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Some of What We're Reading¹

From *The Irish Times*

Fintan O'Toole: [Donald Trump has destroyed the country he promised to make great again](#): “Over more than two centuries, the United States has stirred a very wide range of feelings in the rest of the world: love and hatred, fear and hope, envy and contempt, awe and anger. But there is one emotion that has never been directed towards the US until now: pity.”

From *The New York Times*

Maureen Dowd, [He Went to Jared](#): “Trump’s most defining qualities have been on display in this fight: He has been mercurial, vindictive, deceptive, narcissistic, blame-shifting and nepotistic.”

Linda Qui, [Trump’s False Claims About His Response to the Coronavirus](#): “The president inaccurately described travel restrictions he had announced, falsely blamed his predecessor for testing shortages and misstated the role Google was playing in mitigating the outbreak.”

Jennifer Senior, [This Is What Happens When a Narcissist Runs a Crisis](#): “He’s got a captive audience, an attention-addict’s dream come to life. It’s just that he, like all narcissistic personalities, has no clue how disgracefully — how shamefully, how deplorably — he’ll be enshrined in memory.”

From *The New Yorker*

Anna Russell, [The Underground Efforts to Get Masks to Doctors](#): “With supply chains gone haywire and the government doing little, ordinary citizens have organized to keep health-care workers protected.”

From *Politico*

Gary Fineout and Marc Caputo, [It's a sh-- sandwich!: Republicans rage as Florida becomes a nightmare for Trump](#). “It’s a sh-- sandwich, and it was designed that way by Scott,” said one DeSantis advisor. “It wasn’t about saving money. It was about making it harder for people to get benefits or keep benefits so that the unemployment numbers were low to give the governor something to brag about.”

From *Slate*

William Saletan, [Trump Is Doing to America What He Did to Ukraine: This time, he’s threatening](#)

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[the governors of his own country](#): “‘It’s a two-way street,’ he told Fox News on March 24. ‘They have to treat us well also.’”

From *USA Today*

Dian Zhang, Erin Mansfield, Dinah Voyles Pulver, [U.S. Exported Millions in Masks and Ventilators Ahead of the Coronavirus Crisis](#): U.S. exports of surgical masks, ventilators and other personal protective gear to China skyrocketed in January and February, when the coronavirus was wreaking havoc in the country where it began and as U.S. intelligence agencies warned it would soon spread.