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1. CURRENT SITUATION

The WHO team which travelled to China in an effort to study the origin of the virus has concluded after four weeks that it is “highly unlikely” that the virus leaked from a Chinese lab. The team stated that on most issues the team did not find clear evidence one way or another. The team had advised they would be looking into the supply chain for the Seafood market in which COVID-19 transmission was first found, a theory pushed by the Chinese media and government. These supply chains, which may have brought the virus to the market via contaminated products, frozen foods, animals, or people along with many of the products often reportedly coming from South East Asia (outside of China) where China’s border is not as monitored and controlled. China is trying to shirk responsibility for the virus by providing another “suspect” for the team to investigate and for many months has pushed the theory that the virus came to Wuhan from another country via a frozen food supply chain. However, both WHO and the CDC had advised there is no evidence that the virus is transmitted via food or food packaging, reducing the possibility of transmission sources in the market which came from other places.

It is known that China controlled the mission and likely attempted to highlight what it wanted the team to see. The team was not allowed to speak to community members or do anything it had wanted to without the consent and assistance of the China government. As such, it is not believed that they were able to properly investigate this information. Furthermore, it appears that Chinese media has decided that the lack of evidence by the WHO team to show anything groundbreaking regarding the virus origins and thus has “ruled out Wuhan as the source of the pandemic”. The WHO team has clearly indicated that no clear evidence was found either way. There is no doubt China had attempted to hide and downplay the virus while it was using its United Front Workers (UFW) team to procure PPE around the world and has killed or had whistleblowers arrested for trying to tell the world about COVID-19.

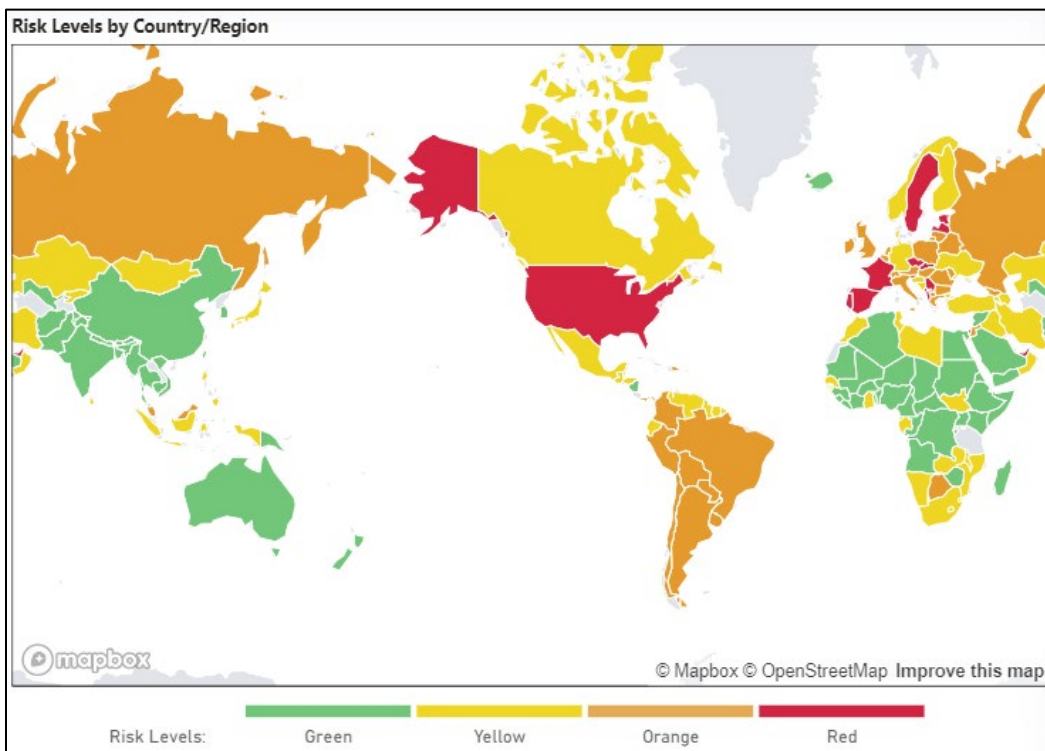
Of interest, The Biden administration, which was believed to be more China friendly than the Trump administration, has indicated that the USA will not accept the findings of the WHO team without first independently verifying them using USA intelligence and also by consulting with other allies, further commenting that “clearly, the Chinese, at least heretofore, has not offered the requisite transparency that we need and that, just as importantly, the international community needs so that we can prevent these sorts of pandemics from ever happening again”. The USA added that despite the USA rejoining WHO after Trump withdrew from it, the Biden administration has not ruled out that China exerted undue influence over the agency regarding the pandemic, and it not as friendly to the regime as first thought.

In an effort to prevent this type of occurrence, an understanding of what could have been done better with this pandemic is crucial. Despite China thinking that a transparent investigation into the origin of the coronavirus would be a mission to place blame, China’s acceptance of finding out what transpired could go a long way towards reducing the “blame” being placed on China and show that they are able to cooperate with the world on preventing a future pandemic. Until that time skeptics will see the control over the WHO inspection as an attempt to control the narrative and further fueling suspicions and mistrust of the People’s Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party.

