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U.S. Senator Cruz leads Republican drive to object to Biden's victory



WASHINGTON (Reuters) -U.S. Senator Ted Cruz on Saturday said he will spearhead a drive by nearly a dozen Republican senators to challenge President-elect Joe Biden's victory when Electoral College results are tallied in Congress on Jan. 6 – a largely symbolic move that has little chance of preventing Biden from taking office.

Cruz's effort is in defiance of Senate Republican leaders, who have argued that the Senate's role in certifying the election is largely ceremonial and had been looking to avoid an extended debate on the floor about the outcome.

In a statement, Cruz, the U.S. senator from Texas, and the other 10 senators said they intend to vote to reject electors from swing states that have been at the center of President Donald Trump's unproven assertions of election fraud. They said Congress should immediately appoint a commission to conduct an emergency 10-day audit of election results in those states.

"Once completed, individual states would evaluate the commission's findings and could convene a special

legislative session to certify a change in their vote, if needed," they said.

Biden's transition team did not immediately respond to a request for comment. He is set to be sworn into office on Jan. 20.

The effort by Cruz and other Republicans comes days after U.S. Senator Josh Hawley of Missouri became the first sitting member of the Senate to announce he would challenge the election result. A number of Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives also plan on contesting the vote tally.

Cruz was joined in the statement by Senators Ron Johnson, James Lankford, Steve Daines, John Kennedy, Marsha Blackburn, Mike Braun, along with Senators-elect Cynthia Lummis, Tommy Tuberville, Bill Hagerty, and Roger Marshall, all of whom will be sworn in as senators on Sunday in the new Congress.

Trump has been encouraging Republicans to prevent Biden from taking office, although there is no viable mechanism for them to do so.

Several Republicans senators have said

they do not support any effort to derail the certification of the Electoral College vote.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, the Senate's top Republican, acknowledged Biden's victory on Dec. 15 and has urged other Senate Republicans to refrain from objecting on Jan. 6.

In Cruz's statement, the senators said they did not necessarily expect their gambit to succeed.

"We are not naïve. We fully expect most if not all Democrats, and perhaps more than a few Republicans, to vote otherwise," they said.

Tesla 2020 deliveries beat estimates, but fall just short of Musk's target

(Reuters) - Tesla Inc on Saturday reported better-than-expected 2020 vehicle deliveries, driven by a steady rise in electric vehicle adoption, but narrowly missed its ambitious full-year goal during a punishing year for the global auto industry. The company delivered 499,550 vehicles during 2020, above Wall Street estimates of 481,261 vehicles, according to Refinitiv data - but 450 units shy of CEO Elon Musk's target.

Musk tweeted here he was "proud of the Tesla team for achieving this major milestone."

"At the start of Tesla, I thought we had (optimistically) a 10% chance of surviving at all," he said

On Twitter, congratulations from supporters and bullish investors poured in, lauding the electric vehicle maker for its stellar year, which has defied wider auto industry trends of slumping sales, quarterly losses and global supply chain disruptions.

Tesla's share price has risen more than 700% over the last year, the company has reported five consecutive quarterly profits and in December it was included in the S&P 500 index. But some online investor accounts criticized Tesla for saying it had achieved its guidance.

Tesla at the start of 2020 said it would "comfortably exceed 500,000 units" for the year, a target it has left unchanged despite the pandemic. Chief Financial Officer Zachary Kirkhorn in October said Tesla was "aiming to achieve (its) original 2020 guidance." Tesla has pinned hopes on new markets such as Europe and Asia, with competition intensifying in its home turf as legacy automakers double down on their investments in the booming EV space.

Tesla's delivery push has been supported by its new Shanghai factory, the only plant currently producing vehicles outside California. The carmaker said here Model Y production in Shanghai has begun, with deliveries expected shortly.



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Welcome Year Of 2021

Finally, the year of 2020 is over. It has been a year of misery and great sadness. Because of the coronavirus, the whole world is in chaos. Many people have suffered and every one in a thousand citizens have lost their lives. Every one in sixteen people have been confirmed with COVID-19. It is the darkest page in our human history.

We are also very surprised that President Trump still refuses to admit his loss in the presidential race. According to a reliable source, there are one hundred twenty congressmen and a few senators

who will vote in the U.S. Senate on January 6, 2021, against the Electoral College results announcing that Joe Biden will be the next president of the United States.

In the last several years, the world has been full of uncertainty. America has withdrawn from many international organizations. Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic is still attacking our land. Do politicians really care about how many people are still losing their lives?

