765 (21.5%)*	
Remarks	Confirmed cases were highest in July	Deaths were highest in July	Highest confirmed cases in the U.S.	Highest deaths in the U.S.	COVID-19 has impacted the coastal states with high GDP rating and populations

- ***Percentage death in the State based on the U.S. Deaths**

Period -2 (August 2020 to January 2021) (Table 6)

New York

Confirmed Cases: In August the confirmed cases were **16.6K/m** and it has increased to **433.8K/m** in January 2021, the highest confirmed cases in one year. The total confirmed cases were over 1.4 million (January 31), about 5.5% of the U.S. cases.

Death Cases: Death rate in New York has decreased In August it was 196/m. It increased to 1.8K/m in December and in January it was 5.5K/m lower than the deaths in April (Tax Month in the U.S.). Total death was 9.9% of the U.S deaths.

Texas

Confirmed Cases: Texas had its highest rate of confirmed cases of **596K/m in January 2021** (Table 4). The confirmed cases in August were **160K/m** and it has continuously increased to 596K/m. The total confirmed cases were over 2.3 million (January 31), much higher than New York and was about 10% of the U.S. cases.

Death Cases: Texas had its highest rate of deaths in January 2021 of **9.0K/m**, double the rate in July. The total death was 36,887, 8.4% of the U.S. deaths and 85% of the New York deaths.

Table 6. Comparing the COVID-19 Impact on New York and Texas During the Period-2

Date	Texas		New York		Remarks
	Confirmed	Total	Confirmed	Total	

	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	
7/30/2020	443,026	6,998	443,745	32,765	Texas confirmed cases and death increased by 160K/m and 4.8K/m . New York confirmed and death rate were 16.6K/m and 196/m .
8/19/2020	585,454	10,517	457,600	32,937	
8/23/2020	603,025	11,801	460,312	32,961	
9/05/2020	665,382	13,696	471,267	33,073	Texas confirmed cases and death increased by 167K/m and 4.06K/m . New York confirmed and death rate were 29.6K/m and 254/m .
9/28/2020	770,230	15,861	489,864	33,215	
10/18/2020	867,751	17,554	519,783	33,477	Texas confirmed cases and death increased by 195K/m and 3.4K/m . New York confirmed and death rate were 59.8K/m and 524/m .
12/31/2020	1,759,131	27,898	998,524	37,868	Texas confirmed cases and death increased by 357K/m and 4.1K/m . New York confirmed and death rate were 191.5K/m and 1.8K/m .
1/22/2021	2,214,767	34,165	1,328,000	41,848	Texas confirmed cases and death increased by 596K/m and 9.0K/m . New York confirmed and death rate were 433.8K/m and 5.5K/m . (Highest confirmed cases and deaths in Texas and highest confirmed cases in New York)
1/31/2021	2,355,309	37,381 (8.4%)*	1,432,343	43,701 (9.9%)*	
Remarks	Confirmed cases were highest in January 2021	Deaths were highest in January 2021	Highest confirmed cases in the U.S.	Highest deaths in the U.S.	COVID-19 has impacted the coastal states with high GDP rating and populations

- *Percentage death in the State based on the U.S. Deaths

Period -3 (February 2021 to July 2021) (Table 7)

New York

Confirmed Cases: In August the confirmed cases were **16.6K/m** and it has increased to **433.8K/m** in January 2021, the highest confirmed cases in one year. The total confirmed cases were over 1.4 million (January 31), about 5.5% of the U.S. cases.

Death Cases: Death rate in New York has decreased In August it was 196/m. It increased to 1.8K/m in December and in January it was 5.5K/m lower than the deaths in April (Tax Month in the U.S.). Total death was 9.9% of the U.S deaths.

Texas

Confirmed Cases: Texas had its highest rate of confirmed cases of **596K/m in January 2021** (Table 4). The confirmed cases in August was **160K/m** and it has continuously increased to 596K/m. The total confirmed cases were over 2.3 million (January 31), much higher than New York and was about 10% of the U.S. cases.

Death Cases: Texas had its highest rate of deaths in January 2021 of **9.0K/m**, double the rate in July. The total death was 53,446, 8.5% of the U.S. deaths and 99% of the New York deaths.