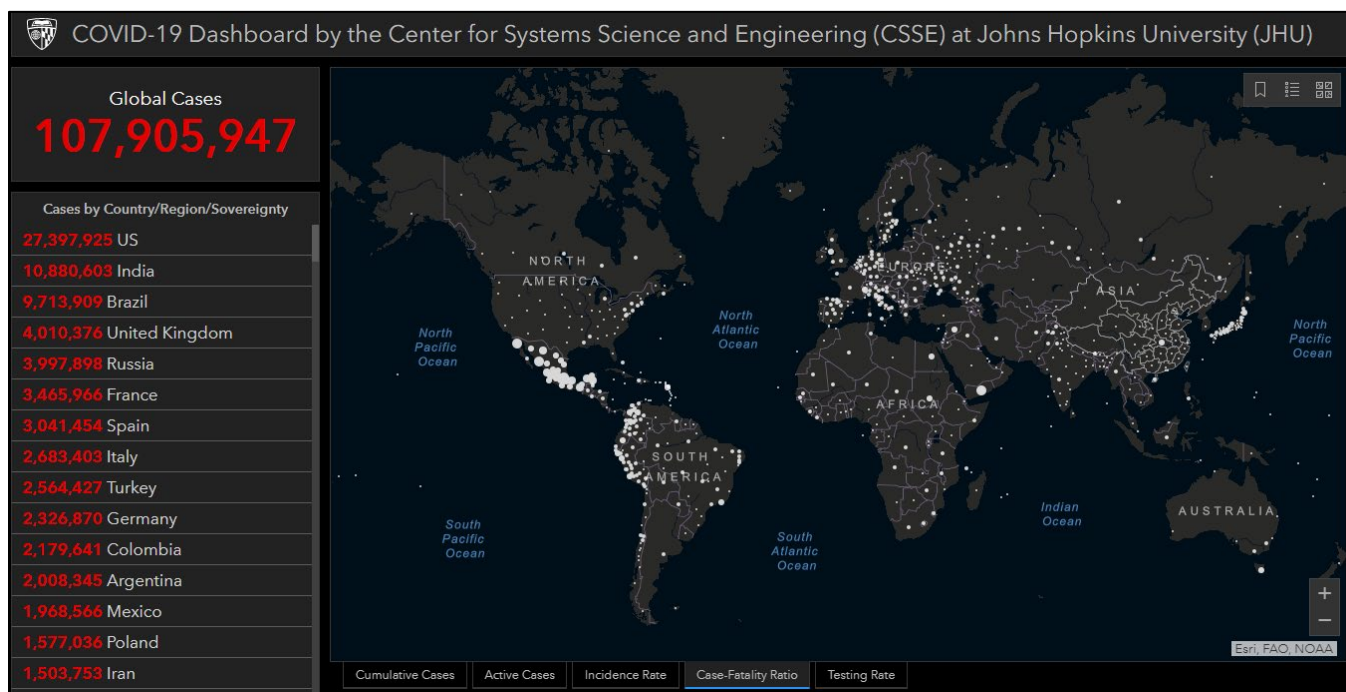
2. GLOBAL

2.1 COVID UPDATE

Country/Region	United States	Country/Region	Canada
Daily new cases per 100k people (7d moving avg.)	42.5	Daily new cases per 100k people (7d moving avg.)	11.1
Risk level	Red	Risk level	Orange
Total cases	25,989,230	Total cases	786,417
Total deaths	438,325	Total deaths	20,213



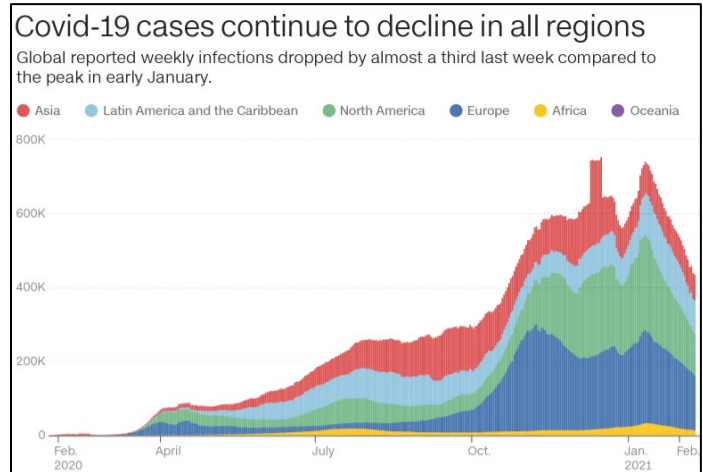
#	Country, Other	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Deaths	New Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious, Critical	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Population
	World	108,428,058	+143,576	2,381,908	+4,582	80,610,081	25,436,069	100,058	13,910	305.6			
1	USA	28,010,156	+7,916	487,171	+249	17,932,117	9,590,868	20,407	84,318	1,467	330,436,841	994,697	332,198,570
2	France	3,406,685		80,803		238,753	3,087,129	3,337	52,120	1,236	47,466,482	726,202	65,362,676
3	UK	3,998,655		115,529		2,056,261	1,826,865	3,132	58,712	1,696	80,267,452	1,178,570	68,105,802
4	Brazil	9,716,298		236,397		8,643,693	836,208	8,318	45,512	1,107	28,600,000	133,964	213,489,750
5	Belgium	733,100	+2,149	21,551	+39	50,362	661,187	303	63,086	1,855	8,778,942	755,456	11,620,726
6	Italy	2,683,403		92,729		2,185,655	405,019	2,126	44,422	1,535	35,384,786	585,775	60,406,838
7	Russia	4,042,837	+15,089	79,194	+507	3,559,142	404,501	2,300	27,696	543	106,000,000	726,161	145,973,128
8	Serbia	417,871	+1,928	4,199	+16	31,536	382,136	129	47,945	482	2,753,786	315,961	8,715,576
9	Mexico	1,968,566	+10,677	171,234	+1,474	1,528,304	269,028	4,798	15,170	1,320	5,016,163	38,656	129,765,240
10	Switzerland	540,727	+1,253	9,739	+10	317,600	213,388	225	62,198	1,120	4,674,340	537,677	8,693,588
11	Poland	1,577,036	+6,379	40,424	+247	1,330,127	206,485	1,277	41,697	1,069	9,128,691	241,366	37,820,979
12	Ireland	206,801		3,846		23,364	179,591	173	41,596	774	3,269,078	657,541	4,971,670
13	Indonesia	1,201,859	+9,869	32,656	+275	1,004,117	165,086		4,366	119	9,933,751	36,083	275,301,041
14	Iran	1,503,753	+7,298	58,809	+58	1,285,014	159,930	3,762	17,764	695	9,938,625	117,405	84,652,766
15	Germany	2,324,720	+3,505	64,772	+259	2,101,000	158,948	3,736	27,692	772	41,758,675	497,428	83,949,242



2.2 COVID-19 World News

- [Global Covid-19 cases declined 17% worldwide last week, WHO says](#)
 WHO advised on Wednesday that for four weeks in a row the global COVID-19 cases have been declining, with a 17% decline in one week. The largest number of cases came from the USA, which also saw a 19% decline

from the previous week. Other countries reporting large numbers also decreased from the previous week; Russia, Brazil, France, and the UK. Vaccines are the hope out of the crisis but with 130 countries not yet administering a single vaccine dose, and a roadblock to vaccinations include the finding that the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine, believed to be a key role in combating the pandemic in low- and middle-income countries due to its single dose and cheap transportation does not appear to be providing any more than minimal protection against mild or moderate disease.



- [Vaccine reduces spread risk even before 2nd shot, Israeli study indicates](#)

Israeli vaccination data suggests that those who have received the first dose of vaccination and have contracted COVID-19 have only about 25% of the viral load of those who have not been vaccinated at all. This is true for 12 to 28 days after the first dose of the Pfizer vaccine. The vaccine appears to reduce symptoms and likely mortality, but also may facilitate herd immunity by protecting the non-immunized via reduction of transmission overall. This study is the first of its kind to look at transmissibility of the virus by those who have been vaccinated. Despite sound methodology, the researchers did advise that the results can be impacted by a number of issues including undetected problems within the control group, impact of the new variants, or possibly have some vaccinated patients show lingering traces of COVID-19 from pre vaccine infection as opposed to infection at the time of testing. Overall, the holy grail of vaccine research is to see whether the vaccine reduces transmission and not just protects the inoculated individual, and Israel's vaccine campaign, which has seen over 38% of its population receiving at least one dose, will likely be the field experiment for such a study. In the past 30 days, 1,536 people have died in Israel from COVID-19, and 97% of them were not vaccinated. This does leave 3% of vaccinated individuals who passed away; however, it is possible these individuals may have been older and only received one of the vaccine doses.

