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Summary: Pandemic are mirrors. By demanding that we do more, and better, they reveal our strengths and weaknesses. By placing us in situations where values come into tension, they reveal what matters to us, where our priorities are, and where we disagree. Although this makes them important learning opportunities for some of our most important values, the first difficulty in learning from a pandemic is that we (mostly) do not want to learn from a pandemic.