



Virtual Exchange

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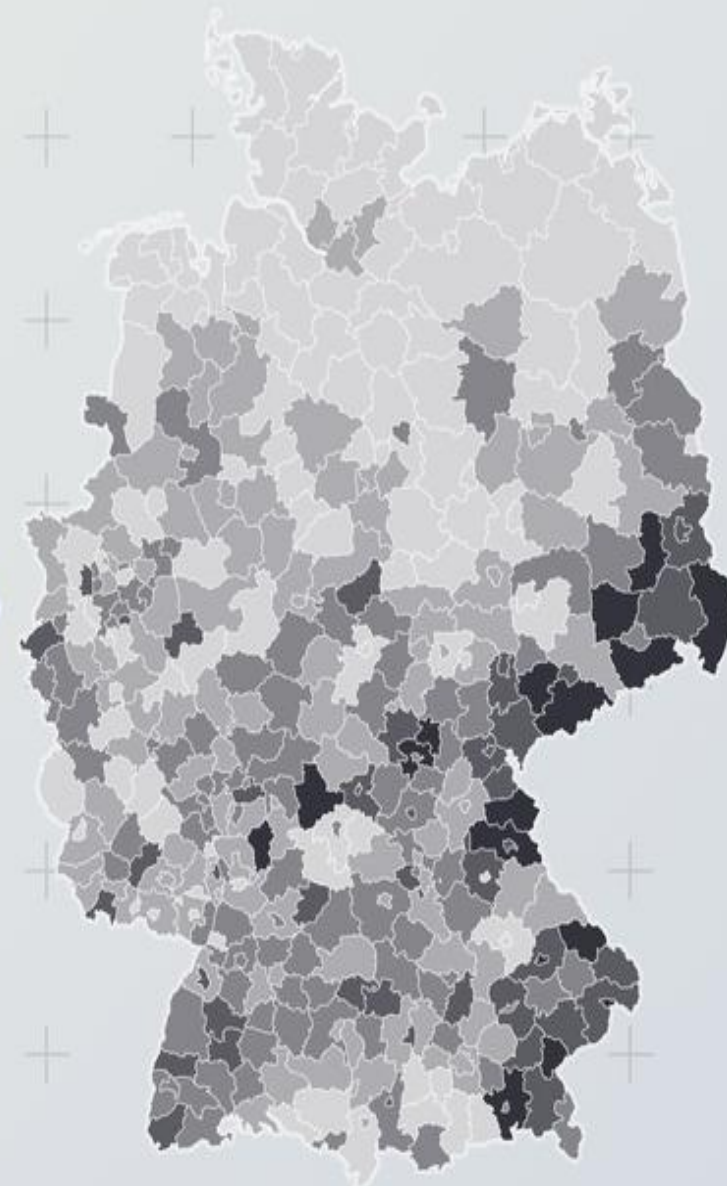
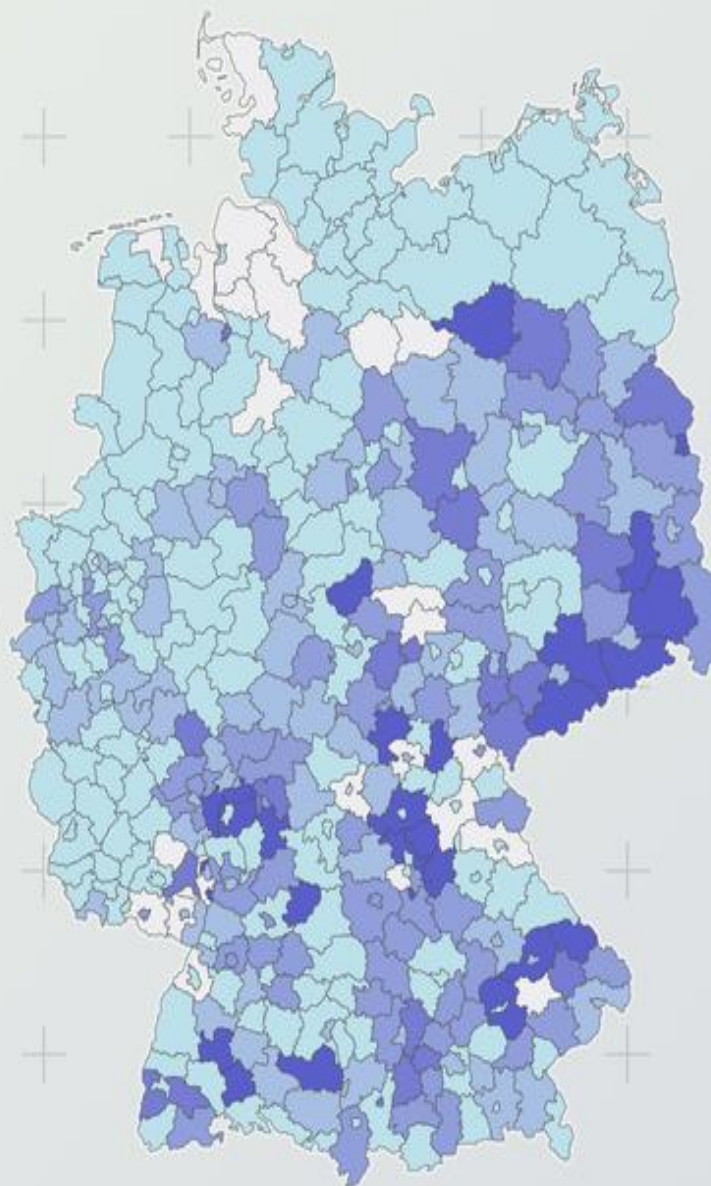
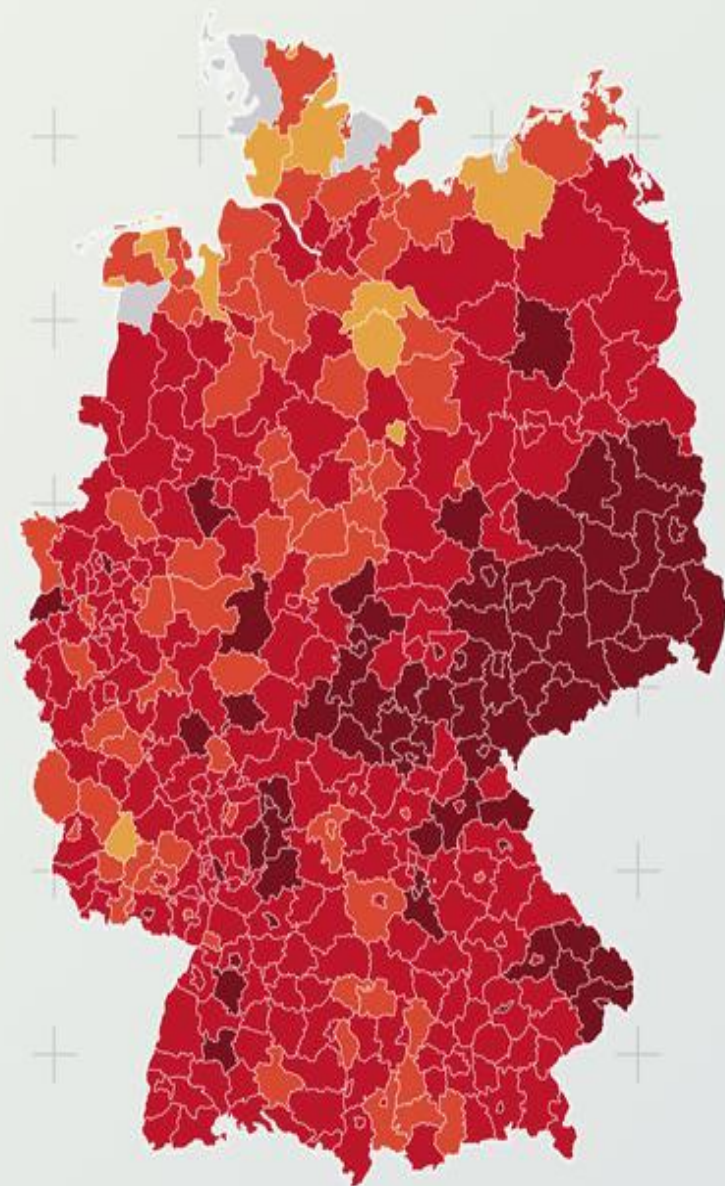
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Effects of Corona

compared to Sweden and Germany

and the whole World

Germany



When the first covid cases became known in Germany, we were not worried. We never thought of the effects the virus might have. However, the virus spread rapidly and unstoppably. It was now clear to us that Corona could become a huge problem for us. There were so many infections at one point. Urgent action had to be taken otherwise many people would die.

