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*See you soon by our side,  
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# HOW WILL THIS PANDEMIC COVID-19 CHANGE THE WORLD ?

The Covid-19 that swept the world. Is it the ongoing biological war between China and America? Is it the accidental leakage of biological studies in Wuhan, China? Has it spread from those who eat bats and spread all over the world? Or is it a completely natural virus?

Time will show this, but the reality is the number of deaths in the world, which has exceeded 2 million and the number of cases exceeded 100 million.

As in previous centuries, this virus will also end and the world will return to new normal life, but nothing will be the same as before.

Humanity's priorities will change; at least I think it should change.

As Goethe said, »People first need their health to earn money, and then they give their money to earn their health. » This fact must change in the new normal and we must realize that there are values

more important than money.

My greatest hope after Covid-19 is that we could work and defend stronger together against the forces that drive the world to war instead of peace, to fighting between instead of living together, to evil instead of good.

The availability of the Covid-19 vaccine and the start of the worldwide vaccine campaign have given us all hope, but the "vaccine nationalism" warning from WHO worries us too.

Speaking at the closing of the 148th Executive Board meeting of WHO, Director General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus "Now the world's underdeveloped countries are watching and waiting the vaccines, while the rich countries continue to vaccinate. With each passing day, the gap between the rich and the poor of the world is getting bigger." by saying, brought this great injustice to the agenda.

**GAVI** (Global Vaccine and Vaccination Association, financed as well by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation ??), headquartered in Geneva, stated that this injustice would be prevented with the **Covid-19 Vaccines Global Access Program (COVAX)**, which aims to distribute vaccines equally, quickly and fairly to the world's 92 poorest countries.

Until the end of 2021, 2.3 billion doses of Covid-19 vaccines are planned to be distributed within the scope of COVAX. 700 million doses of them to African countries and 1.8 billion doses will be available at no cost to the governments of poor countries.

Wishing that 2021 would bring more health, more peace, more equality and more justice...

Best regards.

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## - THE FAR RIGHT WILL HAVE A REAL CHANCE?



The Dutch electoral system makes it almost impossible for a single party to win. In fact, this has been going on for over a century. Governments are always formed in coalitions, and so there are many political parties.

Although there are many parties, there are three main ideologies that prevail (Liberalism, Christian Democracy and Social Democracy), which are represented by the Liberal People's Freedom and Democracy Party (VVD), Appel Christian Democrat (CDA) and the Workers Party (PvdA).

The current government resigned over the latest taxation racist scandal with immigrants. This government was a coalition of liberal and center-right parties. The most important of these is VVD, directed by Mark Rutte as a Prime Minister. The other three government parties were CDA, Democrats 66 (D66) and Christian Union

(CU). The main opposition parties included the center-left Labor Party and the far-left Socialists and Greens.

Although the government had not collapsed after the incident, Rutte was criticized by other political parties, including members of his coalition, but he was receiving strong approval from Dutch voters, especially for her fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, it is worth remembering the increasing populist and racist trend in the country. The right-wing Populist Democracy Forum (FvD), founded in 2016, was the party that won the most seats in the 2019 provincial elections. However, some analysts believe that the far right is in retreat, as evidenced by the poor performance of the Baudet (FvD 10.96%) and Wilders (PVV 3.53%) groups in the 2019 European Parliament elections. As additional information, on November 23, 2020, FvD party chair Baudet announced that he had left his post as leader and would not be a candidate in the next election, the March 2021 election.

Another new development is that Wilders announced the party pro-

gram on January 9, 2021. The statements in the party program are as follows: In the preface, party leader Geert Wilders writes that his party is proud of its culture. They reiterate their desire to "not be convinced of racism", "to return to a country without a headscarf but with traditional Dutch comfort like the tradition of Zwarte Piet and Sinterklaas", and furthermore their desire to "de-Islamize" the Netherlands and stop the spread of "Islamic ideology".

However, with the foreign immigration that started in 1960, 1.5 million Muslims live in today's Netherlands. The number of mosques in the Netherlands has reached 500 and the Muslim population is increasing rapidly every year.

Before going through the analysis of the parties that will compete in the elections to be held in March 2021, it is necessary to mention another issue that concerns Muslims. In the Netherlands, a variety of parties that appeal to Turks and especially to Muslims has started. In addition to the Denk and Islamic Nida Parties, it was added to the Union party, led by Arnorld van Doorn.



