



Press Release

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Research Group launches dataset on “Government Responses towards COVID-19”

The CoronaNet Data Project is a research initiative composed of over 180 interdisciplinary scholars which documents government policies adopted in response to the COVID-19 virus.

The CoronaNet Research group, a collaborative endeavor of 180 interdisciplinary social science scholars, has released the first version of a dataset compiling worldwide government responses to the corona virus – on national, state and even city level. The main focus of the CoronaNet Database is to collect as much information as possible about the various fine-grained actions governments are taking to defeat the corona virus.

The data, which was generated using crowd-sourcing with reliability and validity checks, is made publicly available at www.coronanet-project.org. The data can help researchers understand among other things, the effectiveness of different measures taken, as well as what factors drive government policy towards COVID-19.

The data yields detailed information about governments’ domestic and foreign policies on, for example: among other things,

- (1) which governments at all levels (e.g. national, provincial, city/municipal) have taken policy actions against COVID-19;
- (2) what policy actions they have taken (e.g. travel bans, strengthening public health sector, information campaigns);
- (3) what geographical regions they have targeted (e.g. countries, provinces);
- (4) who or what they are targeting (e.g. foreigners, ventilators);
- (5) what the compliance mechanism is (e.g. mandatory or voluntary);
- (6) who the enforcing body of a policy is and
- (7) when the policy action was announced, implemented and where applicable, expected to end.

In an initial analysis, the international team of researchers found that countries reacted to the virus with varying degrees of speed and determination. A detailed analysis and visualization of the data can be found at www.coronanet-project.org.

About the CoronaNet Project

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