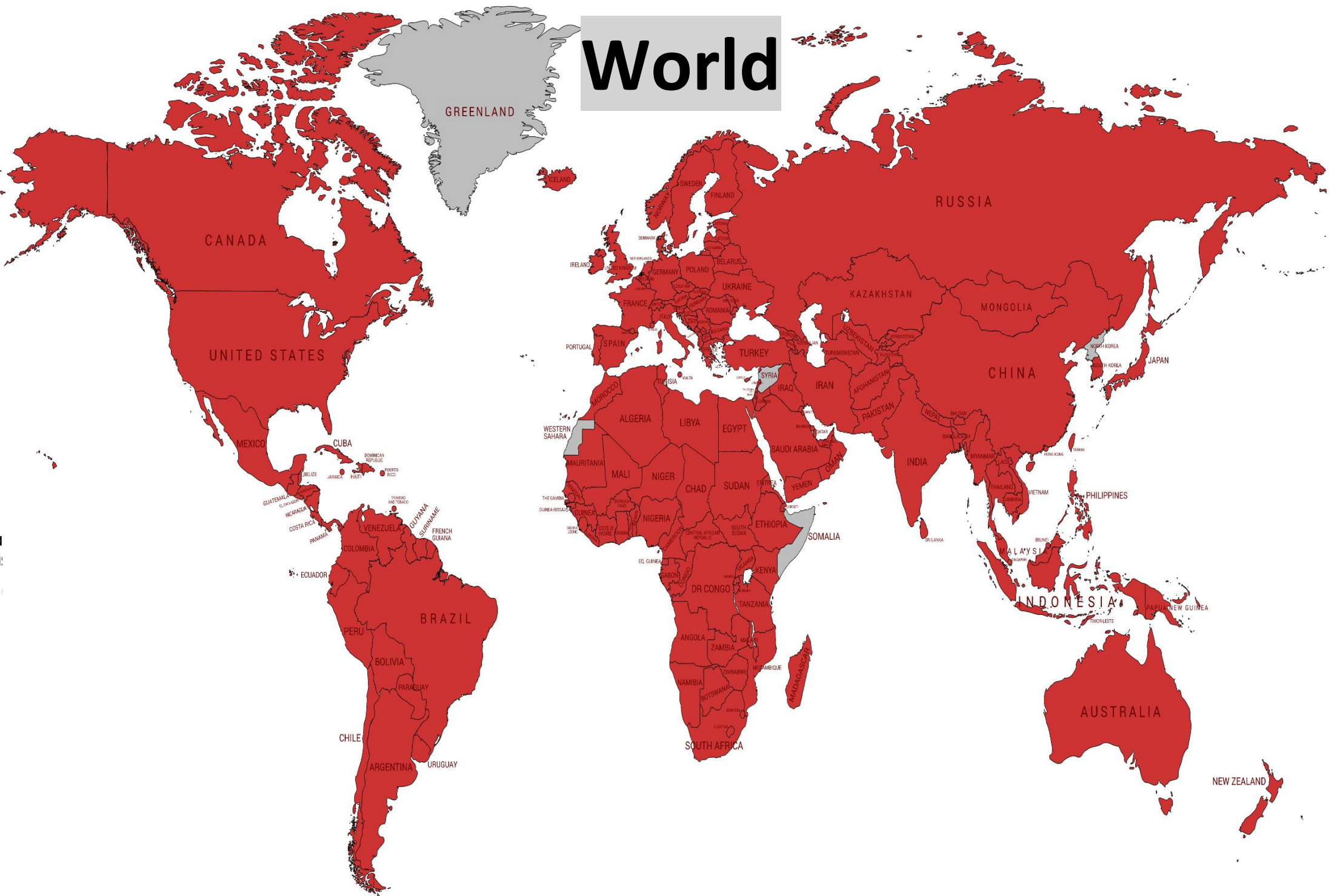
On 22 March 2020 it was time. The government decided to impose a lockdown. All public life has been shut down: Restaurants, fitness studios, schools, daycare facilities... have been closed. Obligation to wear masks and minimum spacing were also introduced. This lockdown lasted seven weeks and left its mark on us and society.

