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Binghamton University Expert Says U.S. Has "Moral As Well As Legal Obligation To Help"

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Fox 40 spoke with Binghamton University Philosophy Professor Nicole Hassoun about how the United States should go about fighting the worldwide coronavirus pandemic.

According to the World Health Organization, there are more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in developed countries than less developed countries. Hassoun says it's a moral and legal obligation for countries like the United States to help.

"It's imperative for our own safety as well as for the health and well being of people everywhere that we act, to help provide basic health care for people who can't access it otherwise," said Hassoun.

Hassoun says the coronavirus pandemic could resurge similar to when the 1918 Spanish Flu spread in three waves, if less developed countries aren't provided with resources for healthcare.

"The people that suffered the most were in Africa and India," said Hassoun. "Those breeding grounds for disease, I think contributed to the ability of that disease to come back and kill so many people in this country."

To help these areas, Hassoun says that the United States should share their equipment.

"As they're not being used, why stockpile them when you could be saving millions of lives with them? Of course, you want them back when the epidemic comes back," said Hassoun.

According to Hassoun, the amount should be based on the policies officials are able to implement and sustain.

"It's also going to be so much worse in developing countries as people lack even you know adequate sanitation," said Hassoun.

With a globalized society, Hassoun says the United States relies on other countries for goods and other countries rely on the United states for goods, and whether those needs are met depends on the policies that are made.

"I think we need to think a little bit more as a global community to make the best decisions," said Hassoun.

