

# **Paul Miller on Coronavirus Part 1: How the Intelligence Community predicted this pandemic and what it means for the future**

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## **CAPITOL CONVERSATIONS EPISODE**

Former CIA analyst and White House National Security Council staffer Paul Miller joins Jeff Pickering and Travis Wussow to discuss how the early warnings of a pandemic like COVID19 were missed and what this global event means for the future of politics and international relations. Miller is now a professor at Georgetown University and a research fellow with ERLC. He writes frequently on government, military, and international issues.

In Part 1, we discuss Paul's stunning article, [How the Intelligence Community Predicted COVID-19 \(https://thedispatch.com/p/how-the-intelligence-community-predicted\)](https://thedispatch.com/p/how-the-intelligence-community-predicted), and why pandemics are ultimately a governance failure.

In [Part 2 \(https://erlc.com/resource-library/capitol-conversations-episodes/paul-miller-on-coronavirus-part-2-why-the-chinese-communist-party-bears-ultimate-blame-and-where-christians-can-turn-for-hope\)](https://erlc.com/resource-library/capitol-conversations-episodes/paul-miller-on-coronavirus-part-2-why-the-chinese-communist-party-bears-ultimate-blame-and-where-christians-can-turn-for-hope), we discuss how Christians can cling to the hope of Christ during such difficult times, and why the communist government of China bears ultimate blame for the coronavirus pandemic.

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## Guest Biography

**Paul D. Miller** is a professor of the practice of international affairs at Georgetown University, a senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, and a research fellow with the ERLC. Before his career in academia, Dr. Miller served as Director for Afghanistan and Pakistan on the National Security Council staff; worked as an intelligence analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency; and served as a military intelligence officer in the U.S. Army. Miller holds a PhD in international relations and a BA in government from Georgetown University, and a master in public policy from Harvard University.

## Resources from the Conversation

- Paul's articles discussed in this conversation
  - Providence | [Stop Volunteering to Do the Awful Arithmetic for COVID-19](https://providencemag.com/2020/03/stop-volunteering-awful-arithmetic-covid-19/) (https://providencemag.com/2020/03/stop-volunteering-awful-arithmetic-covid-19/)

- The Dispatch | [How the Intelligence Community Predicted COVID-19](https://thedispatch.com/p/how-the-intelligence-community-predicted)  
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