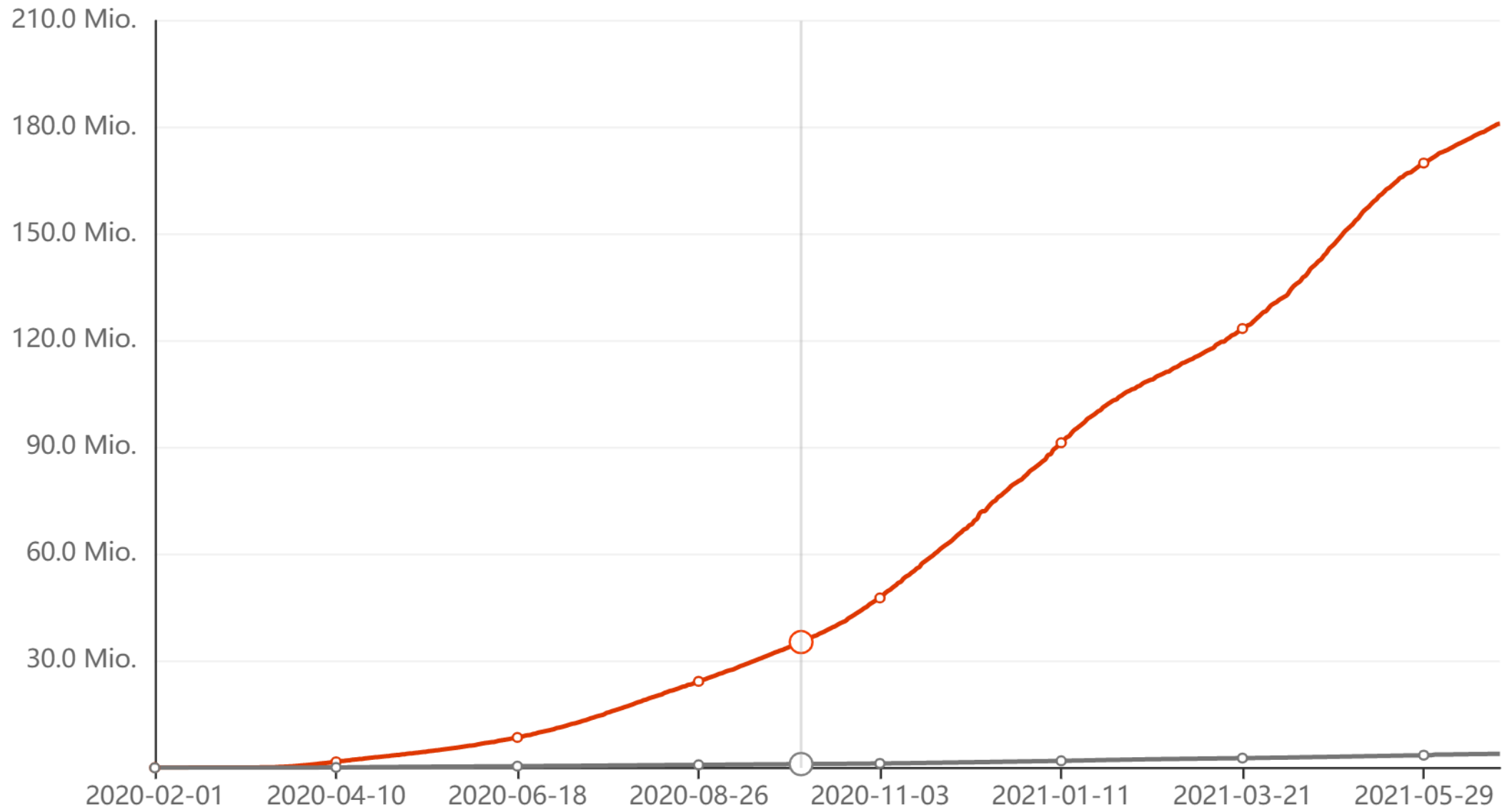
For us the lockdown was good at first, we didn't have to go to school. However, the longer the lockdown the worse we felt it. There was no way to meet friends.

