The U.S. became the epicenter of the pandemic. The U.S. will continue implementing strict measures at least for another month, President Trump said.

China & the U.S. exchanged words over pandemic but eased the dispute. U.S. has accused China of lack of transparency but the tension eased in leaders’ level.

Saudi Arabia & Russia initiated a war on oil prices. The energy dispute between Riyadh and Moscow cuts oil price to its lowest level in 17 years.

Political roadmap has been re-defined in some countries during the month. President Putin backs constitutional amendment in Russia. Israel is much closer to form a government.

The coronavirus pandemic continued into the spotlight in March, affecting global politics.

World media sentiment to COVID-19 outbreak by activity sector (darker blue means higher concerns)

Source: BBVA Research & GDELT

Media stress index of COVID-19 outbreak (weighted tone by coverage, standardized series in moving average 3 days)

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