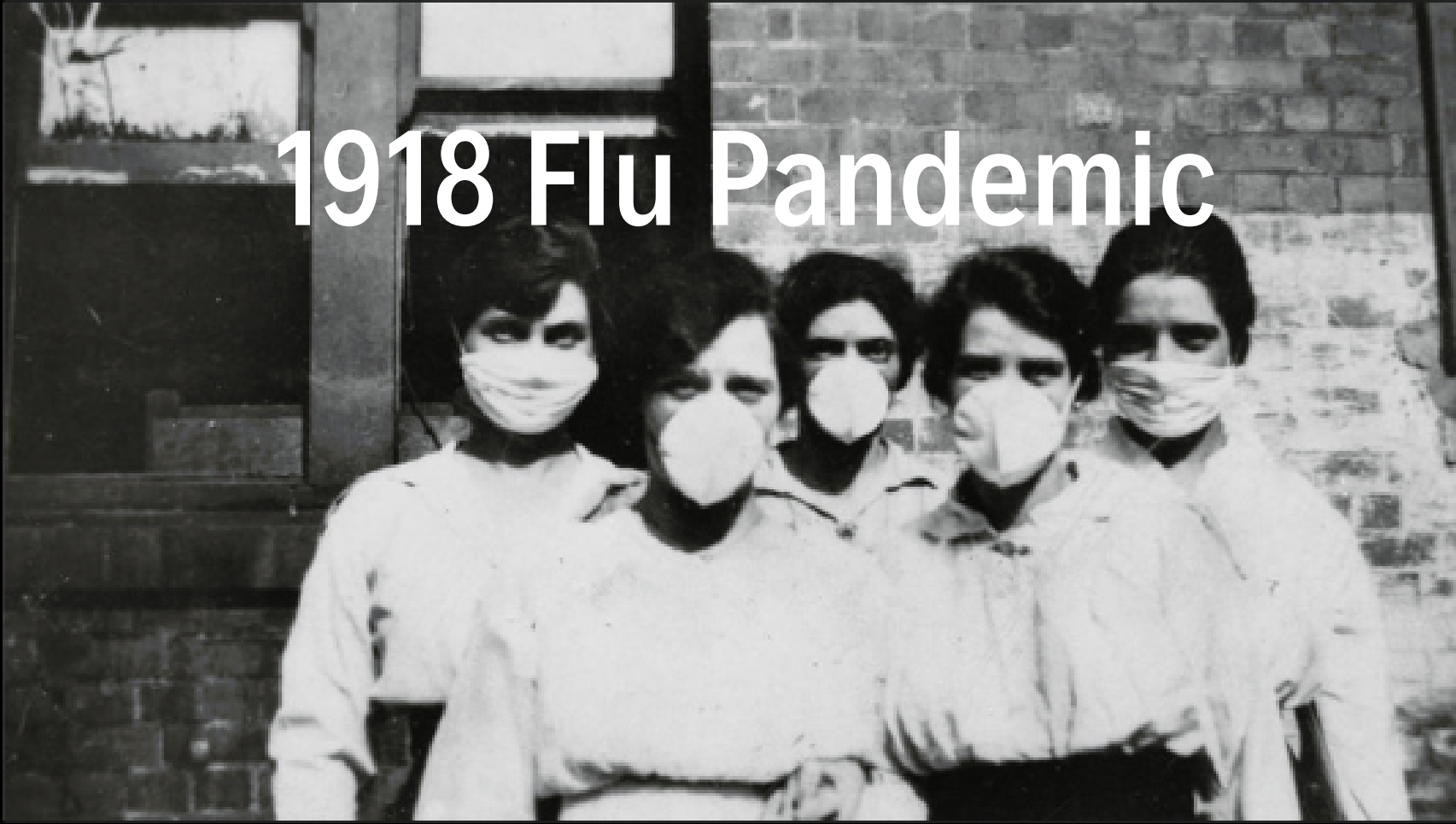


1918 Flu Pandemic



HISTORY
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This quiz will test your knowledge on the 1918 Influenza Pandemic. Each question will be followed by the correct answer.

Think you know your history? Let's find out!

