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Impact of Covid-19 on Political Systems

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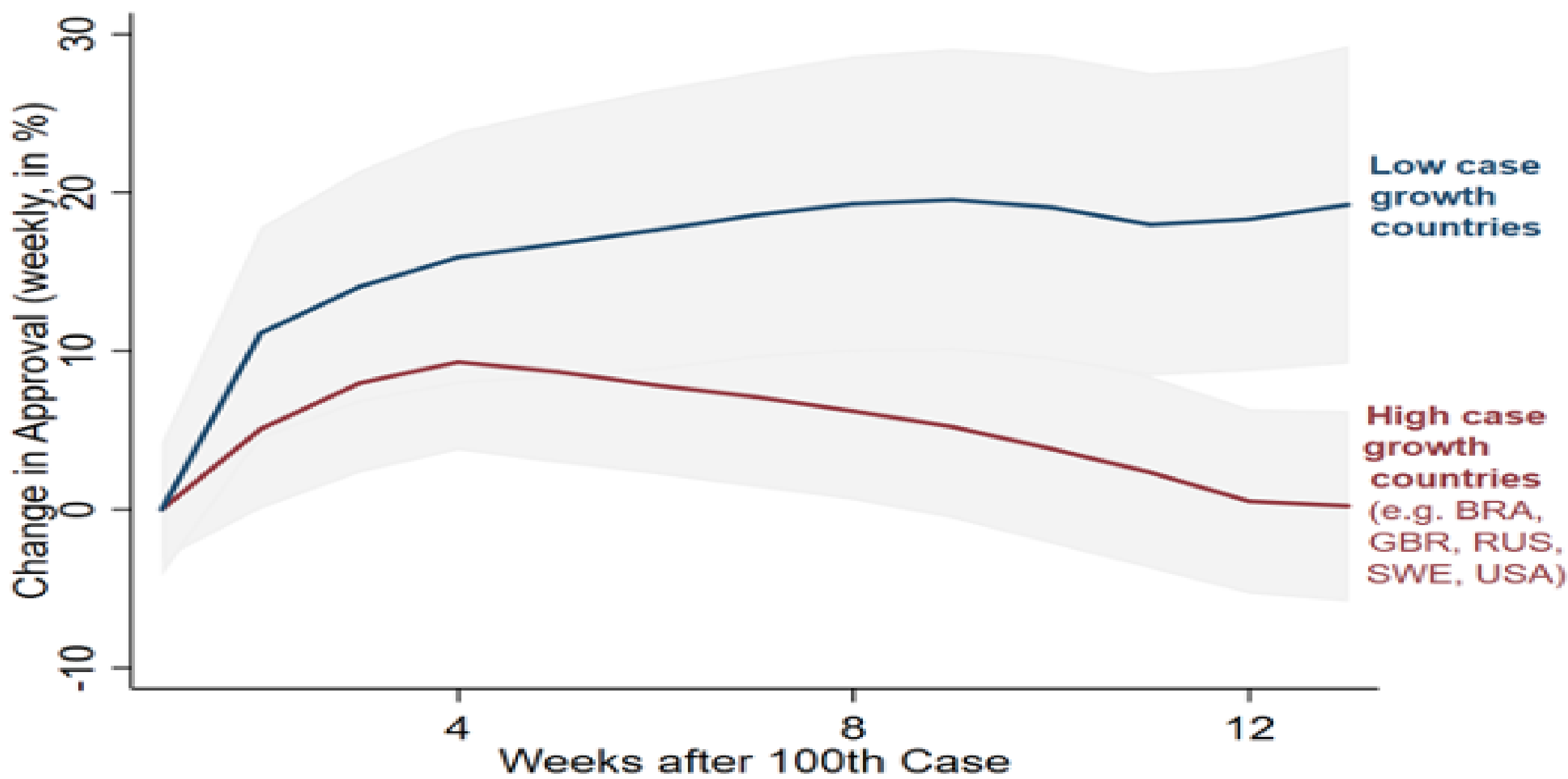
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INTRODUCTION

- The 2020 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic poses an unprecedented challenge to established democracies (Bol, Giani, Blais, & Loewen, 2020).
- Governments face an apparent trade-off between a large number of deaths and an economic shutdown (Bol, Giani, Blais, & Loewen, 2020).
- Policy responses of Governments varied from one country to another but there is no doubt that such a crisis has placed them under pressure.

GOVERNMENT APPROVAL

- The amount of covid cases in a country is related to the political approval.
- The higher the cases the lesser the approval. For example, an elected figure with a 50% approval rate before the pandemic is expected to have a weekly decline depending on the cases.
- Governments that prioritized health over short-term economic goals were rewarded with approval.



- Countries with below median case growth
- Countries with above median case growth

POLITICAL IMPACTS

- In China, there has been a great political impact that caused some small-town leaders to be dismissed due to mishandling the virus spread.
- In Nigeria, petitions were served against the officials tasked with distributing remedies to the many residents in need.
- Burns (2020) argued that President Trump's continued dishonesty and blaming of other individuals and nations for the virus had resulted in a negative ranking in American political opinion polls.

POLITICAL IMPACTS

- Governments were unable to attend international summits.
- Frequency of government meetings with cabinet decreased.
- Covid became a mean of evaluating the response and duties of government at various levels.
- Raised the amount of corruption among political officeholders and government personnel.

IMPACT ON GERMAN POLITICS

- Due to Germany's effective response to Covid, support for the chancellor has increased by 15%, leading to 68%, which adds up to a approval rate not witnessed since 2017.
- Health minister, Economic Affairs Minister and the Christian Democrats as a whole have also witnessed an approval increase.
- On the other hand, other parties such as the Social Democrats did not gain such boosts but instead have dropped in approval rates.

CONCLUSION

- Lockdown and such covid-19 policies that aim to counter the effect have a direct impact on the political process of a country.
- There has been cases of corruption and manipulation within the governments of certain countries in taking advantage of the pandemic.

REFLECTION

- As is the case with international politics, Libyan government and their personnel have taken advantage of such a pandemic to their own good. Increasing their personal profit at the expense of the wellbeing of their citizens.
- On a further note, Libyan officials have failed to handle the pandemic well. A curfew was forced on the citizens for a certain period when there was a low number of cases.
- However, things spiraled out of control when the cases started to rise significantly and there was no prominent action implemented by the government. No curfew nor lockdown was forced.

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