We all hope the new year will open with



new leadership to regain our national soul and dignity. We want the new administration to return to multinational or-

ganizations and lead the world in the future again.



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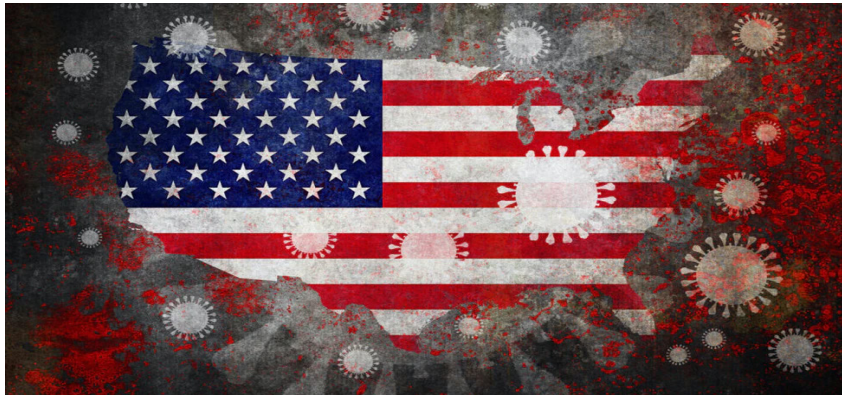
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First U.S. Case Of Mutated COVID-19 Strain From U.K. Emerges In Colorado



(PhotoGraphic/Peter Zelei Images/Getty Images)

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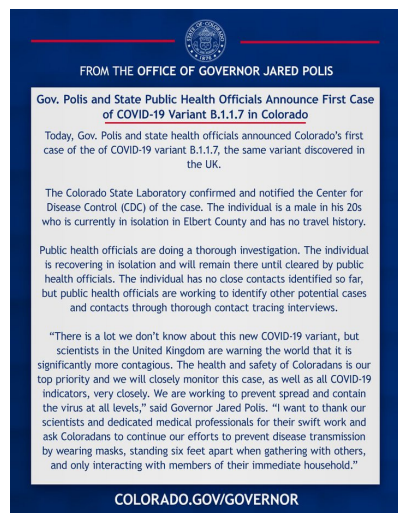
The new mutated strain of COVID-19 that was recently discovered in the United Kingdom was found in a Colorado resident with no travel history, officials confirmed Tuesday.

"Today we discovered Colorado's first case of the COVID-19 variant B.1.1.7, the same variant discovered in the UK," tweeted Democratic Colorado Gov. Jared Polis on Tuesday evening. "The health and safety of Coloradans is our top priority and we will monitor this case, as well as all COVID-19 indicators, very closely." Colorado State Laboratory notified the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) after confirming the release, according to the governor's press release, which further explained that the individual is a male in his 20s with no travel history. He is in isolation in Elbert County and will remain so until public health officials clear him.

"There is a lot we don't know about this new COVID-19 variant, but scientists in the United Kingdom are warning the world that it is significantly more contagious. The health and safety of Coloradans is our top priority and we will closely monitor this case, as well as all COVID-19 indicators, very closely.

We are working to prevent spread and contain the virus at all levels," Polis said. "I want to thank our scientists and dedicated medical professionals for their swift work and ask Coloradans to continue our

efforts to prevent disease transmission by wearing masks, standing six feet apart when gathering with others, and only interacting with members of their immediate household."



The new mutation is potentially more contagious and has led to 40 countries restricting travel from the U.K., according to CNN. The weekend before Christmas, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson instituted an emergency lockdown on London and southeastern England.

"The fact that Colorado has detected this variant first in the nation is a testament to the sophistication of Colorado's response and the talent of CDPHE's sci-

entist and lab operations," said Jill Hunsaker Ryan, who is the executive director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. "We are currently using all the tools available to protect public health and mitigate the spread of this variant."

Dr. Anthony Fauci said a week ago that the mutant variant was likely already in the U.S. but added that the two vaccines now being distributed across the country should still be effective.

The first Canadian cases of the new strain emerged last week. Like the man in Colorado, the Ontario couple who tested positive also had no known travel history. As The Daily Wire reported: *Health officials in Ontario, Canada, reported that two cases of the new strain of COVID-19 sweeping the United Kingdom have appeared in the province.*



The cases were identified in a couple in southern Ontario who had no known travel history, according to Reuters. They also had no known exposure to the virus or other high-risk contact.

