

# **Learning from International Experiences**

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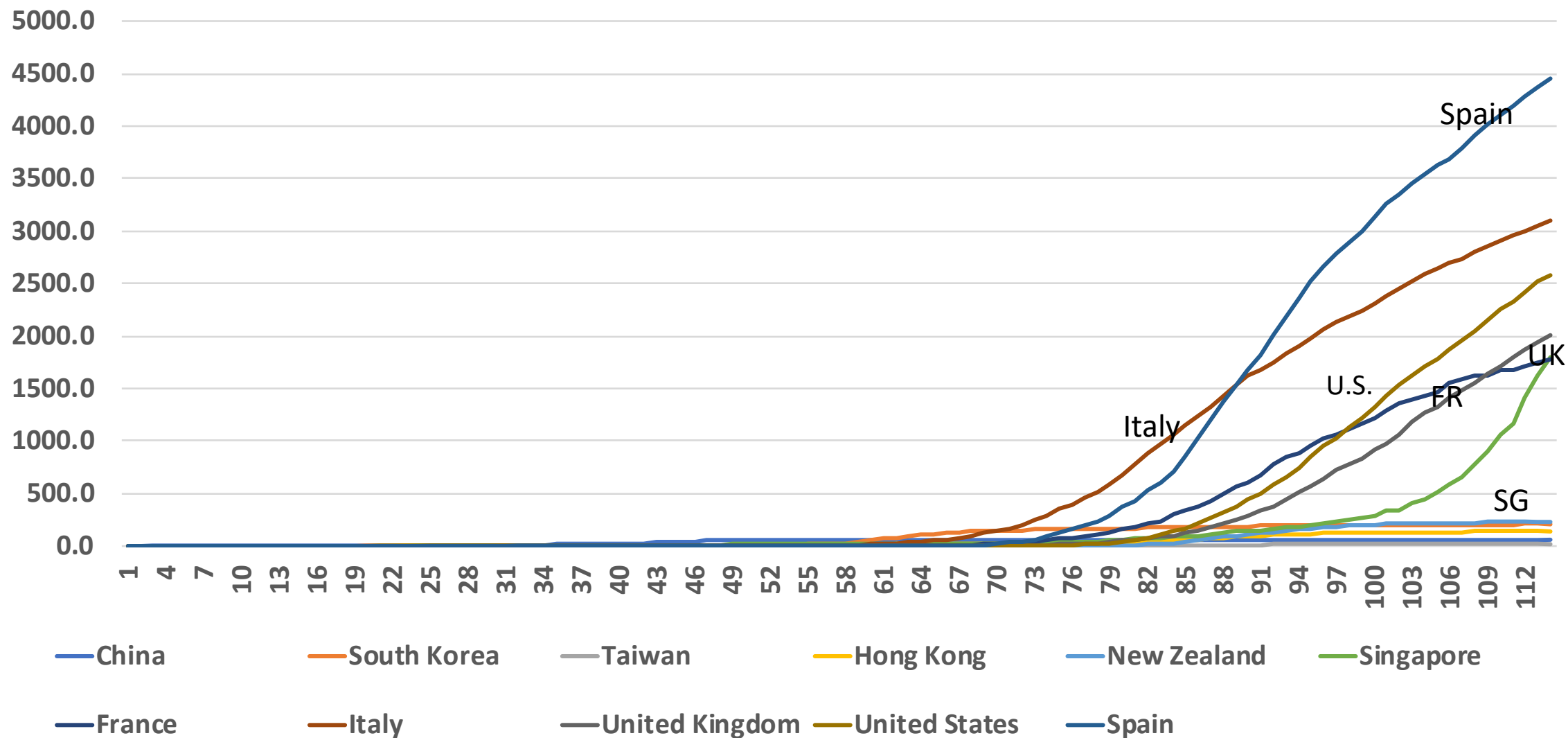