- [‘Major stones unturned’: COVID origin search must continue after WHO report, say scientists](#)
- [German sniffer dogs detect COVID-19 with 94% accuracy](#)
- [Feeling better ‘in 2 hours’: COVID drug for critically ill starts Phase 3 trials](#)
- [Roche arthritis drug cuts deaths in hospitalized COVID-19 patients, study suggests](#)

2.3 Global Awareness

- [China Bars BBC Programs After British Ban on Chinese Broadcaster](#)

Last week, British broadcasting regulator banned the China Global Television Network (CGTN) from its airways, as it is reportedly controlled by the Chinese Community Party. In what appears to be a retaliatory measure, China has announced that it is banning the BBC from its airways after it published news that “damaged Chinese ethnic unity”. BBC is already heavily restricted in China, and the ban will only affect a very small group of people who watch the channel in its international hotels and compounds used by foreigners. Approximately a million hotel rooms play the BBC. Chinese authorities did not mention which reporting violated the Chinese

rules, but a few days earlier Chinese officials referenced a BBC report on Xinjiang, where Muslim minorities have been detained under draconian rules.

- [Iran starts producing uranium metal, upping pressure on Biden in nuclear standoff](#)

The UN nuclear watchdog agency, International Atomic Energy Agency, has advised that Iran is beginning to produce uranium metal, which is a breach of its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers. Approximately 3.6 grams of uranium metal has been produced in Iran, and at least 500 grams are required to produce the core of a nuclear weapon. Iran is saying they are producing uranium metal as advanced fuel for its research reactor. Last month, Iran has also announced that it will increase its uranium enrichment process to 20% purity from the 3.67% permitted by the deal. However, a nuclear weapon will require uranium to be enriched to 90%, a step easier to achieve from 20% to 90% than it was to achieve 3.67% to 20%. The gulf countries in the middle east, together with Western countries, are concerned that Iran is trying to build a nuclear weapon disguised as a nuclear program.

- [Germany reinstates some border controls](#)

- [Facebook is finally banning vaccine misinformation](#)

- [Lancet gives the nod to Russia's coronavirus vaccine, giving a beleaguered Putin a soft-power victory](#)

- [Iran claims secret recording about Flight PS752's destruction is fake](#)

2.4 Political Extremism, Civil Unrest and Activism

- [Myanmar ruler calls for end to protests, sanctions loom](#)

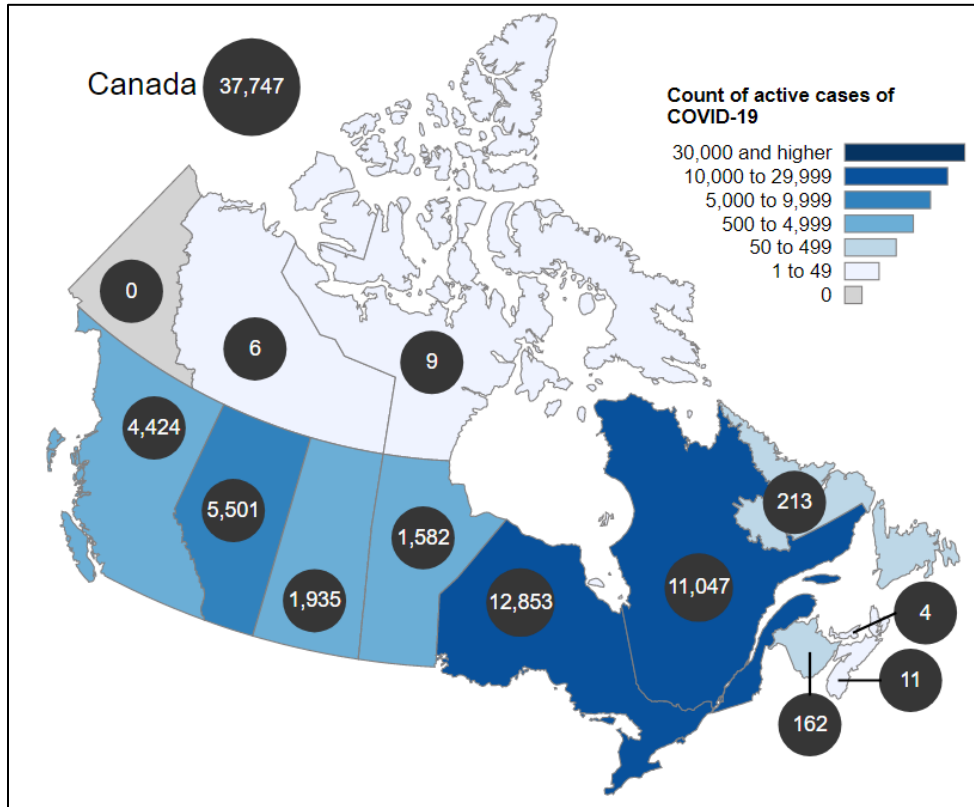
Myanmar's new military ruler has called on civil employees to return to work and stated that mass gatherings are helping spread the virus and thus should be stopped. Myanmar has been seeing a week of daily protests against the military's coup which saw the elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi detained by the military. The USA has now announced that it will impose sanctions on Myanmar's military due to the coup.


- ["Face control": Russian police go digital against protesters](#)

A Russian demonstrator has been detained by officials on his way to an anti-Kremlin protest last month. The police informed he that he was identified by a "Face-ID" camera system which utilized his photographs from social media. The police informed him that he was being questioned as a witness in a criminal case that was opened pertaining to earlier rallies. It appears the Russian government is utilizing facial recognition technology to make preventive arrests before protests. This is one story of many where protestors are detained before or after a protest and have to speak to investigators. Moscow is full of surveillance cameras, and a facial recognition system has been put in place for the 2018 World Cup, held in Moscow, in an effort to catch wanted criminals. However, no information is known about the facial recognition system that Moscow is utilizing. The system was recently used to monitor individuals who are not self-isolating and is now being utilized against protests and activists. A new smartphone app in Russia, founded by a lawyer, contains a panic button which automatically summons a lawyer and provides instructions on how to behave if detained. The app has been downloaded almost 5,000 times and has seen over 300 requests for legal assistance.