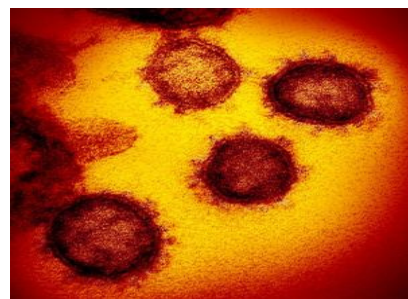
"This further reinforces the need for Ontarians to stay home as much as possible and continue to follow all public health advice, including the provincewide shutdown measures beginning today," said Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Ontario's associate chief medical officer. (Courtesy https://www.dailywire.com/)

Related**Little Is Known About The COVID Variant In The UK – Except That It Continues To Spread**

The new, highly mutated SARS-CoV-2 strain circulating in the United Kingdom is likely already sowing COVID-19 around the world, scientists say, fueling worries about recent surges that have

swamped hospitals and whether it can thwart currently authorized vaccines. The fact that the variant has developed 23 mutations in a matter of months is also reason for concern, top US experts say.

The variant, called B.1.1.7, has caused upwards of 50% of COVID-19 cases from Oct 5 and Dec 13 in the UK, mostly in people younger than 60 years, according to a Dec 21 World Health Organization report. An observed increase in the virus reproduction number (R0), the number of people that one infected person can infect—from 1.1 to 1.5—suggests that it is much more contagious than the previous "wild type" strain, the brief said. With ongoing international travel between the UK and the United States, the mutated strain could already be circulating in the United States undetected, because less than a half percent of US virus genomes have been sequenced, but its presence hasn't been confirmed, according to a US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) brief this past week.

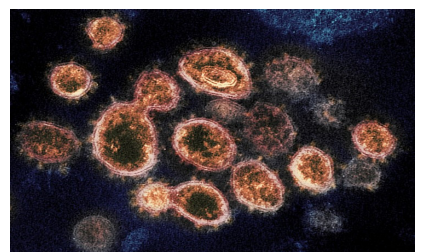


While many countries have closed themselves off to UK travelers, if the rapid spread of the new SARS-CoV-2 strain is being driven by its mutations and not simply epidemiologic factors, it will inevitably permeate borders, said Kristian Andersen, PhD, a professor in the Department of Immunology and Microbiology at Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California. "We should not think that [a border closure] is going to prevent it from coming here," he said. "We can't prevent it. It will come here, and it will start spreading locally."

Will new vaccines be effective against it?

The new strain has prompted questions about whether current COVID-19 vaccines can fend it off. But as manufacturers rush to test their vaccines, Jesse Bloom, PhD, MPhil, associate professor at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, said that they are likely to have efficacy against the new variant. While human coronavirus can gradually evolve to escape antibody-based immunity, and the UK variant may signify the start of this process, "this evolution happens over many years, and so should not cause immediate concern about the effectiveness of vaccines," he said.

Bloom said that scientists need to keep tabs on SARS-CoV-2 mutations to see if they are gradually evading antibody immunity, at which time it should be easy to update current vaccines. This is particularly true for mRNA-based formulations like the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, in which it is relatively simple to change the spike protein sequence. These are the only two COVID vaccines approved by the Food and Drug Administration.



"But based on the time course of viral antigenic evolution ... this is only going to be a problem over a many-year time-frame, which gives us as scientists plenty of time to respond," he said. "No one needs to worry that just a few mutations like the ones in the UK strain will make vaccines completely ineffective." However, despite the likelihood of vaccine effectiveness against the new strain, Andersen said that, in addition to testing their vaccines, manufacturers need to prepare to revise, produce, and distribute any updated versions. "We shouldn't wait around to prove it before we act on it," he said. "We can't afford to be wrong about this." (Courtesy https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/)

Editor’s Choice



Jupiter and Saturn appear close together alongside the Statue of Liberty in New York City, December 21, 2020, as the solar system’s two biggest planets appeared to meet in a celestial alignment that astronomers call the “Great Conjunction.” REUTERS/Bjoern Kils/New York Media Boat



A rocket is launched by Palestinian militant groups into the Mediterranean Sea off the Gaza Strip at the start of their first-ever joint exercise, in Gaza City December 29, 2020. REUTERS/Mohammed Salem



The Duomo Cathedral is seen during a snowfall in Milan, Italy December 28, 2020. REUTERS/ Flavio Lo Scalzo



The family of mother and son Sonya and Frank Anthony Gregorio, who were shot and killed by an off-duty police officer, mourn over their caskets at their funeral in Paniqui, Tarlac province, Philippines, December 27, 2020. REUTERS/Eloisa Lopez



