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“We have it totally under control. It’s one person coming in from China, and we have it under control. It’s going to be just fine.”

That was [President Trump’s](#) response when asked by a CNBC reporter on January 22 whether he was worried about [the coronavirus](#). Almost two months later, with the threat too large to ignore, [the president’s tone](#) has shifted dramatically (even as his [press briefings continue to be models of incoherence and inaccuracy](#)).

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