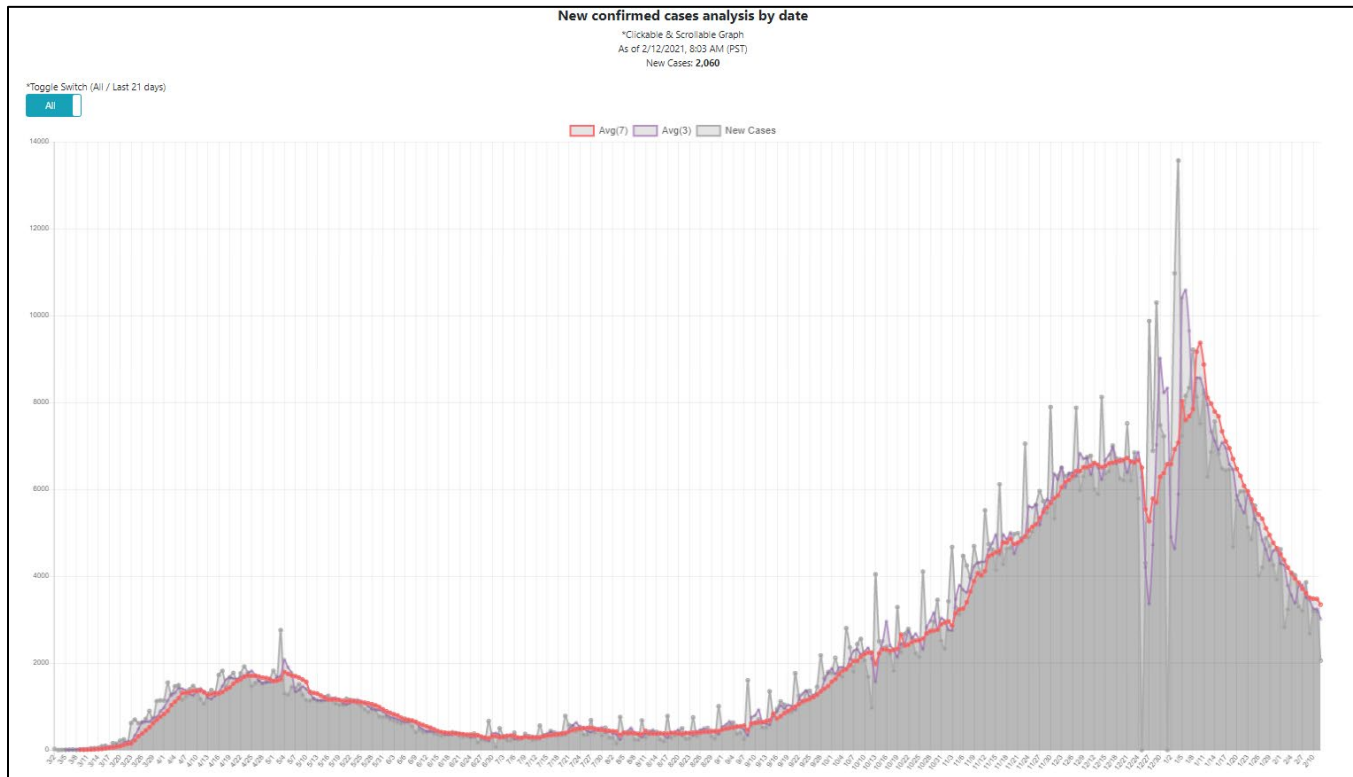
3. CANADA

3.1 COVID UPDATE



Prov.	Total Confirmed	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Active
Total	819,228 (↑2,060)	21,130 (↑42)	761,098 (↑2,765)	37,000 (-747)
BC	72,305	1,278	66,603	4,424
ON	283,587 (↑1,076)	6,632 (↑18)	264,459 (↑1,415)	12,496 (-357)
QC	274,831 (↑984)	10,173 (↑24)	254,001 (↑1,350)	10,657 (-390)
AB	127,921	1,744	120,676	5,501
MB	30,507	862	28,063	1,582
NB	1,377	22	1,193	162
SK	25,957	348	23,674	1,935
PEI	114	0	110	4
NL	610	4	393	213
NS	1,590	65	1,514	11
YT	70	1	69	0
NT	43	0	37	6
NU	303	1	293	9
 Rate of change	↑ 0.3%	↑ 0.2%	↑ 0.4%	-2.0%

Prov.	Total Test	Total Waiting	Total Hosp	Total ICU
Total	23,283,799 (+62,012)	-	-	-
BC	1,802,476	-	224	63
ON	10,268,451 (+62,012)	38,345 (-5038)	763 (-120)	295 (-4)
QC	6,185,270	-	849 (-25)	137 (-6)
AB	3,278,428	-	397	71
MB	495,715	-	92	14
NB	214,395	-	6	2
SK	535,393	-	187	19
PEI	91,817	-	-	-
NL	85,887	-	0	0
NS	298,640	-	1	1
YT	7,760	24	-	-
NT	12,953	29	0	0
NU	6,614	335	0	0
Rate of change	↑ 0.3%	-	-	-



Source: <https://www.covid-19canada.com>

3.2 COVID-19 Canada News

- [Common asthma treatment ‘cuts need for Covid-19 patients to go to hospital’](#)
A study from Oxford University has found that the drug budesonide, if given within seven days of onset of symptoms, can reduce recovery time for those with COVID-19. Inhaling prescribed budesonide, a corticosteroid sold under the brand name Pulmicort by AstraZeneca, **cuts the need for urgent care of hospitalization by 90%**, with symptoms reducing much quicker than for most. The trial was started after doctors noticed that people who had chronic respiratory disease and inhale prescribed steroids were less likely to be hospitalized for COVID-19. As vaccination efforts are not going as strongly as planned, treatments for COVID-19 will assist in reducing the load on the healthcare system, as well reduce mortality and long-term effects from the virus.
- [Man charged after allegedly displaying fake COVID-19 test at Toronto's Pearson airport](#)
A man arriving at Toronto Pearson Airport is charged with providing a false COVID-19 test to authorities. The document was not only forged but the male had a positive COVID-19 test result. As he is positive, he was taken to a hotel for his mandatory quarantine period. The man was charged with knowingly using a forged document and Public health officials found there were no additional offences under Ontario's Health Protection and Promotion Act or the Emergency Management Act.
- [Ontario postponing March Break to mid-April, says education minister](#)
Ontario's education minister has stated that the province will be postponing the March Break to April 12, as the province is trying to limit the spread of COVID-19.
- [Manitoba makes deal to buy Canadian-made COVID-19 vaccine that just started human clinical trials](#)
- [100 new COVID-19 cases as N.L. grapples with spiralling outbreak](#)
- [Hotel quarantine measures for travellers come into effect Feb. 22: sources](#)

3.3 Canada Awareness

- [Overdoses spike in small town B.C. as communities struggle for resources to tackle worsening opioid crisis](#)
BC has released its overdose death count for 2020, with just over 1,700 people dying from an illicit drug overdose. This is a 74% increase from the previous year. Furthermore, in 2020, outreach workers suggested that people applied for the CERB and utilized it to buy drugs, which may have added to the death count. A safe drug supply has been available from doctor's, but the stigma for some, especially those who are recreational users, stops them from requesting help. Since the beginning of the pandemic, BC has seen approximately 1,278 deaths from COVID-19, suggesting that another health pandemic which requires attention is unraveling in BC.
- [Newfoundland and Labrador will wait at least two more weeks for an official premier](#)
Due to the province's recent outbreak, the election will be postponed in about half of the province's ridings, which are seeing the surge in cases. In the meantime, the Liberal caretaker government will remain in place until the election can be fully held. Critics suggest that the election should be entirely postponed and not just for some of the ridings, despite the fact that campaigning will cease on Saturday.
- [Masks mess with our brain's ability to recognize faces, but research suggests there is a silver lining](#)
- [Air Canada's Air Transat Takeover Receives Government Approval](#)

3.4 Canada – Political Extremism, Civil Unrest and Activism



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During the week of 4-11 February 2021, the majority of activist activity noted by Welund in Canada took place in the government sector (37%), followed by oil and gas (16%) and transportation (14%). Critical commentary made up the majority of activity (28%), followed by letter

writing campaigns (26%).

