

## **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. What did the US government first do to stop it from spreading after the pandemic was first identified?
6. Who is/are the protagonist(s) in the movie?
7. Other than the pathogen, are there any villains?
8. What policy or treatment finally 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 tracing how the disease infected other people in Hong Kong after it infected “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. The origin of the virus is depicted in the closing scenes of the movie. Was it designed in a lab? Explain:

**Choose one opinion to answer online:**

**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 depicted? How might this depiction affect viewer attitudes towards independent media?

**For full credit, you need to also answer someone else's post!**