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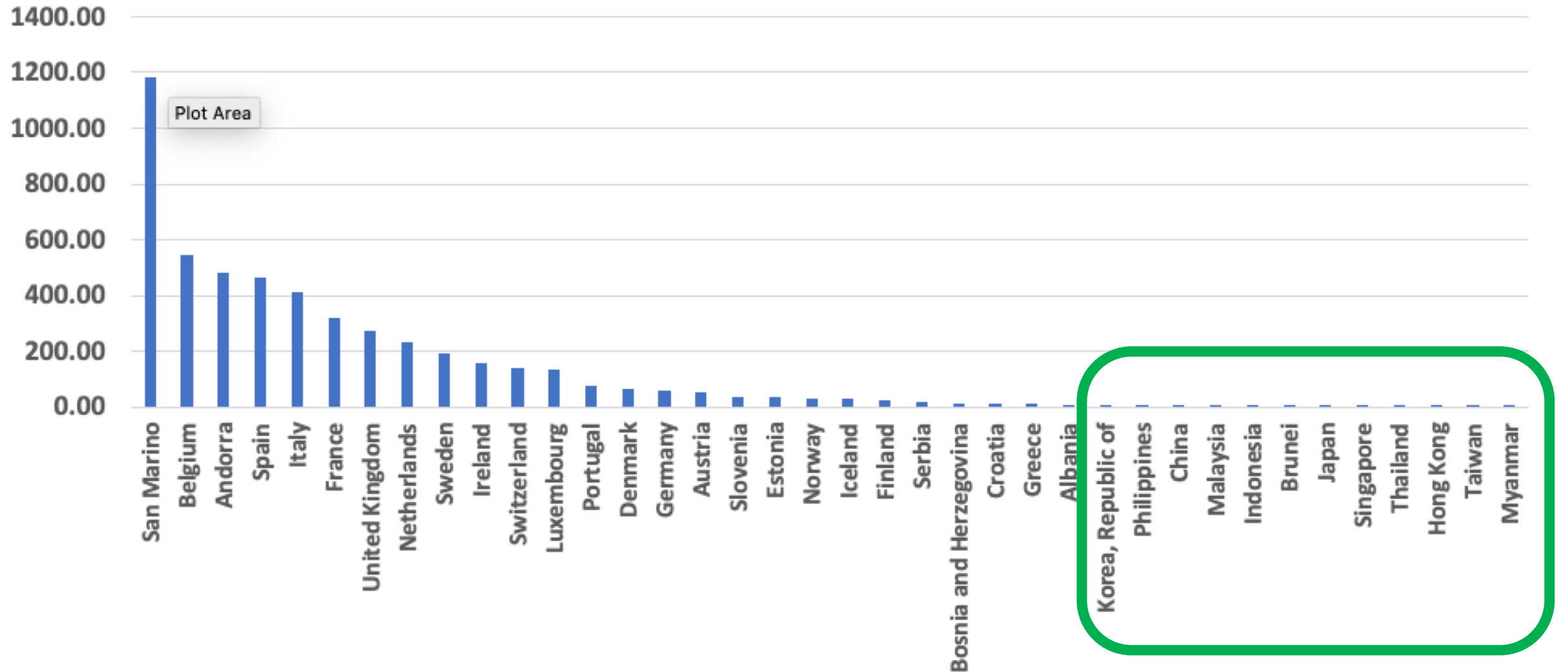
**Very Different Experiences in East Asia and West**

