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On March 27, **caravans** were held across the country, responding to Bolsonaro's appeal and calling for the reopening of trade²⁵.

On March 29, Bolsonaro went through four regions of the Federal District - Ceilândia, Taguatinga, Sudoeste and Esplanada –, visiting bakeries and street vendors, gathering people around him, and defending that people keep working. He even said: "**We will all die one day**".²⁶

On March 31, Bolsonaro distorted the speech of the Director-General of WHO, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who had made an appeal for countries to deal, during the crisis of the new coronavirus, with the poorest people, who have to work to win the "daily bread". Bolsonaro stated that: "**what he said, practically, especially, with the informal, they have to work**"²⁷.

On April 1, Bolsonaro **shared fake news of shortages** in Belo Horizonte, with the caption: "It is not a disagreement between the president and SOME governors and SOME mayors. These facts

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and realities must be shown. After the destruction, it doesn't matter to point the culprits ". Later, he apologized for publishing the false news²⁸.

On the same day, **he suggested that the youngest 40 years old should infect themselves:** "The kids below 40 years old, at first, contracting the virus, will not have a problem. Now these kids, let's suppose, getting infected now, it would be a barrier in the future to not transmit the virus to the elderly. It is an account that you put on the table and you see that the measures by some governors and some mayors were excessive because they hit the the economy wheel".²⁹

On April 2, Bolsonaro shared, on his Facebook account, a citizen video that stated: "I'm here asking: **put the army on the streets, president, open the trade**". The President's comment was: "You can be sure that you speak for millions of people"³⁰.

On the same day, Bolsonaro said, regarding the Brazilian Minister of Health: "[Luiz Henrique] Mandetta wants too much to do things in his own way. Maybe he is right. It may be. But he is lacking a little more humility (...)". Bolsonaro stated: " Mandetta knows we have our clashes since a while"³¹. This is because the Ministry of Health defends the distance measures. According to official bulletin, the "Ministry of Health of Brazil assesses the national risk as very high. Thus, the Federation Units that have implemented measures of increased social distance must maintain these measures until the supply of equipment and health teams is available in sufficient quantity"³².

On April 3, Bolsonaro insisted: "**You know my position. It cannot close in that way because through this comes mass unemployment, misery, violence**".³³

National Powers share the concern about economic consequences of the crisis. The National Congress has articulated and approved measures to mitigate the socioeconomic effects of

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the emergency caused by Covid-19. Thus, it approved Legislative Decree n° 6/2020, which recognizes a state of public calamity, allowing non-compliance with fiscal targets to fund actions to combat the pandemic. It also approved Law n°. 13,982/2020, which established the payment of an emergency income of R\$ 600.00 for low-income people, limited to R\$ 1,200.00 per family - a payment that the Executive Branch has delaying to effect.

However, considering the massive lethality of Covid-19, socioeconomic concerns cannot superimpose on concerns about preserving hundreds of thousands of lives. Nor can Bolsonaro use those concerns as a pretext for irresponsibility on treating the pandemic as a minor problem, object of “fantasy” and “hysteria”, exempting himself from his responsibility as Head of Government. **The President of the Federative Republic of Brazil flirts with the risk of genocide and underestimates the possibility of death among the elderly. No citizen, furthermore a representative, can use freedom of expression for misinformation and to put the health and life of more than 200 million people at risk.**

The behavior of Jair Messias Bolsonaro regarding Covid-19 was the subject of five criminal representations at the Federal Supreme Court, under numbers PET 8761, PET 8749, PET 8746, PET 8744 and PET 8759. The latter was authored by six political parties: *Partido Democrático Trabalhista*, *Partido dos Trabalhadores*, *Partido Socialismo e Liberdade*, *Partido Comunista do Brasil*, *Partido Socialista Brasileiro* and *Rede Sustentabilidade*. They point out six crimes committed by the Head of State: danger to the life or health of others, infringement of preventive health measures, malfeasance and incitement to crime.

