

Analysis of the movie “Contagion”

1. Was the pandemic caused by parasite, bacteria, or virus?
2. Where did the pathogen originate?
3. What was the main role of the WHO?
4. What was the main role of the CDC?
5. When the pandemic was first identified in the movie, what did the US government do to stop it from spreading?
6. Who is/are the protagonist(s)?
7. Other than the pathogen, are there any villains?
8. What policy or treatment succeeded in controlling the disease?
9. What agency played the biggest role in getting the disease under control?
10. What agency played the biggest role in identifying “patient zero”?
11. How did the disease jump from animals to humans?

12. How did the disease in the movie differ from COVID-19 in terms of lethality?
13. How did the disease in the movie differ from COVID-19 in terms of people at risk?
14. List one similarity between COVID-19 mitigation policies and the mitigation policies depicted in the movie.
15. List one difference between COVID-19 mitigation policies and the mitigation policies depicted in the movie.
16. Was the virus depicted in the movie from nature or was it designed in a lab? Explain:

Opinion 1 (post answer online)

What do you think was the overall goal of the movie? Do you think it served public interests, special interests, or was it just entertainment? Explain.

Opinion 2 (post answer online)

How was the blogger/journalist was depicted? How might this affect viewer attitudes towards independent media?