Table 7. Comparing the COVID-19 Impact on New York and Texas During the Period-3

Date	Texas		New York		Remarks
	Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths	Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths	
1/31/2021	2,355,309	36,887 (8.4%)*	1,432,343	43,388 (9.9%)*	Texas confirmed cases and death increased by 596K/m and 9.0K/m . New York confirmed and death rate were 433.8K/m and 5.5K/m .
3/01/2021	2,663,060	44,164 (8.6%)*	1,687,343	47,946 (9.3%)*	Texas confirmed cases and death increased by 308K/m and 7.3K/m . New York confirmed and death rate were 255K/m and 4.6K/m .
3/31/2021	2,795,916	48,504 (8.8%)*	1,915,254	50,587 (9.2%)*	Texas confirmed cases and death increased by 133K/m and 4.3K/m . New York confirmed and death rate were 228K/m and 2.6K/m .
5/02/2021	2,900,829	50,518 (8.9%)*	2,095,597	52,526 (9.3%)*	Texas confirmed cases and death increased by 105K/m and 2.0K/m . New York confirmed and death rate were 180.3K/m and 1.9K/m .
5/31/2021	2,954,340	51,727 (8.5%)*	2,153,469	53,581 (8.8%)*	Texas confirmed cases and death increased by 53.5K/m and 1.2K/m . New York confirmed and death rate were 57.8K/m and 1.1K/m .
7/09/2021	3,014,085	52,755	2,177,003	54,071	Texas confirmed cases and

		(8.5%)*		(8.7%)*	death increased by 46K/m and 0.8K/m . New York confirmed and death rate were 18.1K/m and 0.4K/m .
7/31/2021	3,133,363	53,446 (8.5%)*	2,210,612	54,232 (8.6%)*	Texas confirmed cases and death increased by 46K/m and 0.8K/m . New York confirmed and death rate were 18.1K/m and 0.4K/m .
Remarks	Confirmed cases have exceeded 3 million, 10% of the Texas population	Deaths were highest in January 2021	Third highest confirmed cases in the U.S.	Second highest deaths in the U.S.	COVID-19 has impacted the coastal states with high GDP rating and populations

- ***Percentage death in the State based on the U.S. Deaths**

Vipulanandan p-q Model Predictions

The model predictions are compared to the data in Figure 3 for New York and Texas. Also, the model parameters are summarized in Table 8. Both p_2 and q_2 parameters were lower for New York compared to Texas. The Model parameter ratio q_2/p_2 was 6.7 and 1.7 for New York and Texas respectively and represents the shape of the trends for the equal time period. Also, both model parameters decreased with the increased death.

Table 8. Vipulanandan p-q Model parameters for the death predictions for Texas and New York

State	Maximum Death (Y_f)	Time for Max. Death (t_f) (months)	p_2	q_2	R^2	RMSE (Number of people)	Remarks
New York	54,127	15.5	0.15	1.0	0.5	4,615	Rate of deaths initially decreased with time and increased and then decreased again.
Texas	52,932	15.5	1.2	2.0	0.62	2395	Rate of deaths initially increased then

							decreased with time and increased again and then decreased.
Remarks	New York had the 2 nd highest number of deaths in the U.S.	Deaths over 15.5 months.	Decreased with number of deaths.	Decreased with number of deaths.	Coefficient of verification was very high and good	Represents the accuracy of the predictions	Predicted the total deaths with time very well.

Economic Impact of COVID-19

The global virus pandemic has disrupted business activities worldwide. **The** economic impact has varied across regions, and the consequences have been largely dependent on a region’s economic position.

Using survey data from the World Economic Forum’s 20th Global Competitiveness Report, this graphic showcases the economic impact of COVID-19 worldwide. This year’s survey was conducted between February and July 2020 and includes responses from 11,866 business executives across 126 economies (Ang, 2020).

The data was collected with the specific focus of contrasting the pandemic’s effects on developing economies compared to advanced economies.