The boredom became stronger and stronger and at some point it was no longer bearable. You couldn't go out, you couldn't meet with your family, because everything was shut down. Another problem, however, was the lack of teaching. At that time, there were no videoconferences. We got tasks that we had to work on independently

In the first few weeks those tasks were still being worked on. From week to week, however, fewer and fewer tasks were handed out. Motivation and self-initiative became less and less. In some subjects, like history, biology, it wasn't that dramatic. In major subjects and languages it was catastrophic. But there was one compartment that topped everything. Mathematics was the worst. We understood almost nothing and usually had to wait several hours for an answer. The answers were also mostly inaccurate and therefore unsuccessful. It became clear that the presence of math lessons is indispensable.

World





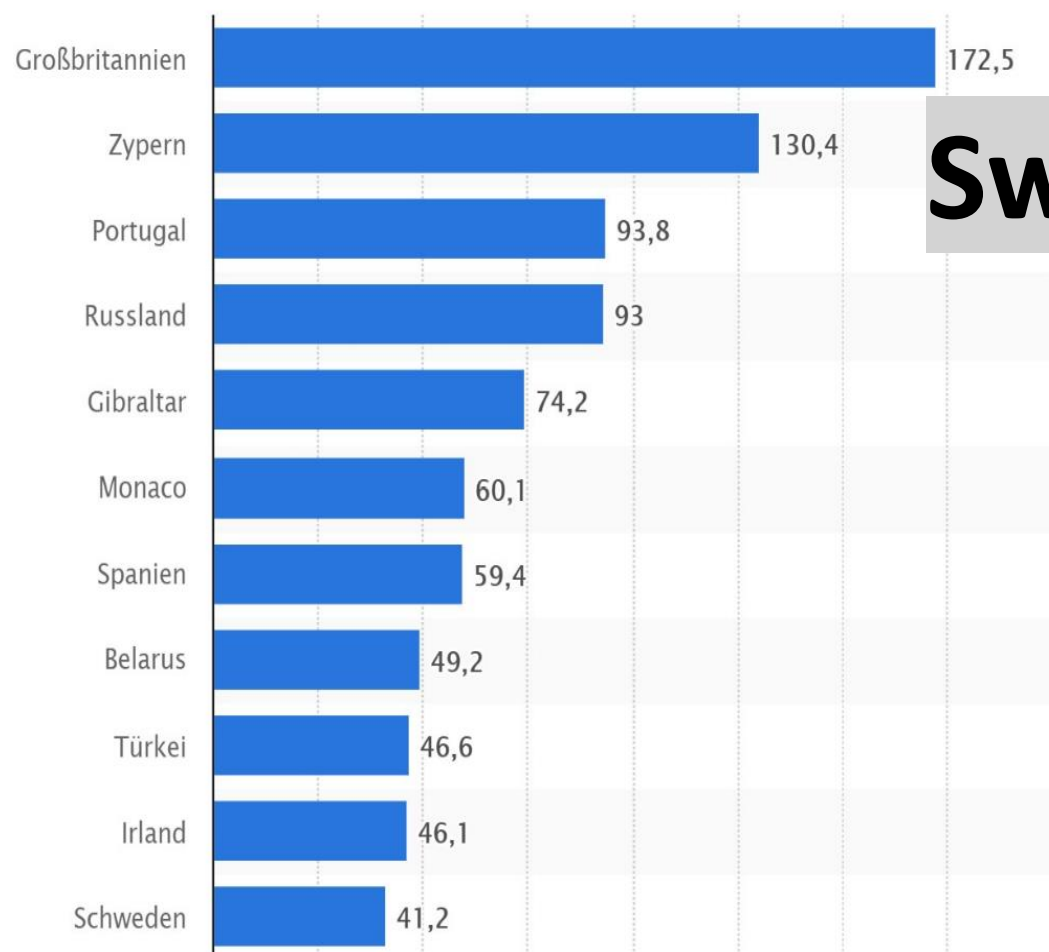
In the summer, the number of covid infected fell. For the first time there was hope for normality in sight. In August, frightening pictures from Germany shocked the majority of the population.

