Legal Control for Managing COVID-19

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Abstract

COVID-19 is a serious global problem. Its control is highly necessary. There are various measures for its control. The use of laws for managing COVID-19 has a few interesting aspects. Different settings might implement different laws for controlling COVID-19. The legal control might be over limitation of population movement, control of immigration, mandatory disease reporting, and control of fake news. Here, the author discusses the legal control for managing COVID-19.

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Introduction

A pandemic of infectious disease usually causes a huge problem worldwide. At present (2020), the world is battling a pandemic of COVID-19, and it has already become a serious global problem. The disease has caused infections worldwide, and there are more than 14 million infected persons around the world. Its control is highly necessary. There are many measures for its control. The use of laws for managing COVID-19 has a few interesting aspects. Different settings might implement varying laws for controlling COVID-19. The legal control might be on limitation of population movement, control of immigration, mandatory disease reporting, and control of fake news (Parmet & Sinha, 2020; Griffith, 2020). Here, the author discusses the legal control for managing COVID-19.

How can Laws help control COVID-19?

“How can laws help control COVID-19?” is an interesting question. A legal control is a way of promoting or inhibiting some specific activities. For the disease control, public health laws are the basic laws in any country. Basically, public health laws are usually aimed at managing public health problems. For the pandemic of an infection, public health laws can be issued in order to manage the problem. Since laws are usually mandatory requirements for local people to obey and follow, the use of legal control might be an effective way of getting collaboration from local people in disease control.

Since the pandemic of COVID-19 has become a national and global scale problem, a specific legal control might be required. As already mentioned, limitation of population movement, control of immigration, mandatory disease reporting, and control of fake news are the main aspects of issuing specific laws against COVID-19 outbreak.
Ways of Enforcing Laws to Control COVID-19 Outbreak

There are many possible ways in which laws can be used for control of COVID-19 outbreak. Many countries use the existing public health laws corresponding to this problem, and the others use new issued laws to promote a strict legal control aiming at COVID-19 control. The enforcement of laws that are too strict is an important issue for discussion. Some countries might implement a curfew for managing the crisis. The solution should have a balance between legal control and human rights. Equity in legal control is very important (Hübner et al., 2020). If there is an imbalance, it might give rise to a problem. A protest might occur due to unfair legal control during COVID-19 crisis and it might result in a serious situation. Thus laws should be based on the real situation and legal control should be for everybody without any exception.

Conflict of Interest

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