A combination of campaign fatigue, transitioning campaigns, continued covid-19 lockdown measures, and cold weather in Canada contributed to a reduction in the number of activist actions across the country this week. Activists also welcomed a new series of victories, particularly against the Keystone XL pipeline, in the fossil banks campaign, and against new coal mines in Alberta, which will likely be the focus of environmental and climate change campaign groups in the coming weeks.

Protests: Environmental, conservation, and climate change activists welcomed the decision by the Alberta government to reinstate the 1976 Coal Policy as a victory against mining projects in the province. This followed an earlier decision to cancel 11 category-two mining permits, which was criticized by campaigners as an ‘appeasement’ strategy. Campaigners argued that while the latest decision was a step in the right direction, it will do nothing to affect non-category two mining projects that can still cause serious damage to the environment.

In solidarity with campaign groups in the US, activist groups in Canada have transitioned campaign efforts towards opposing Enbridge’s Line 3 pipeline. This week, groups focused on the ‘Defund Line 3’ campaign targeting banks and financiers of the project.

Outlook: In the wake of the perceived victory over coal mines in Alberta, campaign groups have asserted that they will continue opposition against other mining projects, seeking to capitalize on the current ‘momentum’. The Tent Mountain and Grassy Mountain projects have recently drawn attention from activists. Both were unaffected by the changes to the 1976 policy, but have been associated with other projects by anti-coal campaigners.

TD Bank and RBC have become targets of a new campaign over their financing of fossil fuel projects, especially the Line 3 pipeline. BC-based Coast Protectors has issued a call to supporters to begin organizing protests and demonstrations against the banks. Specifically, the group suggested targeting individual bank branches in a similar fashion to the 29 January ‘Fossil Banks, No Thanks!’ day of action.

Anti-lockdown activists have planned a series of protests in solidarity with small business owners across Canada over the Family Day long weekend. While some actions will follow a ‘march-and-protest’ format, others are intended to be larger and more elaborate direct actions in response to police and bylaw enforcement. For example, ‘The Line Canada’ has planned a mock-reality TV ‘underground party’ in Toronto. Organizers intend to hire “dancers and actors” and “film” the party, classifying it as a reality tv show, and allowing them to criticize the Canadian government for allowing US reality TV show ‘The Bachelor’ to film in Jasper, Alberta while still requiring the general population to continue lockdown protocols.

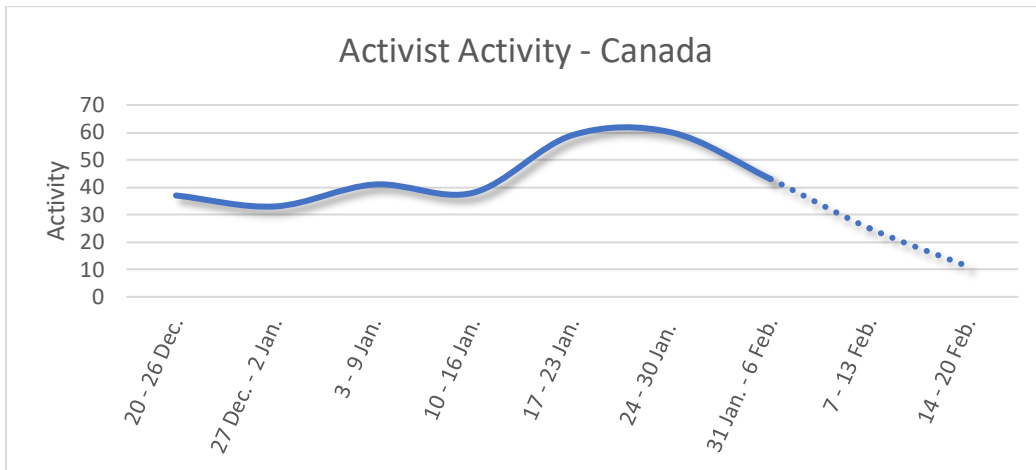


Figure 1 Total activist activity in Canada as noted by Welund.