On April 2, Bolsonaro stated that, from today (April 6), he can determine the release of trade if governors and mayors do not relax measures to contain the new coronavirus³⁴. As the experiences of other countries and scientific data demonstrate, **this measure can cost hundreds of thousands of lives.**

The Human Rights and Minorities Committee has a statutory responsibility for receiving, evaluating and investigating complaints regarding human rights threat or violation, and for monitoring government programs related to the protection of human rights (Internal Regulations of the Chamber of Deputies, art. 32, item VIII, points a and b). Therefore, we request your

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pronouncement in order to clarify which international parameters must be obeyed and which are being disrespected in the case in question. We also request measures, within your legal competence, which can assist Brazil in this emergency moment.

Sincerely,

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Considering the relevance of social distancing measures, since Mach 12 governors and mayors have taken measures ranging from the simple closing of schools and prohibition of major events to the suspension of essential activities, such as almost all kinds of commerce and public transportation⁵.

The President, however, has encouraging people to disobey distance measures and has misinforming citizens about the seriousness of the health emergency that Brazil and the world are experiencing.

On March 7, speaking to supporters, Bolsonaro encouraged demonstrations scheduled for March 15: “The 15th now, there is a spontaneous street movement, and the political who is afraid of street movement does not serve to be political. **So participate**, it is not a movement against Congress, against the Judiciary, it is a pro-Brazil movement”⁶.

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On March 10, he said: “Obviously we have a crisis at the moment, a **small crisis**. In my opinion, the issue of coronavirus is **mainly fantasy**, it is not all that the mainstream media propagates throughout the world.”⁸.

On March 12, the Communication Secretary of the Presidency of the Republic, Fábio Wajngarten, tested positive for Covid-19. He had been on Bolsonaro's official delegation to the United States between March 7 and 10, traveling in the same plane as the President.

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National Powers share the concern about economic consequences of the crisis. The National Congress has articulated and approved measures to mitigate the socioeconomic effects of

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²⁶ https://www.correiobraziliense.com.br/app/noticia/politica/2020/03/30/interna_politica,841143/depois-de-passear-pelo-df-bolsonaro-cogita-autorizar-a-volta-ao-traba.shtml

²⁷ <https://www.brasilefato.com.br/2020/03/31/em-rede-nacional-bolsonaro-volta-a-mentir-sobre-discurso-de-presidente-da-oms>



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and realities must be shown. After the destruction, it doesn't matter to point the culprits ". Later, he apologized for publishing the false news²⁸.

On the same day, **he suggested that the youngest 40 years old should infect themselves:** "The kids below 40 years old, at first, contracting the virus, will not have a problem. Now these kids, let's suppose, getting infected now, it would be a barrier in the future to not transmit the virus to the elderly. It is an account that you put on the table and you see that the measures by some governors and some mayors were excessive because they hit the the economy wheel".²⁹

On April 2, Bolsonaro shared, on his Facebook account, a citizen video that stated: "I'm here asking: **put the army on the streets, president, open the trade**". The President's comment was: "You can be sure that you speak for millions of people"³⁰.

On the same day, Bolsonaro said, regarding the Brazilian Minister of Health: "[Luiz Henrique] Mandetta wants too much to do things in his own way. Maybe he is right. It may be. But he is lacking a little more humility (...)". Bolsonaro stated: "Mandetta knows we have our clashes since a while"³¹. This is because the Ministry of Health defends the distance measures. According to official bulletin, the "Ministry of Health of Brazil assesses the national risk as very high. Thus, the Federation Units that have implemented measures of increased social distance must maintain these measures until the supply of equipment and health teams is available in sufficient quantity"³².