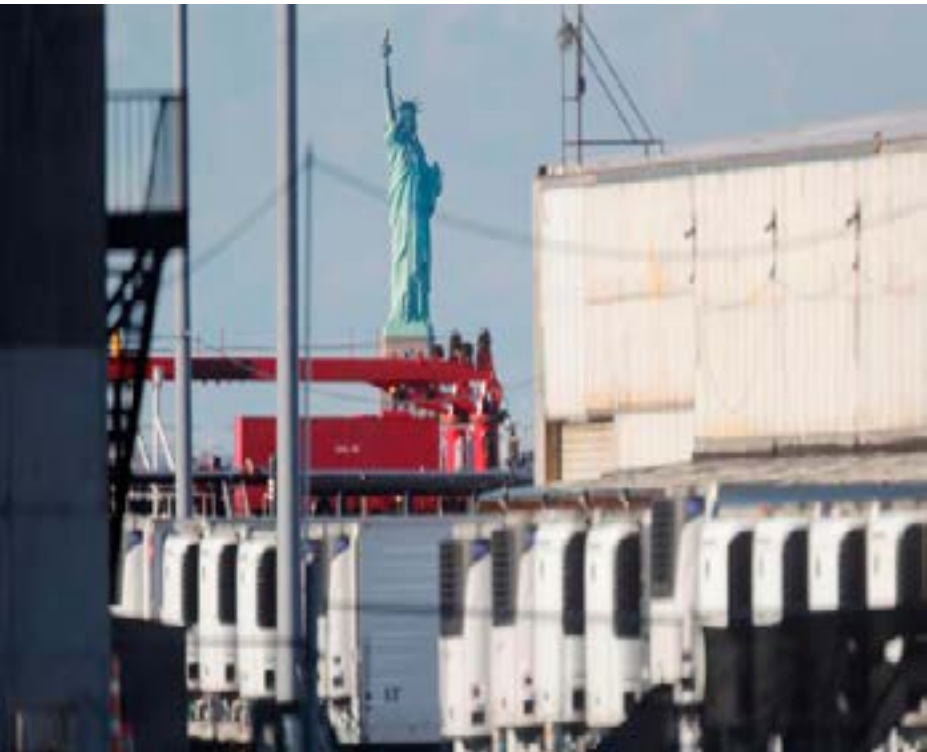
A woman brings donated food to lorry drivers near parked lorries on the outskirts of Ashford, Britain, December 25, 2020. Many countries, including the rest of Europe, closed their borders to Britain after the discovery of an infectious new coronavirus strain. REUTERS/



Scott Fujii, 34, is given a 24-hour rapid coronavirus test by nurse Caren Williams at Tom Bradley international terminal at LAX airport so he can travel to Hawaii to see family in Los Angeles, California, November 23. REUTERS/Lucy Nicholson



Investigators work near the site of a motor home explosion on 2nd Avenue in Nashville, Tennessee, December 26, 2020. The bombing rocked downtown Nashville on Christmas morning, with no concrete clues yet emerging as to why 63-year-old suspect Anthony Q. Warner carried out his suicide mission, which damaged more than 40 businesses. REUTERS/Harrison McClary



Refrigerated trailers store bodies of the deceased at a temporary morgue, during the COVID-19 pandemic in Brooklyn, New York City, November 23. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid

French Fashion Giant Pierre Cardin Dies At Age Of 98



The legendary designer Pierre Cardin, whose futuristic and stylish designs helped revolutionize fashion in the 1950s and 60s, has died at the age of 98.

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The French fashion giant, whose career spanned more than 70 years, helped usher in the post-war “golden age” of couture with his modern style. He broke ground by bringing designer styles to the masses with some of the first ready-to-wear collections. A business pioneer, he also licensed his name for a wide range of products.

He died in hospital in Neuilly, near Paris, his family told the AFP news agency. “It is a day of great sadness for all our family. Pierre Cardin is no more,” they said in a statement. “We are all proud of his tenacious ambition and the daring he has shown throughout his life.”

ter the news was announced, his official Instagram account posted one of his quotes: “I have always worked in my own style, which is different from all others. It was always my intention to be different, because that is the only way to last.”



He started his career in Paris after World War Two, and by the 1960s had become one of the leading names in European fashion.

The fashion world paid tribute, with fellow French designer Jean-Paul Gaultier

thanking him for “opening the doors to fashion and for making my dream possible”.

