

Using Science to Manage: Consider the Consequences!

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Critical Infrastructure

Where are We?

- Government policy
 - Not legislate
 - Not approve plans
 - Not maintain plans

Sécurité publique

Facilitate



Critical Infrastructure

Where are We?

- Recognition of partnerships
- Sharing information
- Protecting information
- Study critical nodes
- Work on interdependencies
- Planning for emergencies
 - E.g. pandemics





Issues We Face

- 1. The urge to do something
- 2. Use science, but access value
- 3. Unintended consequences





Rational for Travel Advisory





Rules for Advisory

- New cases
- Rate
- Tracking
- Consultation



What Went Wrong?

- Communications
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The Price To Pay

- Scanners
- Tracking foreign cases
- Confidence
- Economic



Closing the Borders

- Initial vs. Post spread
- Temporary effect
- Resource depletion
- Increases concern
- Supply chain interruption
- Undermines public confidence







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