On April 3, Bolsonaro insisted: "**You know my position. It cannot close in that way because through this comes mass unemployment, misery, violence**".³³

National Powers share the concern about economic consequences of the crisis. The National Congress has articulated and approved measures to mitigate the socioeconomic effects of

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https://www.correiobraziliense.com.br/app/noticia/politica/2020/04/01/interna_politica,841767/bolsonaro-sobre-fake-news-quer-me-desculpar-nao-houve-devida-quebra-shtml

²⁹ <https://oglobo.globo.com/brasil/bolsonaro-volta-criticar-isolamento-total-diz-que-governo-nao-pode-impedir-ambulantes-de-trabalhar-1-24345302>

³⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/jairmessias.bolsonaro/videos/232038091277469/>

³¹ <https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/poder/2020/04/esta-faltando-um-pouco-mais-de-humildade-ao-mandetta-diz-bolsonaro-sobre-ministro-da-saude.shtml>

³² <https://www.saude.gov.br/boletins-epidemiologicos>

³³ <https://www.facebook.com/jairmessias.bolsonaro/videos/512555746293251/>



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the emergency caused by Covid-19. Thus, it approved Legislative Decree n° 6/2020, which recognizes a state of public calamity, allowing non-compliance with fiscal targets to fund actions to combat the pandemic. It also approved Law n°. 13,982/2020, which established the payment of an emergency income of R\$ 600.00 for low-income people, limited to R\$ 1,200.00 per family - a payment that the Executive Branch has delaying to effect.

However, considering the massive lethality of Covid-19, socioeconomic concerns cannot superimpose on concerns about preserving hundreds of thousands of lives. Nor can Bolsonaro use those concerns as a pretext for irresponsibility on treating the pandemic as a minor problem, object of “fantasy” and “hysteria”, exempting himself from his responsibility as Head of Government. **The President of the Federative Republic of Brazil flirts with the risk of genocide and underestimates the possibility of death among the elderly. No citizen, furthermore a representative, can use freedom of expression for misinformation and to put the health and life of more than 200 million people at risk.**

The behavior of Jair Messias Bolsonaro regarding Covid-19 was the subject of five criminal representations at the Federal Supreme Court, under numbers PET 8761, PET 8749, PET 8746, PET 8744 and PET 8759. The latter was authored by six political parties: *Partido Democrático Trabalhista*, *Partido dos Trabalhadores*, *Partido Socialismo e Liberdade*, *Partido Comunista do Brasil*, *Partido Socialista Brasileiro* and *Rede Sustentabilidade*. They point out six crimes committed by the Head of State: danger to the life or health of others, infringement of preventive health measures, malfeasance and incitement to crime.

On Abril 2, Bolsonaro stated that, from today (Abril 6), he can determine the release of trade if governors and mayors do not relax measures to contain the new coronavirus³⁴. As the experiences of other countries and scientific data demonstrate, **this measure can cost hundreds of thousands of lives.**

The Human Rights and Minorities Committee has a statutory responsibility for receiving, evaluating and investigating complaints regarding human rights threat or violation, and for monitoring government programs related to the protection of human rights (Internal Regulations of the Chamber of Deputies, art. 32, item VIII, points a and b). Therefore, we request your

³⁴ <https://economia.uol.com.br/noticias/bbc/2020/04/02/bolsonaro-diz-que-pode-determinar-abertura-do-comercio-com-uma-canetada-semana-que-vem.htm>



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pronouncement in order to clarify which international parameters must be obeyed and which are being disrespected in the case in question. We also request measures, within your legal competence, which can assist Brazil in this emergency moment.

Sincerely,

Deputy Helder Salomão

President

Human Rights and Minorities Committee
Chamber of Deputies

Deputy Padre João

1th Vice-President

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Chamber of Deputies

Deputy Túlio Gadêlha

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Ofício 153/2020

Brasília, 6 de abril de 2020.