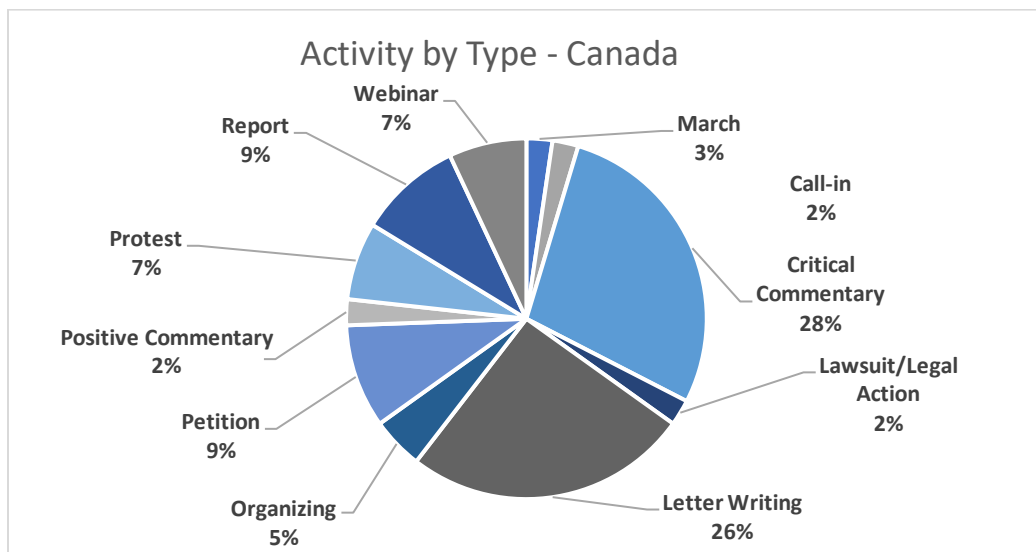


Figure 2 Activist activity in Canada by type as noted by Welund

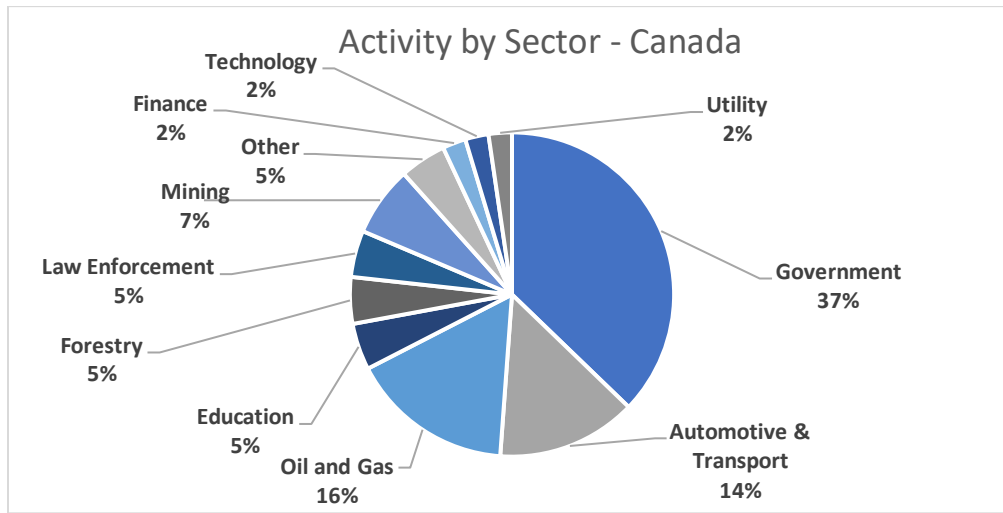
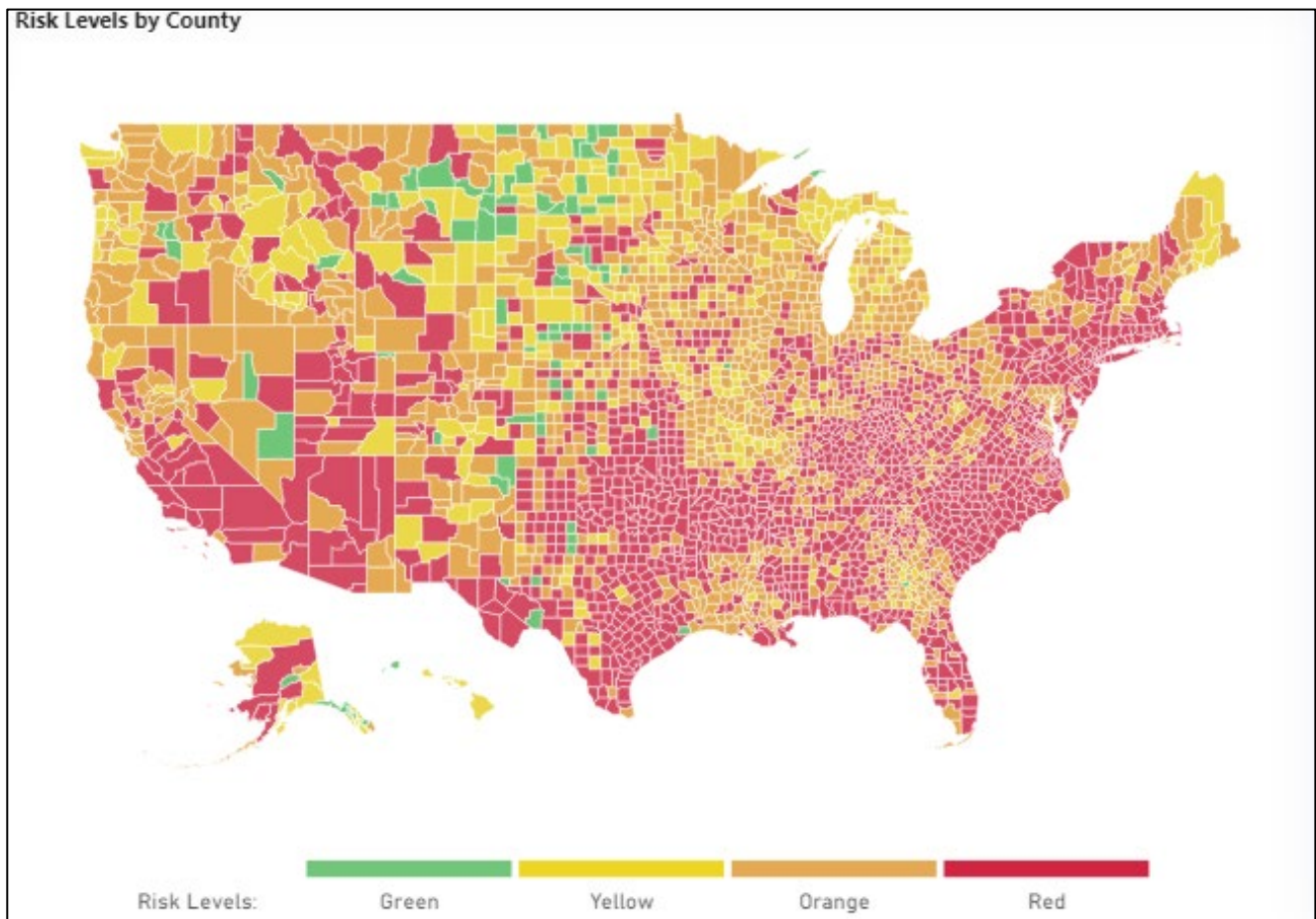


Figure 3 Activist activity in Canada by sector as noted by Welund.

4. USA

4.1 COVID UPDATE



#	USA State	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Deaths	New Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Population
	USA Total	28,010,156	+7,916	487,171	+249	17,932,117	9,590,868	84,622	1,472	330,436,841	998,291	
1	California	3,447,360		45,971		1,728,386	1,673,003	87,248	1,163	44,923,981	1,136,964	39,512,223
2	New York	1,550,615		45,633		605,178	899,804	79,709	2,346	34,311,547	1,763,767	19,453,561
3	Florida	1,806,805		28,384		964,814	813,607	84,125	1,322	20,233,767	942,081	21,477,737
4	Arizona	791,106		14,662		110,104	666,340	108,688	2,014	4,019,582	552,238	7,278,717
5	Georgia	955,085		15,513		423,811	515,761	89,955	1,461	7,223,725	680,365	10,617,423
6	Virginia	544,209	+3,191	6,966	+8	42,518	494,725	63,758	816	6,976,127	817,306	8,535,519
7	Maryland	368,977	+1,112	7,503	+36	9,559	351,915	61,032	1,241	7,388,614	1,222,131	6,045,680
8	Kentucky	384,903		4,211		45,451	335,241	86,153	943	4,252,307	951,795	4,467,673
9	Texas	2,548,975		40,777		2,221,049	287,149	87,908	1,406	21,567,143	743,800	28,995,881
10	Missouri	510,373		7,791		231,625	270,957	83,157	1,269	5,140,273	837,529	6,137,428
11	New Jersey	736,330		22,329		449,016	264,985	82,900	2,514	9,877,703	1,112,080	8,882,190
12	South Carolina	476,287		7,837		213,484	254,966	92,506	1,522	5,365,346	1,042,075	5,148,714
13	Colorado	409,683		5,781		151,055	252,847	71,141	1,004	2,478,316	430,358	5,758,736
14	Indiana	645,006		12,027		420,225	212,754	95,809	1,786	7,425,081	1,102,917	6,732,219
15	Alabama	478,667	+1,097	9,180	+159	264,621	204,866	97,624	1,872	2,329,798	475,160	4,903,185