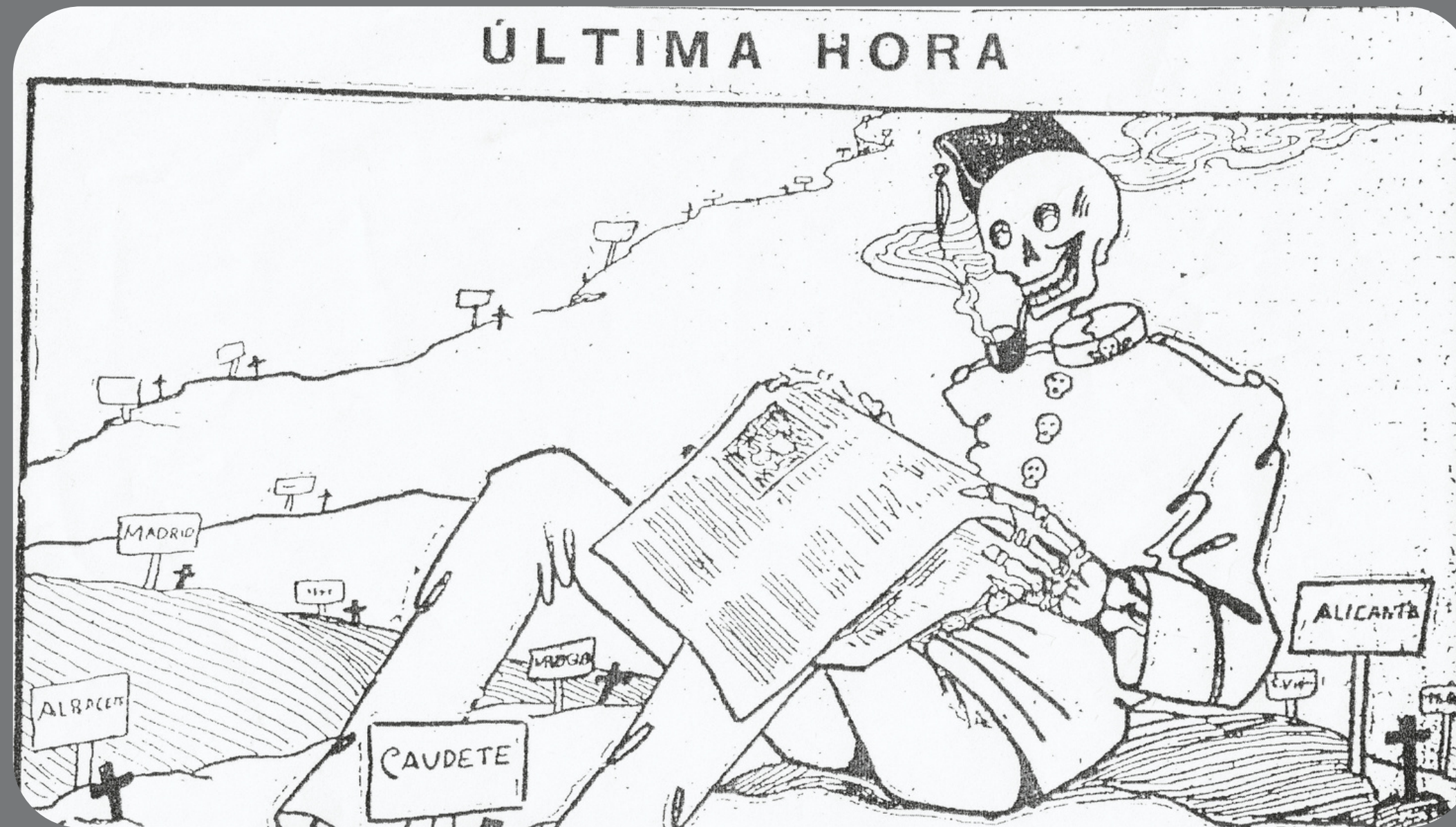
Ready?

Here We Go!

Question 1: True/False: Even though the 1918 Flu Pandemic had the nickname “The Spanish Flu”, the pandemic did not actually originate in Spain.

True

False



The correct answer is...

True. The reason it earned the nickname “Spanish Flu” is because Spain was neutral during World War I, and was not affected by wartime censorship restrictions. Spain was the only country reporting on the pandemic at the time, hence why people thought it originated there.

Question 2: From where did the deadly 1918 strain of Influenza virus originate?

A. United States

B. China

C. France

D. Unknown



The correct answer is...

D. Unknown. According to the CDC, there is no universal consensus regarding where the virus originated. Historians and scientists alike have debated on the place of origin ever since the deadly pandemic ended. In the United States, this strain of flu was first detected at Camp Funston, in Fort Riley, Kansas.