Ao Senhor
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Senhor Presidente,

Como é do conhecimento de Vossa Excelência, em 11 de março de 2020, a doença causada pelo novo coronavírus (COVID-19) foi caracterizada pela Organização Mundial da Saúde como uma pandemia. Em 30 de janeiro, havia sido considerada uma Emergência de Saúde Pública de Importância Internacional. Trata-se do mais alto nível de alerta previsto no Regulamento Sanitário Internacional e, conforme ponderou o Secretário-Geral da ONU António Guterres, o maior desafio da humanidade desde a Segunda Guerra Mundial. Desde 20/3 o Brasil encontra-se oficialmente em estado de calamidade pública.

Conforme informações oficiais o Brasil confirmou 11.130 casos e 486 mortes até a tarde do dia 5 de abril. Estudo do *Centre for the Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases*, porém, estima que no país apenas 11% dos casos são notificados¹. O Ministro da Saúde, Luiz Henrique Mandetta, estima que em abril o sistema de saúde brasileiro entrará em colapso². De acordo com boletim oficial de 4/4, há carência de profissionais de saúde capacitados para manejo de equipamentos de ventilação mecânica, fisioterapia respiratória e cuidados avançados de

¹ https://cmmid.github.io/topics/covid19/severity/global_cfr_estimates.html

² <https://saude.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,em-abril-o-sistema-de-saude-entrara-em-colapso-diz-mandetta,70003241718>



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enfermagem, e os leitos de UTI e de internação não estão devidamente estruturados e nem em número suficiente para a fase mais aguda da epidemia³.

Pesquisa intitulada *The Global Impact of COVID-19 and Strategies for Mitigation and Suppression*, do *Imperial College COVID-19 Response Team*⁴, considera três cenários: sem qualquer medida de mitigação; com redução do contato social; com distanciamento dos idosos; e com supressão (distância social intensiva e em larga escala). Com adoção de medidas de supressão precoce, estima-se que o Brasil terá 44 mil mortos por Covid. **Sem adoção de medidas de contenção, o Brasil pode ter mais de 1,1 milhão de mortes.**

Considerando a relevância de medidas de distanciamento social, desde 12/3 governadores e prefeitos têm tomado providências que vão desde o simples fechamento de escolas e proibição de grandes eventos até a suspensão de atividades essenciais como quase todo tipo de comércio e de transporte coletivo⁵.

O Presidente da República, porém, tem atuado no sentido de incitar as pessoas a descumprirem as medidas de distanciamento, de ironizar o risco massivo à vida e de desinformar os cidadãos sobre a gravidade da emergência de saúde que o Brasil e o mundo vivem.

Em 7/3, discursando para apoiadores, Bolsonaro incentivou manifestação marcada para o dia 15/3: “Dia 15 agora, tem um movimento de rua espontâneo e o político que tem medo de movimento de rua não serve para ser político. **Então participem**, não é um movimento contra o Congresso, contra o Judiciário, é um movimento pró-Brasil”⁶.

Em 9/3 Bolsonaro afirmou, em Miami, estar “**superdimensionado o poder destruidor desse vírus**”.⁷

³ Boletim epidemiológico COE-COVID 19, disponível em

<https://portalarquivos.saude.gov.br/images/pdf/2020/Abril/03/BE6-Boletim-Especial-do-COE.pdf>.

⁴ Disponível em Imperial-College-COVID19-Global-unmitigated-mitigated-suppression-scenarios.xlsx

⁵ <https://www.brasildefato.com.br/2020/04/01/quais-sao-as-medidas-adotadas-por-cada-estado-brasileiro-contra-o-coronavirus>

⁶ <https://oglobo.globo.com/brasil/em-evento-bolsonaro-chama-populacao-participar-de-manifestacoes-originalmente-contra-congresso-24292343>

⁷ <https://saude.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,coronavirus-esta-superdimensionado-diz-bolsonaro-em-miami,70003226601>



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Em 10/3, ele afirmou: “Obviamente temos no momento uma crise, **uma pequena crise**. No meu entender, **é muito mais fantasia** a questão do coronavírus, que não é isso tudo que a grande mídia propala ou propaga pelo mundo todo”⁸.