As journalist İlhan Karaçay wrote, Arnold van Doorn was elected to The Hague City Council from Wilders' PVV Party in 2010. Not long after, he was expelled from the party in 2011 for irregularities in the budget accounts he was responsible for. Later Muslim Arnold van Doorn is now reportedly will participate in the general elections Unionist Party to be held in March in the Netherlands and is looking for support in Turkey, according to Karaçay (Arnold van Doorn Turkey increasingly International Information and Perception Association (Bilal) is under the auspices has conducted many political and cultural official visits). The result of this situation, which is incompatible with the principle

of "not being influenced by foreign countries" to which the Dutch are very sensitive, is expected with curiosity.

So, 89 parties were registered for the general elections on 17 March 2021, and the record of the previous election period was broken with the participation of 81 parties. The list includes 26 new party names, including the more established Lijst Henk Krol, the Islamic Nida party, and Ja21, founded by former far-right members of Forum voor Democratie. However, the list also includes interest groups such as EVERT! Nuchter Nederland and Blije Burgers (happy citizens). Registration does not mean that the parties

will definitely compete in March. In order to be included in the ballot, parties must additionally submit a candidate list and other supporting documents.

Finally, during our interview with Journalist Karaçay, he made the following statements: "The pandemic did not cause the parties to lose votes, on the contrary, it increased. Wilders' party is in the second position, but nobody wants to form a coalition with him. DENK is an exact equation, they get the same number of seats in my opinion. Other Islamic parties have no chance."

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## GLOBAL INEQUALITY CAUSED BY COVID-19



Coronavirus and Rising Inequality Around the world responses to the waves of the Covid-19 pandemic are explicable focused on reducing infections and fatalities. There are also relentless efforts to avoid the negative economic consequences of the outbreak, especially in relation to jobs, Productivity and growth. But the pandemic is an economic destroying ring, with inter-generational consequences. Global growth has plunged. Poverty levels are surging and inequality is ramping up in gender, ethnic minority and income level around the world. Drawing attention on health safety and fighting pandemic, the world leaders have expressed their lethargy and apathy on taking measures to reduce the currently emerged inequality from the Covid upheaval.

As well as public health crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastat-

ing impact on poverty levels and inequality. The pandemic is a boon for the ultra-rich. According to the currently published Oxfam report, it took the 1000 richest people in the world less than a year to recover their Covid-19 losses, but it may take at least a decade for billions of poor people to recover from the coronavirus-induced economic impacts. The report noted that 711 billionaires in Asia have seen their fortunes increase by \$1.5 trillion since March last year, enough to give all the 157 million people forced into poverty by Covid-19 in the region a cheque for \$9000 each. In South Asia, the poorest sub region, 101 billionaires have seen their fortunes rise by \$174 billion in the same period, enough to give the region's 93 million people, forced into poverty due to the pandemic, a cheque for \$1800 each. Besides, 610 billionaires in East Asia and the Pacific region have seen their fortunes increase by \$1.3 trillion since March, enough to give all 64 million people, forced into poverty by Covid-19 in the region a cheque for \$20,000 each.


The world's 10 richest people have seen their combined wealth rise by

half a trillion dollars since the pandemic began, more than enough to pay for Covid Vaccines for everyone and to ensure no one is pressed into poverty by the pandemic.

The Oxfam report revealed that the pandemic has created the worst job crisis in over 90 years with hundreds of million people now underemployed or out of work and among them women are hardest hit. Globally, women are overrepresented in the low-paid precarious professions that have been hardest hit by the pandemic. If women are represented at the same rate as men in these sectors, 112 million women would no longer be at high risk of losing their incomes. Women also make up roughly 70 percent of the global health care workforce- essential but poorly paid jobs that put them at greater risk from Covid-19.

The minorities are hit harder and recovering more slowly from Covid-19 induced downturn. This is true for both for workers and small businesses. Wealth inequalities reflect inequalities on other dimensions, including in respect to income where on average Black workers earn 9% and Bangladeshi





20% less than white workers in Britain.

Arranged economies are channeling wealth to rich elite who are riding out the pandemic in luxury, while those on the frontline of the pandemic- shop assistants, healthcare workers, and market vendors- are struggling to earn their subsistence. The pandemic marks a pivotal point which has exposed economic disparities and inequality. International

cooperation would be key to many changes. The IMF estimates that developing countries require \$2.5 trillion to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, and yet they have received less than \$100 billion. In order to achieve the global Sustainable Development Goal in 2030, wealthier nations should extend their hands to increase their assistance for the poor and least developed countries. History wit-

nessed that rising inequality could threaten the global peace and the stability of political systems of nations. The attention now quickly needs to ensure that we build more inclusive societies at home and abroad.

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