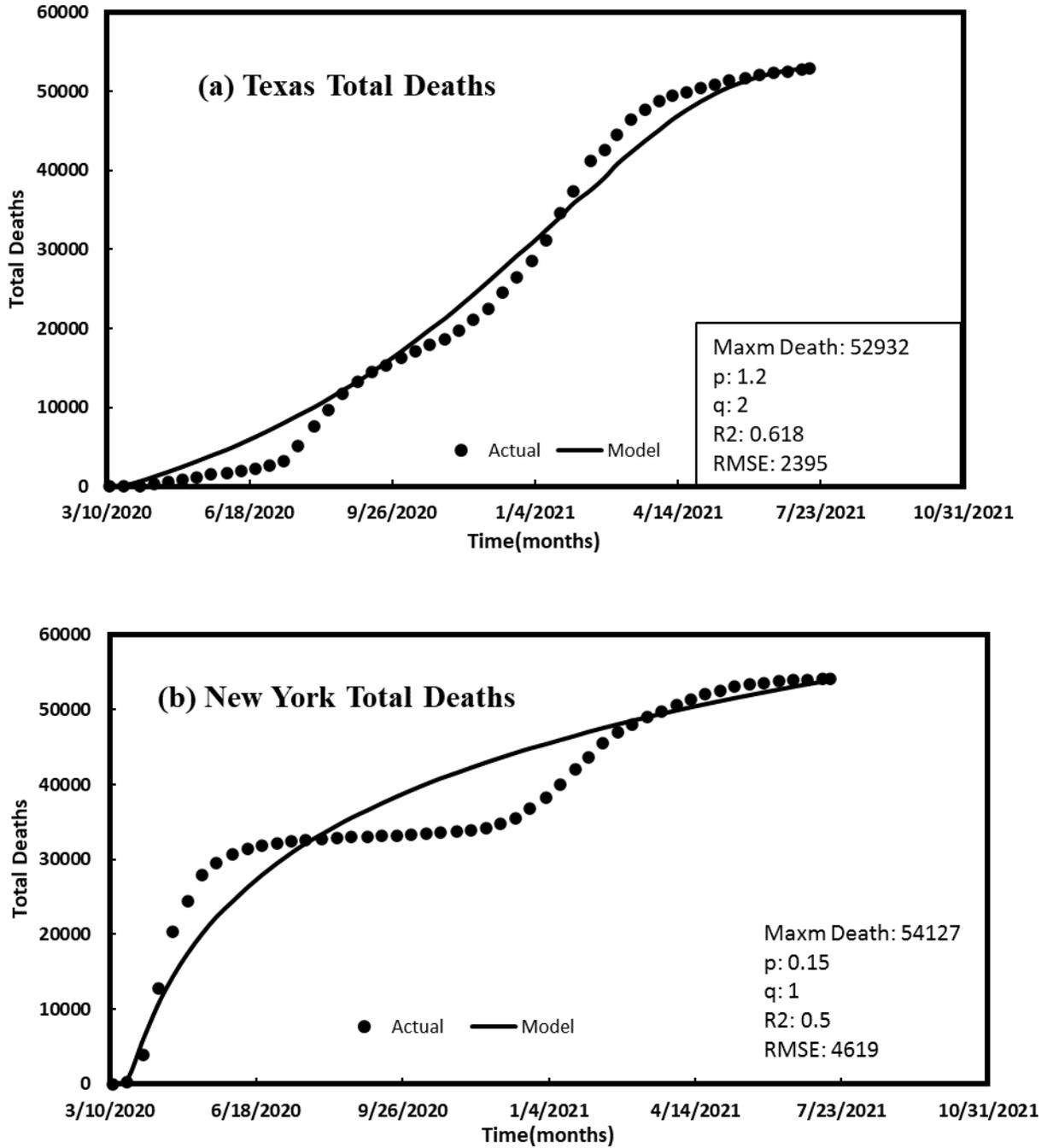


Figure 3. Vipulanandan p-q model predictions are compared to the death data (a) New York and (b) Texas

(a) Top Negative Impacts

By comparing business leaders’ responses in 2020 to their answers over the last three years, some clear trends have emerged (Table 9).

In **advanced economies**, the top negative economic impact of COVID-19 and cyber-attacks have been a decline in competition, followed by reduced collaboration between companies and a growing challenge in finding and hiring skilled workers.

Table 9. List of Negatively Impacted Factors and Remarks

Rank	Factor	% Change (2020 vs. 3-Yr Avg)	Remarks
1	Competition in network services	-2.9%	(1). Increased use of online platforms. (2). Bigger retailers are dominating.
2	Collaboration between companies	-2.6%	(1). Less demand for goods and supplies. (2). Bigger retailers are dominating.
3	Competition in professional services	-2.3%	(1). Less demand for services. (2). Unemployment has increased.
4	Competition in retail services	-1.8%	(1). Increased use of online platforms. (2). Bigger retailers are dominating.
5	Ease of finding skilled employees	-1.5%	(1). Travel restrictions. (2). Reduce pay.
Remarks	Top 5 negative impact on the economic activities	Up to negative 3% impact.	Many factors including travel restrictions.

What’s driving this reduced competition in advanced economies?