Em 12/3 foi confirmado que o Secretário de Comunicação da Presidência da República, Fábio Wajngarten, estava contaminado pelo Covid-19. Ele estivera na comitiva oficial de Bolsonaro aos Estados Unidos, para missão ocorrida entre 7 e 10 de março, tendo viajado no mesmo avião do Presidente.

Apesar disso, em 15/3, Bolsonaro participou de atos contra o Congresso Nacional, e teve **contato direto com ao menos 272 pessoas**.⁹ Bolsonaro nunca apresentou o laudo médico do resultado de seu exame do Covid-19. Além disso, Bolsonaro estimulou os atos – foram 38 postagens sobre o tema em um dia¹⁰ –, novamente contrariando as diretrizes contra aglomerações.

Em 17/3, Bolsonaro disse: “Esse vírus trouxe uma **certa histeria** e alguns governadores, no meu entender, eu posso até estar errado, estão tomando medidas que vão prejudicar e muito a nossa economia”¹¹.

Em 20/3, disse: “Não vai ser uma **gripezinha** que vai me derrubar”, após ser questionado da razão de ele não mostrar o resultado de seus exames.¹² No mesmo dia, tornou-se público que, das 45 pessoas que acompanharam o Presidente aos Estados Unidos, 22 tiveram testes positivos para o vírus¹³.

Em 24/3, em pronunciamento oficial em rede nacional, discursou: “(...) **Grande parte dos meios de comunicação (...) espalharam exatamente a sensação de pavor, tendo como carro chefe o anúncio de um grande número de vítimas na Itália, um país com grande número de idosos e com**

⁸ <https://www.nexojournal.com.br/expresso/2020/03/15/Bolsonaro-vai-no-protesto-contra-os-outros-e-contra-ele-mesmo>

⁹ <https://politica.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,bolsonaro-tem-contato-direto-com-ao-menos-272-pessoas-durante-ato-mostra-video,70003234397>

¹⁰ <https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/poder/2020/03/bolsonaro-deixa-isolamento-do-coronavirus-e-de-carro-participa-de-ato-pro-governo-na-esplanada.shtml>

¹¹ <https://oglobo.globo.com/brasil/bolsonaro-diz-que-medidas-de-governadores-irao-prejudicar-economia-deixar-trabalhador-fragil-para-coronavirus-24309935>

¹² <https://politica.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,depois-da-facada-nao-vai-ser-uma-gripezinha-que-vai-me-derrubar-diz-bolsonaro-sobre-coronavirus,70003241955>

¹³ <https://www.estadao.com.br/infograficos/politica,a-comitiva-presidencial-infectada-pelo-coronavirus,1084402>



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um clima totalmente diferente do nosso. (...) Devemos, sim, voltar à normalidade. Algumas poucas autoridades estaduais e municipais devem abandonar o conceito de terra arrasada, como proibição de transporte, fechamento de comércio e confinamento em massa. O que se passa no mundo tem mostrado que o grupo de risco é o das pessoas acima dos 60 anos. Então, por que fechar escolas? Raros são os casos fatais de pessoas sãs, com menos de 40 anos de idade. 90% de nós não teremos qualquer manifestação caso se contamine. (...) No meu caso particular, **pelo meu histórico de atleta**, caso fosse contaminado pelo vírus, não precisaria me preocupar, nada sentiria ou seria, quando muito, acometido de uma gripezinha ou **resfriadinho (...)**¹⁴.

Nesse pronunciamento, Bolsonaro demonstra não compreender que o isolamento vertical é inviável para um vírus letal e que tem parte expressiva da população pertencente a grupos de risco. No Brasil, 30 milhões de brasileiros são idosos¹⁵, 10% tem asma¹⁶, 13 milhões têm diabetes¹⁷ e 25% da população é hipertensa¹⁸. No país, em particular, há pelo menos outros dois problemas: a ausência de disponibilidade de testes amplos e a maior parte da população compartilhando moradias pequenas com famílias numerosas¹⁹. Bolsonaro ainda infere que a morte de idosos é aceitável.