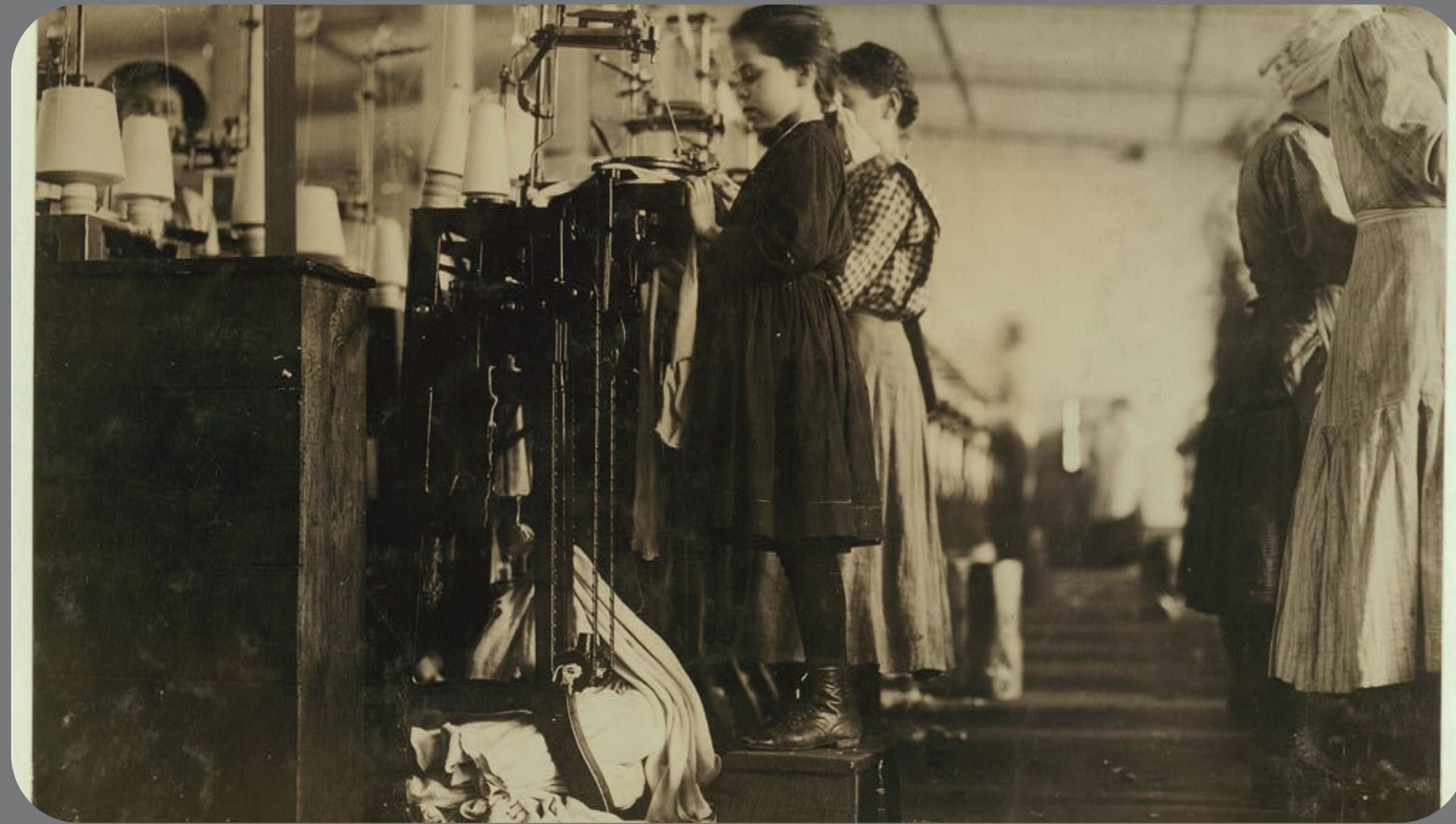
Question 3: What factor(s) made South Carolina's "piedmont" region the hardest hit area in the state during the pandemic?

A. More densely populated

B. Railroads

C. Cotton Mills

D. All of the Above



The correct answer is...

D. All of the Above. South Carolina's upstate was the most densely populated region in 1918. The cotton mills drew people in from rural areas to more urban areas for work. The pandemic first appeared in Abbeville County due to the direct railroad connection between Kansas and South Carolina, where the pandemic was first seen in the U.S.

Question 4: True/False: When the 1918 Flu Pandemic hit the United States, the federal government primarily dictated policy regarding health codes and quarantines.