The Querdenker a mixed political group that not belies and denies the covidvirus. This group is made up of coronal deniers, fanatics on the right and the left, and people fighting for their freedom because the government had taken them from this path. They have banded together and protested against the covid ordinances of watering.

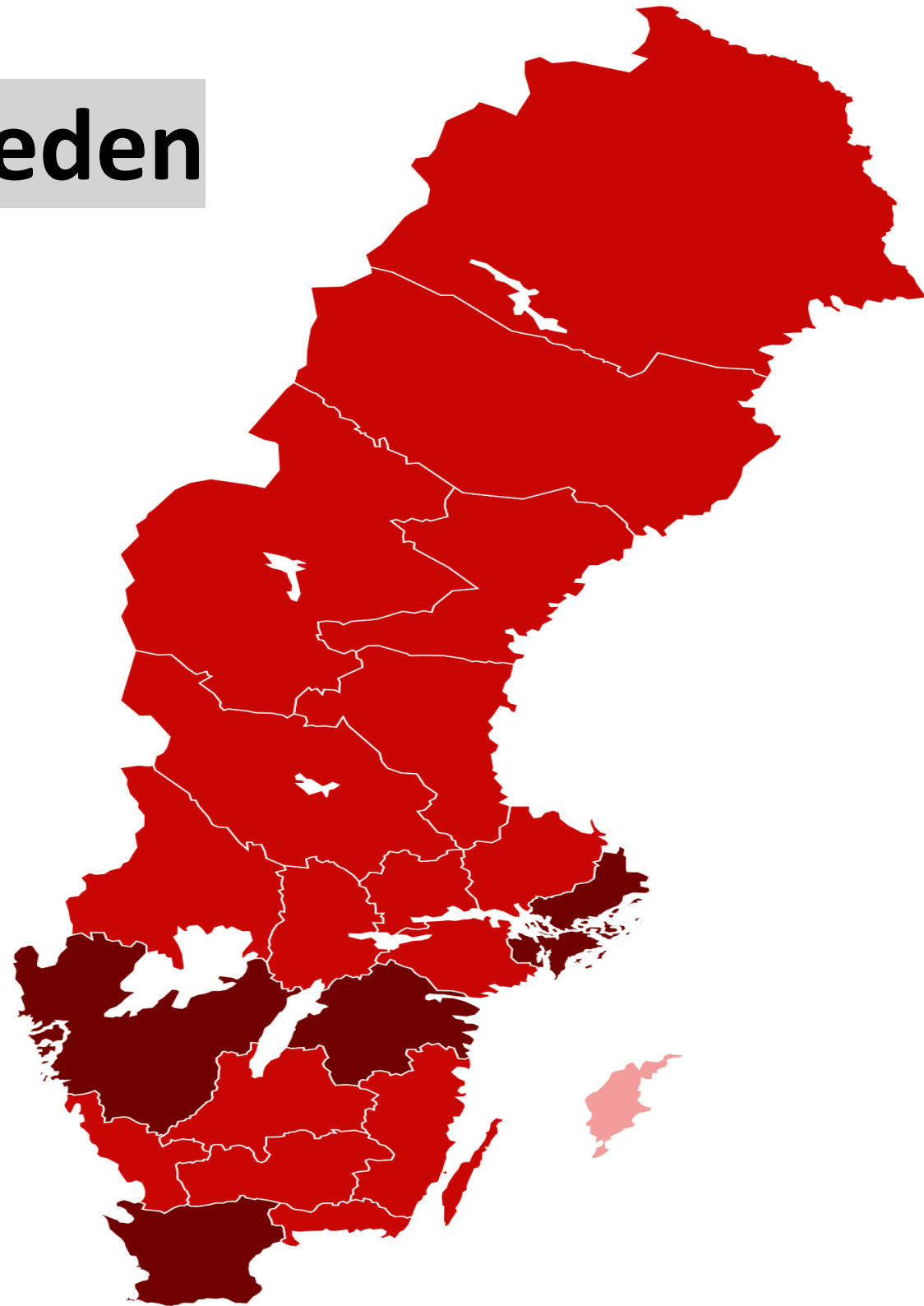
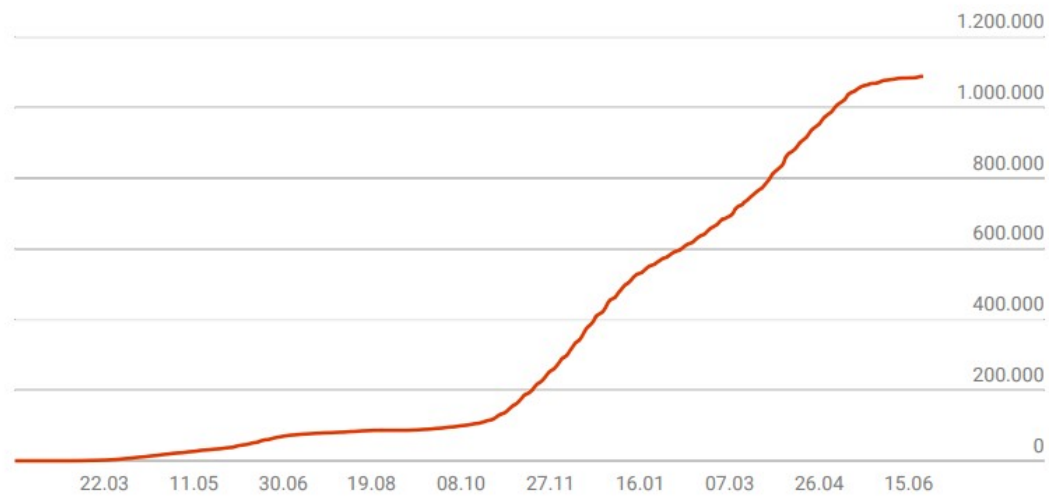
During the demonstrations there were repeated violent clashes between the police and the demonstrators. On 31 August 2020, this resistance reached its highest point. The Querdenkers tried to storm the Reichstag, but they did not succeed. This was not an isolated case. On January 6, 2021 the Capitol was stormed in the United States. By supporters of President Donald Trump, who was still in office at the time . Four people died in the process. Hundreds of people invaded the Capitol and destroyed or stole items. This is the saddest climax of the pandemic for the US so far.