One factor could be the increased use of online platforms. Ecommerce is heavily dominated by a select number of bigger retailers with massive boosts in their online sales, while many smaller businesses have been struggling.

While negative impacts on advanced economies are centered around market concentration and talent gaps.

It’s important to note that in the 2018 and 2019 surveys, organized crime and business costs related to crime and violence were trending downward. Because of this, the World Economic Forum suggests that we consider this year’s increase in these areas as a temporary COVID-induced setback rather than a long-term issue.

(b) Top Positive Impacts of COVID-19

Despite the struggles brought on by COVID-19, the pandemic has also triggered positive change and are listed in Table 10. In fact, business leaders perceived more positive developments this year than negative ones.

In **advanced economies**, the top positive impacts were government responsiveness to change, followed by internal collaboration within companies.

Table 10 List of Positively Impacted Factors and Remarks

Rank	Factor	% Change (2020 vs. 3-Yr Avg)	Remarks
1	Government's responsiveness to change	8.2%	(1). Increased use of online platforms. (2). Impacting the commercial activities.
2	Collaboration within a company	4.6%	(1). Increased use of online platforms. (2). Job losses.
3	Venture capital availability	4.4%	(1). Reduced activities in starting companies. (2). Closing of small companies.
4	Social safety net protection	4.2%	(1). Travel restrictions. (2). Reduced potential for expansion.
5	Soundness of banks	4.0%	(1). Increased use of online platforms. (2). More interaction with the customers.
Remarks	Top 5 positive impacts	Varied from 4% to 8.2%.	Building solid foundations for future growth.

Interestingly, internal collaboration has improved while external collaboration got worse. This is likely because companies had to adapt to changing work environments, while also learning how to collaborate with one another through remote working.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

World

Economic activity, as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP), was down in year 2020 from the end of 2019 to the third quarter of 2020. The GDP was \$88 trillion in 2019 and it dropped to \$84.5 trillion on 2020, reduction of 3.3%. In 2021 the world CDP will be \$93.6 trillion, 6.4% increase over year 2019.

U.S.

Nationally, GDP remained 3.4% lower than it was at the end of 2019 following a small drop in the first quarter of 2020, a cataclysmic drop in the second quarter, and a rebound in the third quarter. Official data on the overall level of economic activity lag employment data, but through the first three quarters of 2020 the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was down for every state except Utah. The size of 49 states' economies shrunk through the first three quarters of 2020, with declines in GDP ranging from 0.2% to 8.8%.

In the first three quarters of 2020, the changes ranged from the 0.1% gain for Utah to losses of over 5% for Hawaii (8.8%), Wyoming (7.8%), New York (6.1%), Oklahoma (5.6%), and Louisiana (5.3%). Texas and California losses were 3.6% and 3.7% respectively. The 2020 GDP for U.S. was \$21.5 trillion.

In year 2021 the GDP will be \$22.06 trillion, a 2.32% increase. It will be 23.6% of the world GDP.

Texas

Texas is ranked No. 2 in the U.S. and the GDP dropped by 3.6% during the first three quarters of 2020. The Texas GDP in 2020 was \$1.82 trillion and will increase by 3.37% in 2021 to \$1.88 trillion. The GDP growth rate (annual Q4 2020-Q1 2021) was 4.3%.

New York

New York is ranked No. 3 in the U.S. and the GDP dropped by 6.1% during the first three quarters of 2020 and it correlated to the deaths in New York comparing to Texas. The New York GDP in 2020 was \$1.78 trillion and will drop by 1.13% in 2021 to \$1.76 trillion. The GDP growth rate (annual Q4 2020-Q1 2021) was 6.6%.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the COVID-19 pandemic data analyses over the past 1.5 years following conclusions are advanced:

12. United States of America is the worst impacted nation and is ranked number one in the world coinciding with the GDP ranking.
13. Confirmed cases and death rates peaked in January 2021 around the world and the U.S.A. because of COVID-19. The vaccine has reduced the rate of death in the U.S. since January 2021.
14. New York death rate peaked in April 2020 and was 21.1K/m. The Texas death rate peaked in January 2021 and was 9K/m. Texas and New York had the

highest cases per month on January 2021 which agreed with the U.S. and world trends.

15. COVID-19 had negative impact on the GDP in year 2020 around the world and also 49 states in the U.S.
16. COVID-19 virus pandemic had negative and positive impacts on the economy of the world. In advanced economies, the top positive impacts were government responsiveness to change, followed by internal collaboration within companies.

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