**Are these Differences a Matter of:  
Timing, Strategy, Or Data?**

## Cumulative Cases Per 1 Million Population



# Deaths Per 1 Million Population

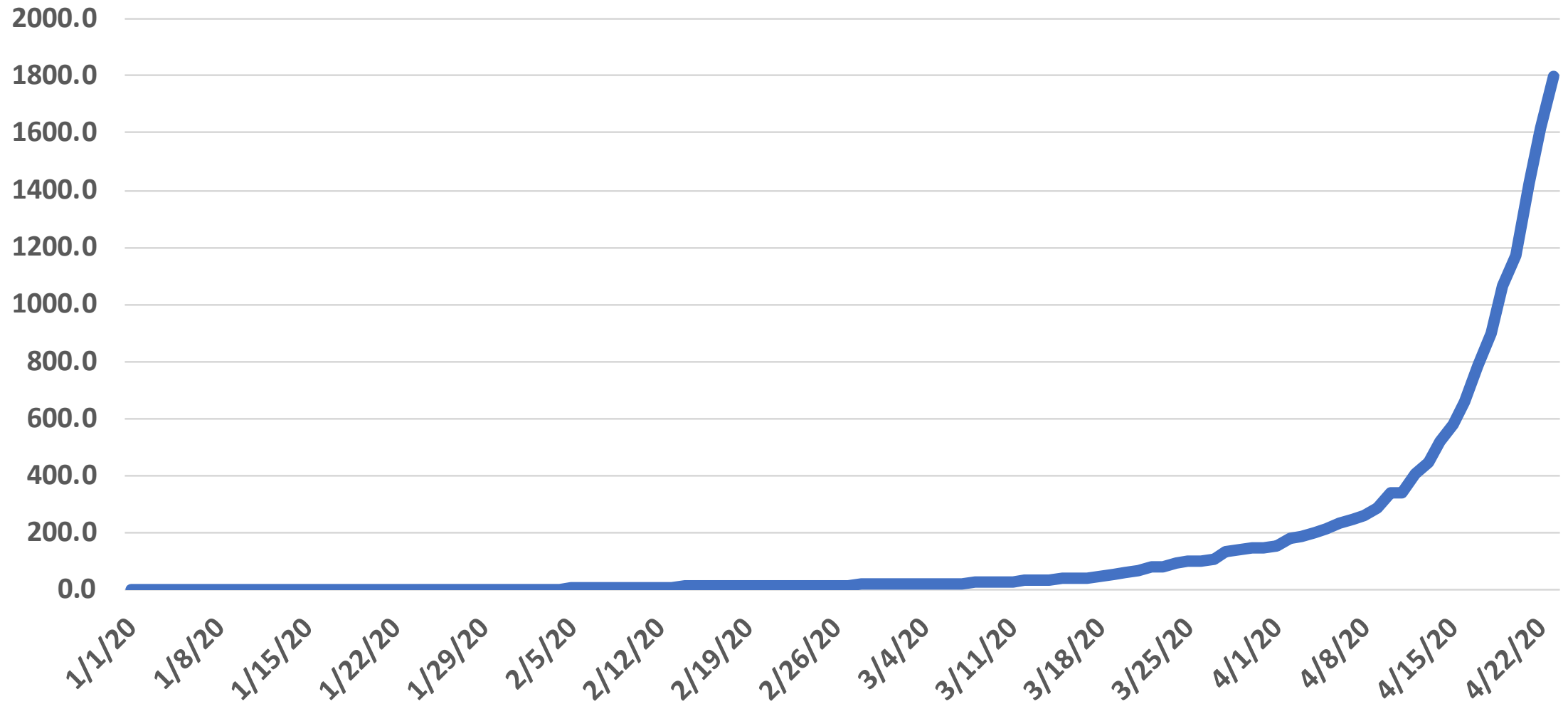


Differences are **Mainly a Matter of Strategy**. In most of East Asia, there has been:

- Intensive Testing and Contact Tracing
- Isolation of Infected Individuals
- Quarantining in Public Facilities
- Enforcement of Isolation
- Extensive Monitoring of Temperatures
- Wearing Face Masks
- Use of Hand Sanitizers
- Personal Physical Distancing

