

# **THE COVID-19 CRISIS AND THE EXPERIENCE OF POLIO SURVIVORS: LIFE BEFORE AND AFTER A PANDEMIC**

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[#COVID19](#) is this generation's polio. Patients have mild, moderate and severe illness

Large numbers of patients will have physical, cognitive and psychological disability post critical illness that will require longterm management

We must plan ahead

[#recovery](#) [#rehabilitation](#)

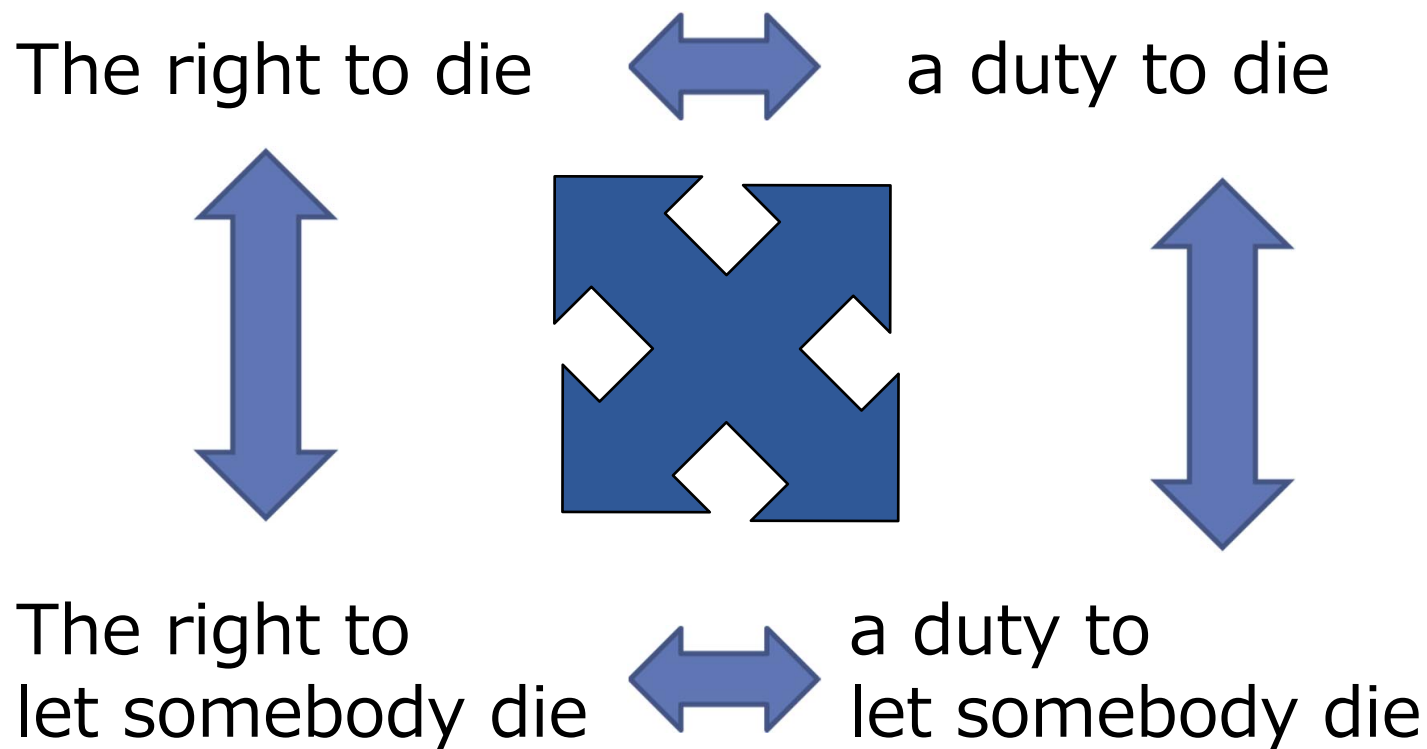
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Prof. Hart was one of the doctors that treated UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

