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One morning in April, I woke up to 77 alerts from my family WhatsApp group. Usually, that many messages mean only one of two things: Either it's someone's birthday or someone has posted a video of their child singing a classical Indian song. This time, though, my family was talking about the coronavirus: One relative had sent a chart ranking the virus as less lethal than a dozen other diseases, and implying that it wasn't a global pandemic. Another had posted a video of a Gujarati-speaking man in scrubs telling people that a reliable, free coronavirus test involved holding one's breath. "If you don't cough after [the first] three seconds, you don't have coronavirus," he said. An aunt sent a message suggesting that everyone build immunity by drinking warm turmeric-infused water with ginger. [...]

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