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Constitution

- Right to trial and council¹
- Right to privacy¹
- Equal protections¹

Historical Examples

Quarantines have been implemented throughout history and provide examples of ethical consideration for implementation. ³⁻⁵

COVID-19

- Compelling state interest⁶
- Well targeted⁶
- Least restrictive alternative⁶
- Wide range of procedural protections⁶
- Discrimination against those from China and Iran⁷
- Unequal protections⁷
- Lack of basic needs being met⁷

Conclusion

While COVID-19 quarantine was justified, implementation of quarantine procedures were frequently discriminatory, inequitable, and lacking in supportive services.