4.2 COVID-19 USA News

- [Fully vaccinated people can skip Covid quarantines, CDC says](#)
 The USA CDC has advised that those who have been fully vaccinated for over two weeks with both doses of the vaccine are able to skip quarantine and they were exposed to someone who has COVID-19. All other precautions should continue to be followed, and if symptoms develop, the individual will have to quarantine then. This will specifically be beneficial for those in essential work positions as it will ease staff shortages.
- [New York will reopen stadiums with limited capacity](#)
 Large stadiums in New York will be allowed to reopen for sports and concerts this month, with a severely limited capacity of 10% for stadiums that may fit over 10,000 people. Venues will have to enforce COVID-19 measures including mandatory masks, social distancing and proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken 72 hours before the event.
- [About 60% of nursing home staff declined Covid vaccines, Walgreens exec says](#)
 A Walgreens pharmacy executive reported that 60% of employees and 20% of residents in long term care homes have declined the COVID-19, showcasing the extent of vaccine hesitancy and its possible long-term effects. Vaccination strategies rely on herd immunity, a concept which may not be achieved with more than half of nursing staff refusing to get the vaccine. As COVID-19 is a new virus, it is unknown what percentage of the population must be vaccinated in order to achieve herd immunity. For example, measles, a highly contagious disease, requires 95% vaccination rate. Meanwhile, polio's threshold is 80%.
- [US will not accept World Health Organization findings out of Wuhan without independently verifying](#)
- [Millions of counterfeit N95 masks distributed to health care workers in the U.S.](#)
- [Covid-19 vaccines could be available to the general public in April in the United States, Fauci says](#)

- [California surpasses New York for most COVID deaths](#)

4.3 USA Awareness

- [White House says no specific decisions on domestic air travel under review](#)
Media rumors regarding the White House looking into possible future domestic air travel restriction has been rejected by officials. Although the USA government is looking into recommendations for travel, it has not come to a specific decision regarding any additional public health measures for domestic travel. The CDC did advise last month that it is “actively looking” into expanding the mandatory COVID-19 tests to US domestic flights and began requiring a negative COVID-19 test from almost all passenger on arriving flights to the USA.
- [U.S. federal debt to exceed size of economy even before Biden stimulus is approved, CBO says](#)
The Congressional Budget Office advised that the USA federal governments total debt will exceed the size of the American economy this year. These numbers do not include President Biden’s proposed 1.9 trillion stimulus package which has yet to be voted on. The annual federal deficit is the difference calculated by what the government spends every year and how much it collects in tax, and is set to decline from the previous year when it grew due to the COVID-19 emergency measures. America’s federal debt will over all be at about 102% of its gross domestic product, just slightly increasing than the year previous.
- [Last year's unemployment benefits could cost Americans \\$50 billion at tax time](#)
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4.4 USA – Political Extremism, Civil Unrest and Activism (Provided by Welund)



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During the week of 4-11 February 2021, the majority of activist activity in the US noted by Welund took place in the government sector (54%), followed by oil and gas (15%). Protests made up most activity (47%), followed by critical commentary (8%) and webinars (7%).

Despite the ongoing impeachment trial in the US Senate, Welund has observed a notable absence in pro-Trump protests. The de-platforming of many right-wing and far-right activists in the aftermath of the riot at the US Capitol may still be contributing to less politically-motivated activism.

The Stop the Money Pipeline (STMP) coalition called on supporters to participate in its email campaign demanding that the CEOs of “18 major banks stop financing Line 3.” This is part of a larger divestment campaign targeting banks with ties to Enbridge.

Protests: Despite the pandemic, activists continue to organize in-person protests to broadcast their campaigns and demands. Many organizers have incorporated physical distancing and mask-wearing adaptations to limit the risk of gathering for protests. California, New York, and Minnesota saw the most protests this week.

There has been continued opposition, direct actions, and protests against Enbridge’s Line 3 in Minnesota. On 4 February, anti-Line 3 activists blockaded an Enbridge Line 3 fueling station in Park Rapids. The action included activists from New England who had traveled to participate in the action.

On 8 February, the Build Back Fossil Free (BBFF) campaign began its ‘week of action’, demanding that President Biden “build back fossil free” and hold him “accountable to his promises for bold climate action.”

On 11 February, MVMT Catalyst will protest at the headquarters of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Washington, DC as part of the week of action.

Outlook: Welund continues to monitor covid-19 cases across the US for indications that additional lockdown measures may inspire protests and demonstrations, similar to those that attracted nationwide media attention in April and May 2020 and those currently taking place in Canada.

On 16 February, STMP coalition will launch its ‘defund Line 3’ campaign. It will host a ‘launch party’ to provide Enbridge’s Line 3 opponents with information on “how you can get involved, from supporting the frontlines to pressuring the financial institutions into dropping Line 3.”

On 20 February, Amazon opponents will host a ‘national day of action’ in solidarity with the union vote in Alabama. Amazon workers in Bessemer, Alabama are voting to unionize at the company’s BHM1 fulfillment center. If successful, they would become the first of Amazon’s United States employees to unionize.

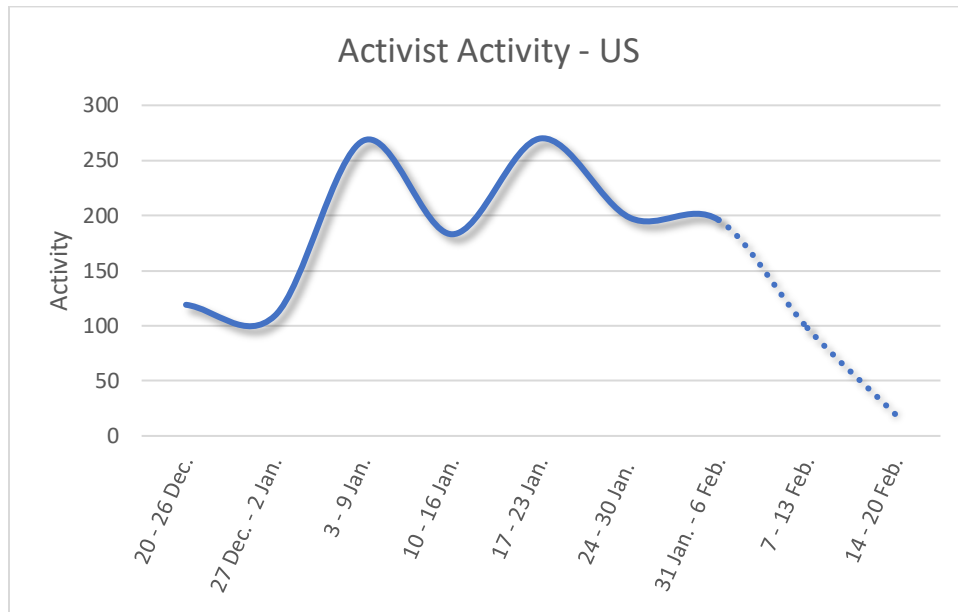


Figure 4 Total activist activity in the US as noted by Welund.