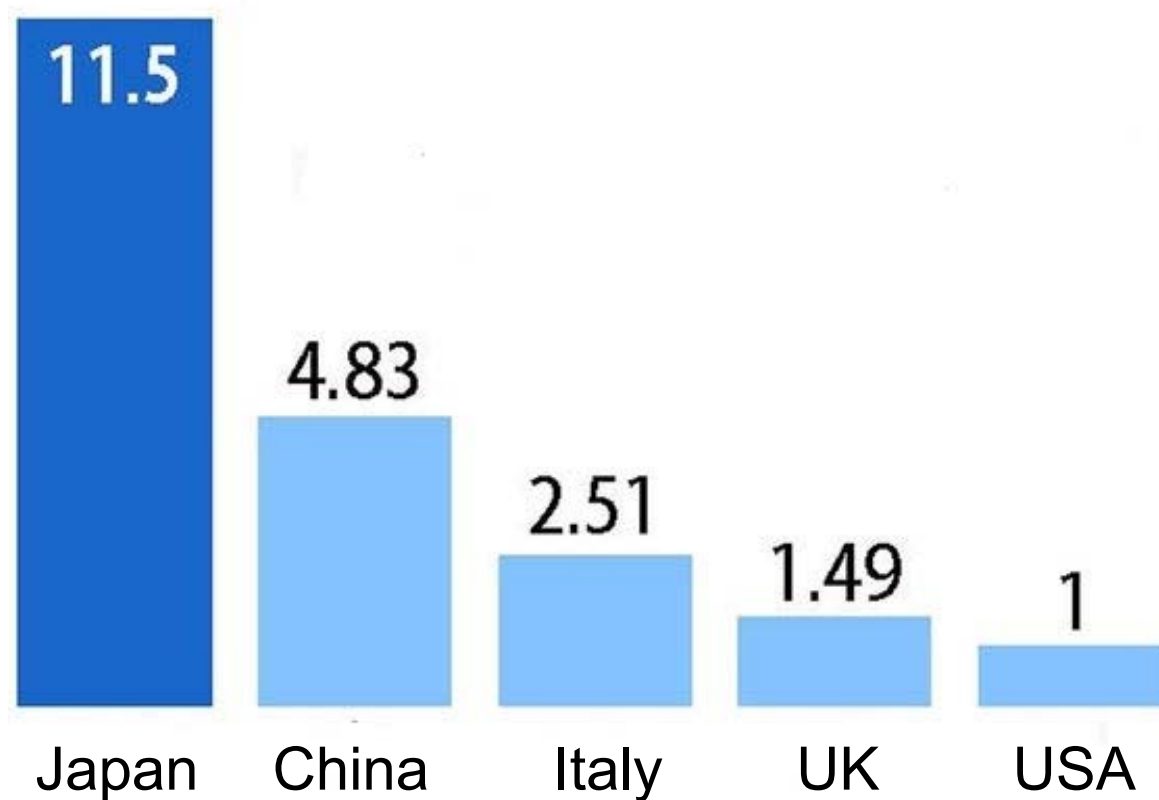
# **POLIO IS NOT A DISEASE OF THE PAST**

- Various aftereffects, both mild and severe, remain
- There are new patients and secondary infections caused by live vaccines
- Globalization is expanding the risk
- Post Polio Syndrome leads to secondary disabilities
- The number of doctors and other healthcare professionals who can treat polio and PPS has drastically decreased

## COMPLICATED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RIGHT AND DUTY



# PERCENTAGE WHO THINK “PEOPLE INFECTED WITH COVID-19 ARE SUFFERING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR OWN ACTIONS”



Survey by a research group led by Osaka University Professor Asako Miura  
Yomiuri Newspaper online  
2020.6.19



FDR was the only American President who had a severe physical disability

This statue was erected at the request of people with disabilities

With the FDR statue in Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Park (Washington DC)  
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