


# Liberty, equality, fraternity in pandemic time

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“We are experiencing a crisis. The pandemic has put us all in crisis. But let us remember that after a crisis a person is not the same. We come out of it better, or we come out of it worse. This is our option.”

*Francis, General audience, August 26th, 2020*



# Liberty, equality, Fraternity ?

“Life exists where there is bonding, communion, fraternity; and life is stronger than death when it is built on true relationships and bonds of fidelity. On the contrary, there is no life when we claim to be self-sufficient and live as islands: in these attitudes, death prevails”

*Fratelli tutti 87*

“Fraternity is born not only of a climate of respect for individual liberties, or even of a certain administratively guaranteed equality. **Fraternity** necessarily calls for something greater, which in turn enhances **freedom** and **equality**”

*Fratelli tutti 103*





# Liberty



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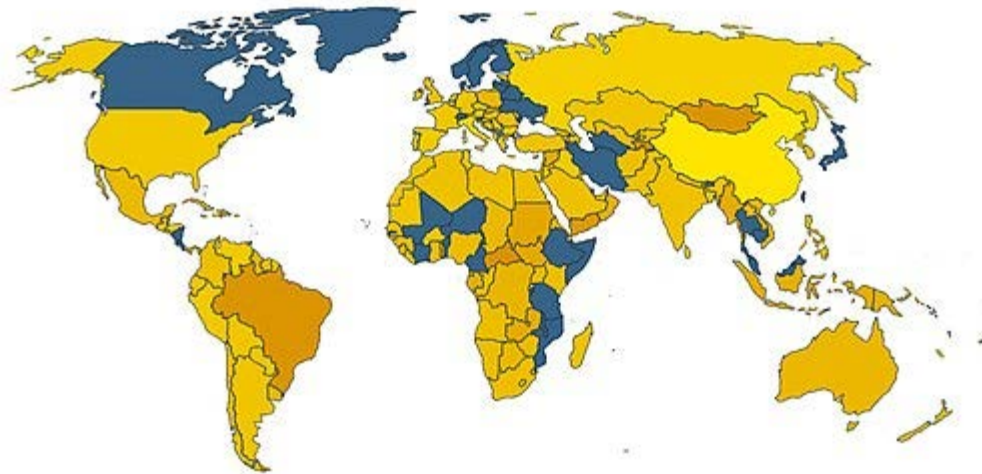
“What happens when fraternity is not consciously cultivated, when there is a lack of political will to promote it through education in fraternity, through dialogue and through the recognition of the values of reciprocity and mutual enrichment? Liberty becomes nothing more than a condition for living as we will, completely free to choose to whom or what we will belong, or simply to possess or exploit. This shallow understanding has little to do with the richness of a liberty directed above all to love”

*Fratelli tutti 103*

# Equality

## All equal before the virus ?

Politique de confinement durant la pandémie COVID  
du 1<sup>er</sup> janvier 2020 au 21 septembre 2020



Source: Hale, Webster, Petherick, Phillips, and Kira (2020). Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker - Last updated 22 September, 15:30 (London time).  
Note: There may be sub-national or regional differences in restrictions. The policy categories shown may not apply at all sub-national levels. A country is coded as having these restrictions if at least some sub-national regions have implemented them.

**Excess mortality  
March April 2020:**  
(Insee, dec 2020)

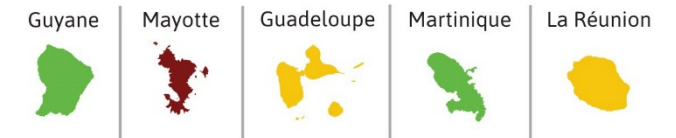
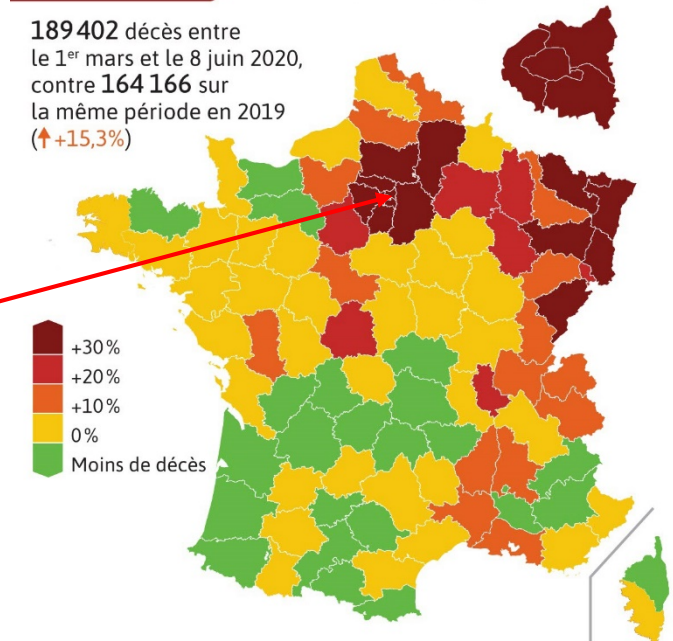
Seine Saint Denis:  
+123%

France:  
+27%

### MORTALITÉ

LA SURMORTALITÉ  
ENTRE LE 1<sup>ER</sup> MARS ET LE 8 JUIN

189 402 décès entre  
le 1<sup>er</sup> mars et le 8 juin 2020,  
contre 164 166 sur  
la même période en 2019  
(↑+15,3%)



Source: Insee (juin 2020)



# Equality

“Equality [is not] achieved by an abstract proclamation that ‘all men and women are equal’. Instead, it is the result of the conscious and careful cultivation of fraternity”

*Fratelli tutti 104*





# Fraternity

“All human beings are born **free** and **equal** in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of **brotherhood**.”

Universal Declaration of Human Rights, article 1

# Fraternity

Social friendship ?



# Fraternity



# Fraternity

“Modern times, which have developed liberty and equality with such pugnacity, must now focus on fraternity with the same dynamism and tenacity, in order to face the challenges that await us. **Fraternity will allow freedom and equality to take their rightful place.**”

*Pope Francis, Un temps pour changer*