Na ocasião ele também propagou o uso da hidroxicloroquina para tratamento da Covid-19, apesar da ausência de confirmações científicas.

Em 25/3, Bolsonaro afirmou a um jornalista: “Pô, cara, **você quer que eu faça o que? Que eu tenha o poder de pegar o idoso? É a família dele que tem que cuidar dele** em primeiro lugar. **O povo tem que parar de deixar nas costas do poder público**”²⁰. Ou seja, **Bolsonaro exime-se da sua responsabilidade como Chefe de Governo, particularmente em relação aos idosos.**

Na mesma data Bolsonaro publicou o Decreto 10.292, incluindo as atividades religiosas de qualquer natureza e as casas lotéricas como atividades essenciais, que poderiam ser mantidas

¹⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWsDcYK4STw>

¹⁵ <https://agenciadenoticias.ibge.gov.br/agencia-noticias/2012-agencia-de-noticias/noticias/20980-numero-de-idosos-cresce-18-em-5-anos-e-ultrapassa-30-milhoes-em-2017>

¹⁶ <https://www.asmabronquica.com.br/medical/epidemiologia.html>

¹⁷ <https://www.diabetes.org.br/publico/diabetes/oque-e-diabetes>

¹⁸ <https://www.saude.gov.br/noticias/agencia-saude/45446-no-brasil-388-pessoas-morrem-por-dia-por-hipertensao>

¹⁹ <https://spbancarios.com.br/04/2020/isolamento-horizontal-e-melhor-forma-de-conter-avanco-do-coronavirus>

²⁰ <https://www.poder360.com.br/governo/bolsonaro-define-que-brasil-tera-quarentena-so-para-idosos-com-comorbidade/>



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apesar das medidas de contenção da pandemia. A Justiça, em 2/4, suspendeu os efeitos desses trechos do Decreto²¹.

Em 26/3, comentando o fato de os Estados Unidos terem ultrapassado o número de casos da China, afirmou: “Acho que não vai chegar a esse ponto, até porque **o brasileiro tem de ser estudado, não pega nada. Vê o cara pulando em esgoto, sai, mergulha e não acontece nada.**”²²

No mesmo dia divulgou-se que o Governo Federal foi responsável pela confecção de campanha publicitária com o slogan “**#OBrazilNãoPodeParar**”²³, defendendo o isolamento vertical e a volta da atividade econômica. A campanha foi proibida pela Justiça brasileira²⁴.

Em 27/3 **carreatas** foram feitas por todo o país, atendendo ao apelo de Bolsonaro e pedindo a reabertura do comércio²⁵.

No dia 29/3, Bolsonaro passeou por quatro regiões do Distrito Federal – Ceilândia, Taguatinga, Sudoeste e a Esplanada –, visitou padarias e ambulantes, aglomerou pessoas em torno de si, defendeu que as pessoas trabalhem e chegou a dizer “**Todos nós iremos morrer um dia**”.²⁶

Em 31/3, Bolsonaro distorceu fala do Diretor-Geral da OMS, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, que havia feito um apelo para que os países saibam lidar, durante a crise do novo coronavírus, com as pessoas mais pobres, que têm que trabalhar para ganhar o “pão de cada dia”. Bolsonaro afirmou que “**o que ele disse, praticamente, em especial, com os informais, têm que trabalhar**”²⁷.

