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**CDC Has Focused on Wrong Priorities**

After 9/11 and the 2001 Anthrax scare, a federal plan to authorize state emergency health powers was released. Now, coronavirus has arrived.

The CDC, in charge of dealing with this disaster, had a 2019 budget of $7.3 billion. Only $2.5 billion was for infectious diseases, which included HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and seasonal flu. Just $510 million was for emerging infectious diseases, of which less than half was focused on the U.S.

The CDC has spent more than a billion dollars each year on chronic disease and lifestyle issues, like smoking and obesity, things that individuals can control unlike a virus. These are the wrong priorities for the CDC.