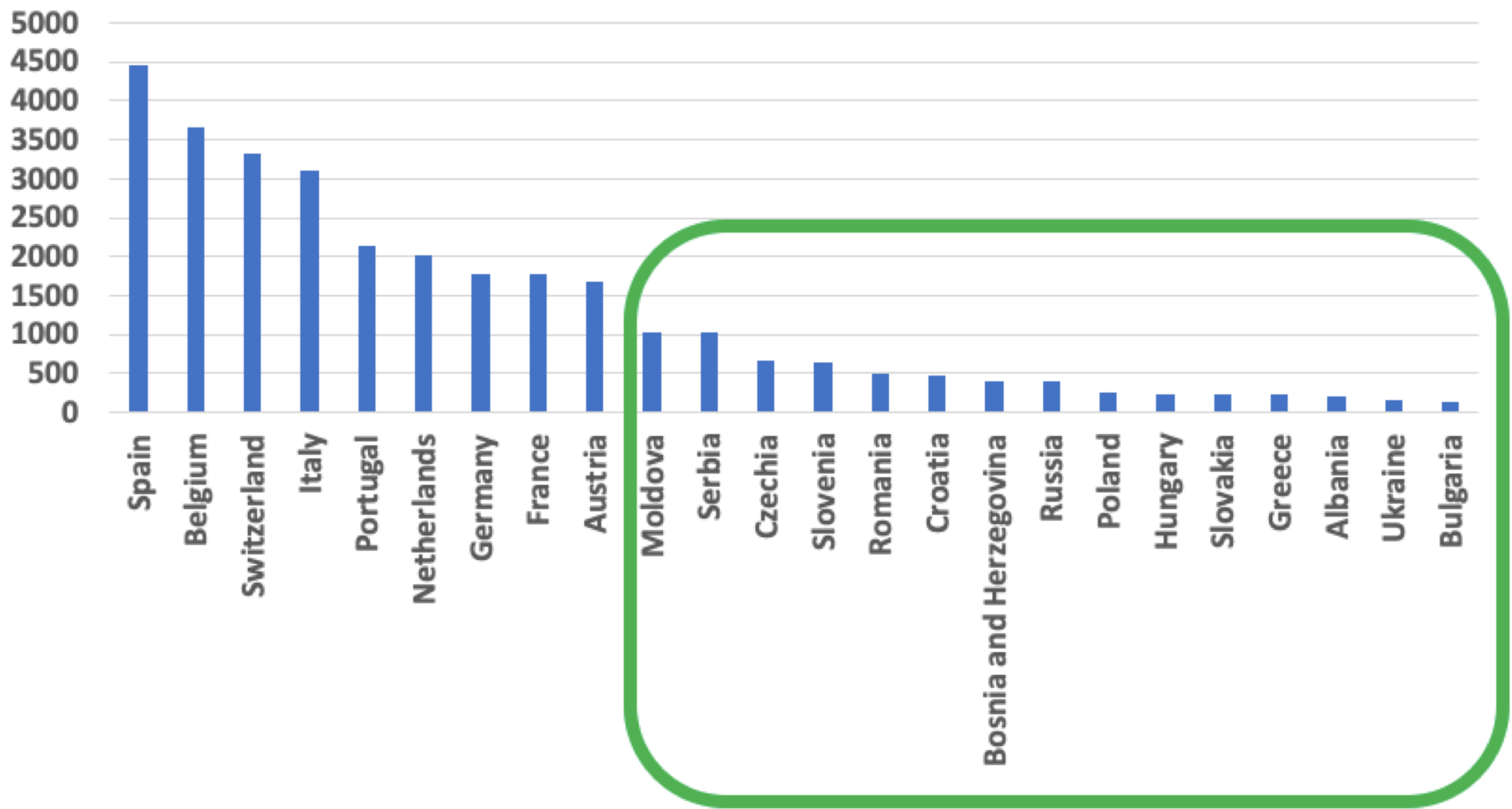
**But There Are Warning Signs Too**

# Singapore Confirmed Cases



Also Major Differences – So Far– Between  
Western and Eastern Europe

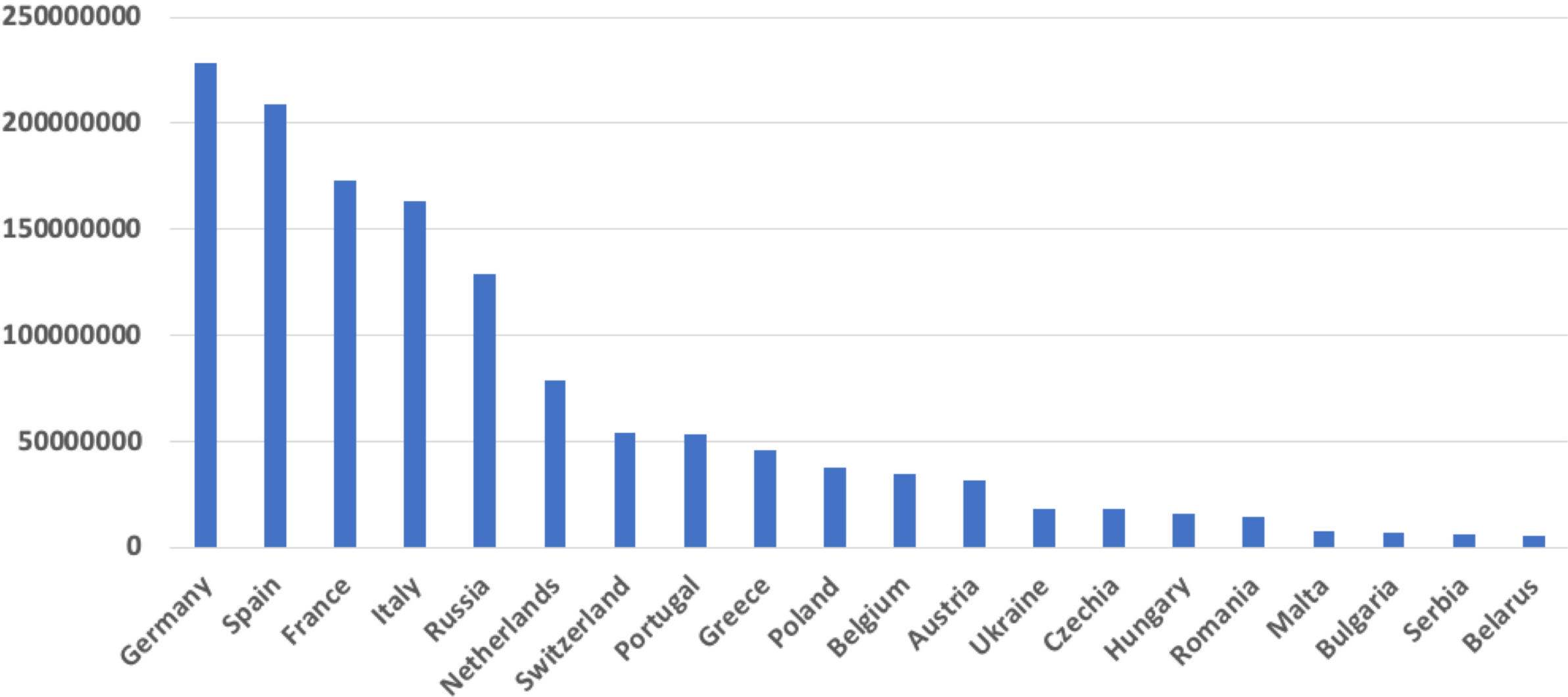
# Confirmed Cases Per Million



Much of this Differences May be a **Matter of Timing:**

Eastern Europe has far less tourism and travel per capita

# Passenger Travel Through Major National Airports in 2019



# **Containment:** How to **Keep** the Cases Low

1. Government must aggressively **track infections** in the population
2. All suspected cases must be **isolated at home or quarantined**
3. Close contacts must be **traced**
4. **Congregant Settings** (Shelters, Worker Lodges, Retirement Homes, Prisons) must be protected and monitored carefully
5. **Temperatures** must be monitored in public places
6. **Face masks** must be used
7. **Physical distancing** even after the economy is reopened

# Topics for Today's Workshop

- Containment Strategies in Different Regions
- Steps to Re-open the Economy Safely
- Addressing Massive Inequities
- Economic Fallout in the Short-term and Medium-Term