The U.S. had no control about the pandemic. Soon, the US became the country with the most infected in the world. Italy and Spain were totally affected by the coronavirus. The situation was so bad that even the military had to come forward to bury the many dead. The health care system was completely exhausted. Doctors had to decide who was allowed to live or die. All of Europe was infected with Corona. Including Sweden.

Sweden



Fälle insgesamt



Sweden had chosen its own path. Unlike the other countries in Europe like France, Germany... where many regulations were ordered, in Sweden it was only recommendations that you didn't have to follow. The government relies on self-responsibility. Public life should be preserved in Sweden it was called freedom instead of lockdown.

Nevertheless, the behaviour of the Swedes has changed, they pay attention to the distance. Meetings are only possible for 2-3 persons. However, everyone can decide for themselves what they think is right. There are no controls for oral and nasal protection. Shops, restaurants, gyms and schools remain open, on the grounds that it would lead to extreme social problems. The example of Germany shows what Sweden has tried to prevent.

Germany was hit hard. Many children have to deal with massive isolation problems during the two lockdowns. They feel more and more lonely because they just can't see their friends. Other symptoms that occur not only in children commonly include headache and limb pain, depression and increased aggression. Unfortunately, the lack of compensation and the family being at home 24 hours a day also leads to an increased number of cases of domestic violence. Corona is one of the biggest economic crises of the last decade. Many people have to go on short-time work, the self-employed and artists have existential fears.

Germany promises support with payments to save the economy, they also have reduced VAT from 19% to 16%. Unfortunately, the payments are usually much too late. People can't rely on the state. At the beginning of the pandemic, Germany did not have enough masks, protective clothing and disinfectants to provide treatment for the sick. Germany and Sweden have both made mistakes. Germany's ordinances of the individual federal states caused chaos. People were scared. They're afraid of catching Corona or losing family members.

They started making huge purchases. For example, several weeks of toilet paper, canned goods and noodles were sold out. The rules were as if they were blank.

Sweden's strategy has failed, infection rates are very high ,14 thousand covid deaths, joblessness has increased dramatically and gross domestic product is as low as it was 30 years ago.The pandemic has affected the entire world, experts estimate It will take up to 15 years or more to repair the damage caused by the pandemic.

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