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In the one month since the first U.S. [coronavirus](#) death, America has become a country of uncertainty.

New cases of infection and casualties [continue multiplying](#). New York and Louisiana hospitals are grappling with a flood of patients that threatens to overwhelm their health-care systems. Meanwhile, the president and political conservatives are increasingly agitating to [end drastic restrictions](#) meant to buy time and save lives.

Running beneath it all, in a continuous loop through our national psyche, are basic questions leaders are struggling to answer: When can we [safely lift these quarantines](#)? How many people could die if we do it too early? Just [how dangerous](#) will this pandemic turn out to be? And what exactly [should be our next step](#)?

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