



Revisiting the Spanish Flu

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Spanish Flu; An introduction

- Origins and its initial spread
 - popular myth
 - Context of war and its responsibility for spreading it

An overshadowed event

- Historiography over the Spanish Flu sparse
 - World War I took the world by storm; and even long after its completion it would still be the topic of discussion
 - Only more recent outbreaks have spurred some scholarship

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Public Reaction and their present comparison

- Tucson Arizona
 - Closing the city
 - Mask mandates
 - Pressure from the public to open
 - The second wave hits

How anti masking applies today

- Why do people not wear masks?
 - Mariella Scerri and Victor Grech
- Psychology
 - Invulnerability
 - Individuality
- Solutions?
 - Changing social schemas to curb individualism

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