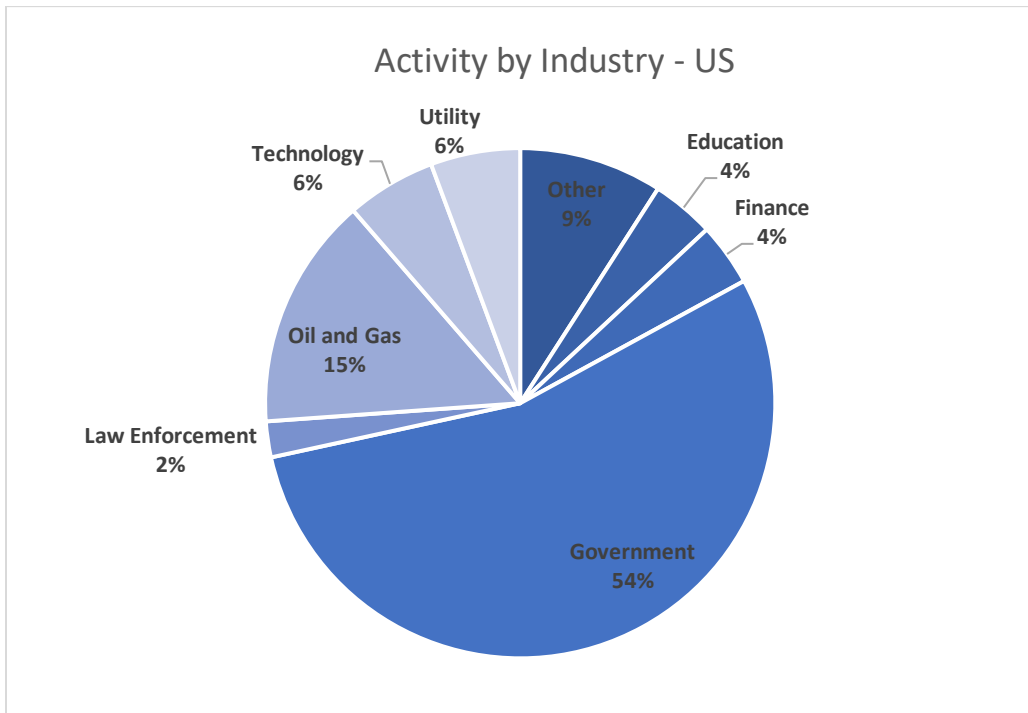


Figure 5 Activist activity in the US by industry as noted by Welund

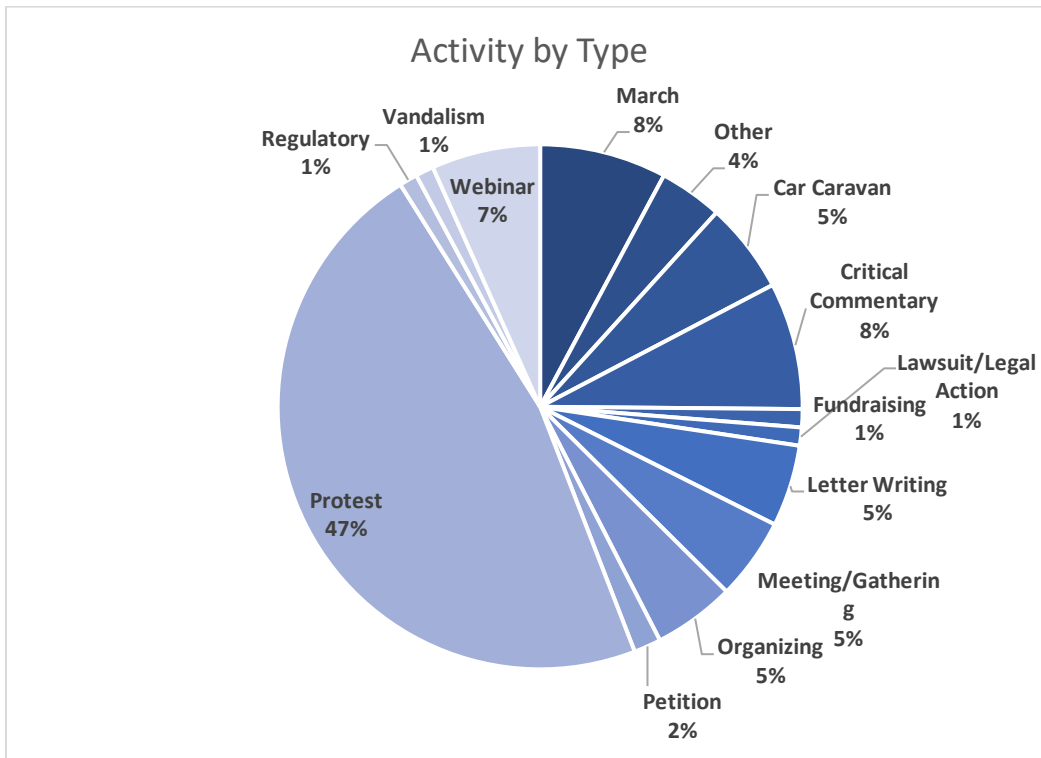


Figure 6 Activist activity in the US by type as noted by Welund.

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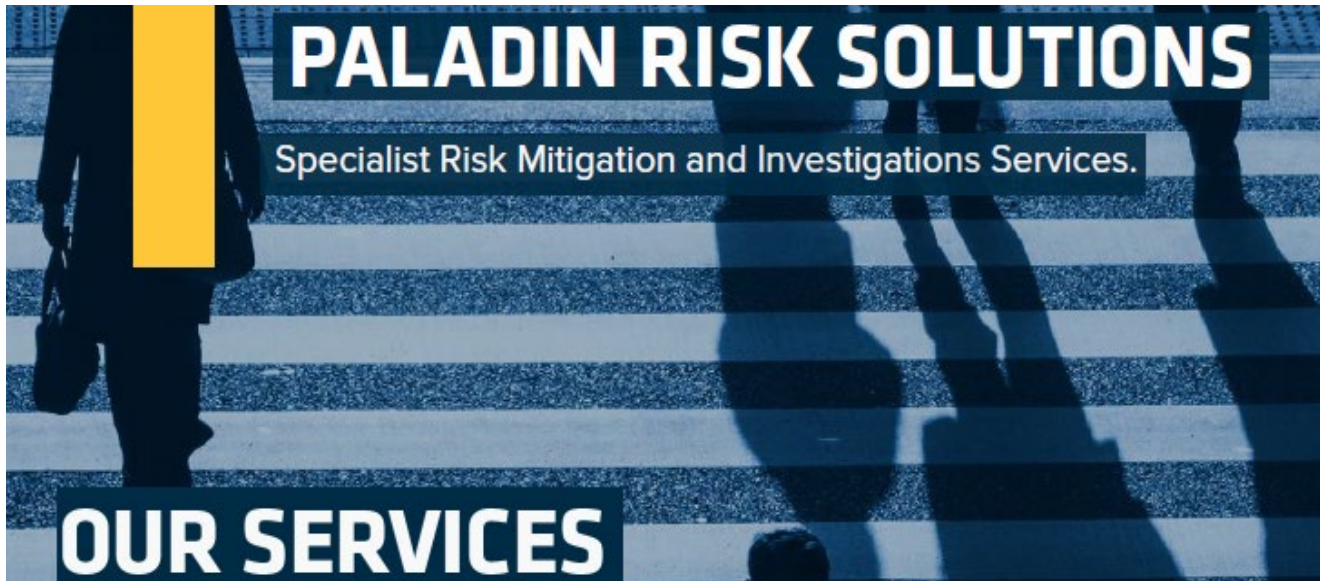


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