Em 1º/4, Bolsonaro **compartilhou fake news de desabastecimento** em Belo Horizonte, com a legenda: “Não é um desentendimento entre o presidente e ALGUNS governadores e ALGUNS

²¹ <https://www.agazeta.com.br/brasil/juiz-manda-bolsonaro-excluir-igrejas-da-lista-de-servicos-essenciais-0420>

²² <https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/poder/2020/03/brasileiro-mergulha-no-esgoto-e-nao-acontece-nada-diz-bolsonaro-ao-minimizar-coronavirus.shtml>

²³ <https://www.cartacapital.com.br/politica/em-meio-a-crise-do-coronavirus-planalto-lanca-campanha-o-brasil-nao-pode-parar/>

²⁴ <https://www.conjur.com.br/2020-mar-31/liminar-barroso-proibe-campanha-brasil-nao-parar>

²⁵ <https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/poder/2020/03/sem-sair-de-seus-carros-manifestantes-pelo-pais-atendem-apelo-de-bolsonaro-e-pedem-fim-do-isolamento.shtml>

²⁶ https://www.correiobraziliense.com.br/app/noticia/politica/2020/03/30/interna_politica,841143/depois-de-passear-pelo-df-bolsonaro-cogita-autorizar-a-volta-ao-traba.shtml

²⁷ <https://www.brasilefato.com.br/2020/03/31/em-rede-nacional-bolsonaro-volta-a-mentir-sobre-discurso-de-presidente-da-oms>



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prefeitos. São fatos e realidades que devem ser mostradas. Depois da destruição não interessa mostrar culpados". Na sequência, pediu desculpas pela publicação da notícia falsa²⁸.

No mesmo dia ele **sugeriu que os mais novos de 40 anos deveriam logo se infectar**: ""A garotada abaixo de 40 anos, a princípio, contraindo o vírus, não vai ter problema. Agora essa garotada, vamos supor, se infectando agora, ela seria uma barreira no futuro para não transmitir o vírus aos mais idosos. É uma conta que você bota na mesa e você vê que as medidas por parte de alguns governadores e alguns prefeitos foram excessivas porque atingiram a roda da economia".²⁹

Em 2/4, Bolsonaro compartilhou, em sua conta no Facebook, vídeo de cidadã que afirmava: "Eu tô aqui pedindo: **põe o Exército na rua, presidente, abra esse comércio**". O comentário do Presidente foi: "Pode ter certeza que a senhora fala por milhões de pessoas"³⁰.

No mesmo dia, Bolsonaro disse, a respeito do Ministro da Saúde brasileiro: "O [Luiz Henrique] Mandetta quer fazer muito a vontade dele. Pode ser que ele esteja certo. Pode ser. Mas está faltando um pouco mais de humildade para ele (...)". Bolsonaro afirmou: "O Mandetta já sabe que a gente tá se bicando há um tempo".³¹ Isso porque o Ministério da Saúde defende as medidas de distanciamento. De acordo com boletim oficial, o "Ministério da Saúde do Brasil avalia o risco nacional como muito alto. Deste modo, as Unidades da Federação que implementaram medidas de distanciamento social ampliado devem manter essas medidas até que o suprimento de equipamentos e equipes de saúde estejam disponíveis em quantitativo suficiente"³².

No dia 3/4, Bolsonaro insistiu: "**Vocês sabem meu posicionamento. Não pode fechar dessa maneira, que atrás disso vem desemprego em massa, vem miséria, vem violência**".³³

A preocupação com as consequências econômicas da crise é compartilhada entre os Poderes. O Congresso Nacional tem articulado e aprovado medidas que visam a mitigar os efeitos

²⁸ https://www.correiobraziliense.com.br/app/noticia/politica/2020/04/01/interna_politica,841767/bolsonaro-sobre-fake-news- quero-me-desculpar-nao-houve-devida-checa.shtml

²⁹ <https://oglobo.globo.com/brasil/bolsonaro-volta-criticar-isolamento-total-diz-que-governo-nao-pode-impedir-ambulantes-de-trabalhar-1-24345302>

³⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/jairmessias.bolsonaro/videos/232038091277469/>

