2020 is proving to be a challenging year for the world. Right from the start, news of horrific bush fires in Australia were followed by warnings that World War III was imminent. And now we have the coronavirus.

The scale and severity of the disease is not unprecedented but the level of panic around it seems to be. As a consequence, extreme measures to handle the situation appear to have become the norm in a very short period of time. Some of those measures have a direct impact on people's privacy. In some places, the whole population is being subject to intense surveillance while the medical data of those infected with the virus is widely shared across organisations and countries. It may well be in the name of saving the planet from a deadly epidemic, but is it truly necessary and is it the right thing to do?

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