True

False

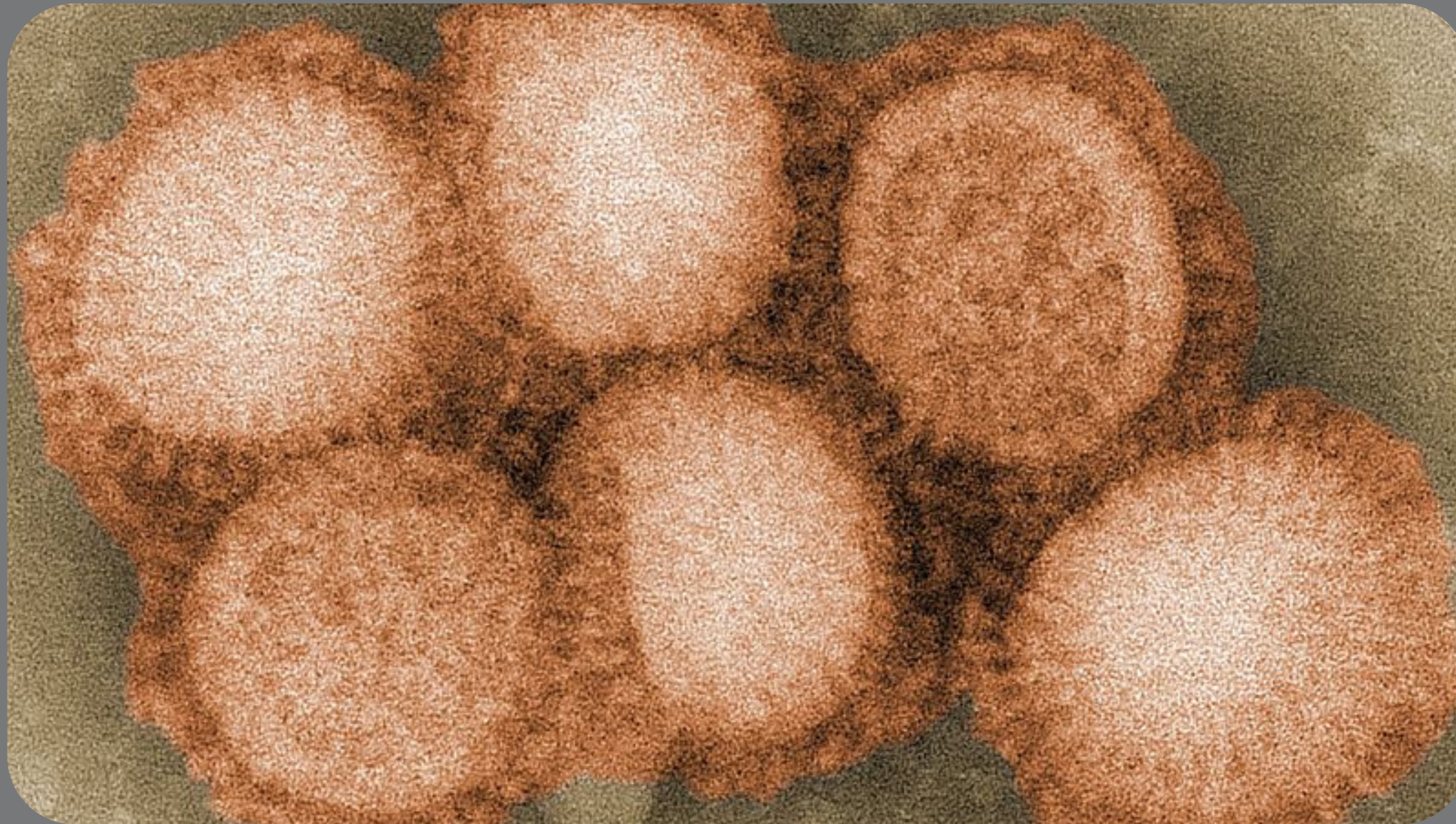


The correct answer is...

False. Authority was primarily given to state and local governments regarding how best to handle the pandemic in their areas.

Question 5: What strain of the influenza virus was responsible for the 1918 Flu Pandemic?

- A. H3N2 Influenza Virus**
- B. H1N1 Influenza Virus**
- C. Influenza B Virus**
- D. H5N1 Influenza Virus**



The correct answer is...

B. H1N1. A mutated form of the H1N1 Influenza Virus caused the deaths of between 3–5% of the world's population– Around 50 million people. The 1918 Flu Pandemic claimed more lives than the First World War!

Question 6: A vaccine for the Influenza virus was eventually developed by whom in 1938?

A. Louis Pasteur

B. Alexander Glenny

C. Jonas Salk and Thomas Francis

D. Emil von Behring



The correct answer is...

C. Jonas Salk and Thomas Francis. Although the Flu vaccine is not 100% guaranteed protection against the Flu given its mutative nature, it is a good idea to get your flu shot every year!

How well
did you do?