³¹ <https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/poder/2020/04/esta-faltando-um-pouco-mais-de-humildade-ao-mandetta-diz-bolsonaro-sobre-ministro-da-saude.shtml>

³² <https://www.saude.gov.br/boletins-epidemiologicos>

³³ <https://www.facebook.com/jairmessias.bolsonaro/videos/512555746293251/>



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socioeconômicos da emergência causada pelo Covid-19. Assim, aprovou o Decreto Legislativo nº 6/2020, que reconhece estado de calamidade pública, permitindo o descumprimento das metas fiscais para custear ações de combate à pandemia. Aprovou, também, a Lei nº 13.982/2020, que estabeleceu o pagamento de uma renda emergencial de R\$ 600,00 para pessoas de baixa renda, limitado a R\$ 1.200,00 por família – pagamento este que o Poder Executivo tem demorado a efetuar.

Mas, considerando a letalidade massiva do Covid-19, as preocupações de caráter socioeconômico não podem ser sobrepor à preocupação com medidas para a preservação de centenas de milhares de vidas. Tampouco podem ser pretexto para o pouco caso e a irresponsabilidade de Bolsonaro a tratar a pandemia como um problema menor, objeto de “fantasia” e “histeria”, eximindo-se de sua responsabilidade de Chefe de Governo. **O Presidente da República Federativa do Brasil flerta com o risco de um genocídio e menospreza a possibilidade de óbito de idosos. Nenhum cidadão, muito menos um mandatário, pode usar a liberdade de expressão para desinformação e para colocar em situação de risco a saúde e a vida de mais de 200 milhões de pessoas.**

A conduta de Jair Messias Bolsonaro a respeito do Covid-19 foi objeto de **cinco representações criminais** perante o Supremo Tribunal Federal, de números PET 8761, PET 8749, PET 8746, PET 8744 e PET 8759. Esta última, de autoria de seis partidos políticos: Partido Democrático Trabalhista, Partido dos Trabalhadores, Partido Socialismo e Liberdade, Partido Comunista do Brasil, Partido Socialista Brasileiro e Rede Sustentabilidade. Apontam seis crimes cometidos pelo Chefe de Estado: perigo para a vida ou saúde de outrem, infração de medida sanitária preventiva, prevaricação e incitação ao crime.

No dia 2/4, Bolsonaro afirmou que, a partir a partir de hoje, 6/4, **pode determinar a liberação do comércio caso governadores e prefeitos não relaxem as medidas** para contenção do novo coronavírus³⁴. Conforme demonstram as experiências de outros países e os dados científicos, **essa diretriz governamental, se efetivada, pode custar centenas de milhares de vidas.**

A Comissão de Direitos Humanos e Minorias tem atribuição regimental de recebimento, avaliação e investigação de denúncias relativas a ameaça ou violação de direitos humanos e de fiscalização e acompanhamento de programas governamentais relativos à proteção dos direitos

³⁴ <https://economia.uol.com.br/noticias/bbc/2020/04/02/bolsonaro-diz-que-pode-determinar-abertura-do-comercio-com-uma-canetada-semana-que-vem.htm>



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humanos (Regimento Interno da Câmara dos Deputados, art. 32, inciso VIII, alíneas *a* e *b*). Por isso, solicitamos manifestação dessa digna Comissão Interamericana no sentido de esclarecer quais os parâmetros internacionais devem ser obedecidos e quais estão sendo desrespeitados no caso em questão. Solicitamos também providências, na sua alçada de competência, que possam auxiliar o Brasil nesse momento de emergência.

Atenciosamente,



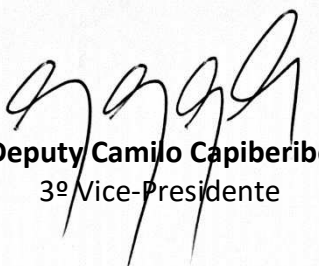
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