Elle magazine editor-in-chief and Project Runway judge Nina Garcia said Cardin’s designs showed “how fashion has the power to design the future”. She wrote: “His curiosity, his vision and his love for the art of fashion helped shape the dreams of many women during the second half of the 20th Century.

“Even today his designs are truly modern, with silhouettes and fabrics that have inspired many contemporary designers.” Benetton artistic director Jean-Charles de Castelbajac said Cardin was an “a very extraordinary man” who did not set borders between fashion, design or architecture. He told AFP that “his inspiration boosted my imagination”, and that for Cardin, the marketing and promotion of his art “was as important as the art itself”.



Fashion designer Pierre Cardin was a supreme innovator - for 70 years, he ripped up convention and captured the zeitgeist. His thirst for the new and surprising was never satisfied.

He will be remembered for his futuristic designs - some were inspired by the space age, some were even impossible to wear. He carved his own way through the fashion industry. Parisian haute couture had always been exclusive - its high priests believed it should be high-end, individually tailored and eye-wateringly expensive. Cardin broke the mould. He launched “ready-to-wear” collections, bringing high fashion to the middle classes. His designer peers were aghast, and threw him out of their club.

In the 1950s, men wore traditional suits which made the young look like their fathers. Cardin threw out the boxy jack-

ets and stiff white shirts, creating a revolutionary look for a new, progressive generation. Gone were the bulky details; collars, lapels, tails and cuffs. Trousers were tapered and hung loosely on the hips.



The Beatles wearing Pierre Cardin suits. The radical tailoring, without no lapels and buttons done up to the top, helped a radical new generation differentiate itself

In an instant, young men had their own identity; smart, sleek and nothing like their dads. The Beatles, amongst others, were quick to recognize Cardin as “one step ahead of tomorrow”.

He expanded into ladies’ couture, restaurants, perfume and furniture. He established global licensing agreements that put his name on everything from ballpoint pens to fancy watches. It brought fashion down from Olympus and gave it to the masses. By 2018, the man who had once been the youngest designer in Paris had become the oldest. But even in his 90s Pierre Cardin was still putting models on catwalks, seeking new ways to capture the future before it exists.



His Space Age range captured a futuristic outlook at the end of the 1960s, and included clothes made from foil and vinyl.

Photographer and former model Nigel Barker tweeted: “We have lost a legend...

Fashion Designer Pierre Cardin who revolutionized the industry with his futuristic designs and think outside of the box business approach has

Cardin was born in Italy in 1922 but moved to France as a child. He began his fashion career in Paris working for firms including Christian Dior, for whom he helped create the New Look collection in 1947.

He set up his own fashion company in 1950 and made his name with visionary designs like the iconic bubble dress in 1954 and his Space Age collection in 1964. At the end of the 1950s, he launched his first ready-to-wear collection for the Printemps department store. While pop stars and actors like the Beatles and Lauren Bacall were seen wearing Cardin, his cutting-edge designs were also within reach of ordinary customers.

With a savvy business sense, he also came to recognise the appeal of the name on the label, and allowed his to be used on goods ranging from sunglasses to perfume, pens and food. However, to some, that expansion diluted the appeal of his core business.



He also became the first designer to hold a fashion show in Red Square in Moscow in 1991, drawing a crowd of 200,000.

Justine Picardie, contributing editor of Harper’s Bazaar magazine, told BBC Radio 4’s The World At One: “He became synonymous with those global licensing deals - anything from ties and pens to cars.

“He was also synonymous with the popularisation and democratisation of fashion, and with this idea of the space age.” Cardin also set his sights on a new globalised world market, presenting a collection in Communist China in 1979, and Moscow’s Red Square in 1991. (Courtesy bbc.com)

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如果说到全世界最辛苦的家长大多位于哪个国家，相信很多人都会把这一票投给中国。确实中国的家长为了孩子操碎了心，不管身处什么样的环境，不管孩子有什么样的发展，作为家长似乎都难以安心，他们总是有着各种各样的焦虑，当然关注点都是在孩子身上。

上小学三年级的朵朵在周六的晚上正奋笔疾书，写着各类作业，忽然她放下了手中的笔，叹了一口气：现在的孩子真辛苦！一旁的妈妈听了又好气又好笑，脱口而出：别身在福中不知福。

朵朵开始向妈妈抱怨，每天除了老师布置的作业外，还有妈妈给她买的习题和试卷要做，就连到了周末都没有时间休息。周六早上要补作业，下午要学画画，晚上要跳舞，周日早上补英语，下午学弹钢琴，晚上练书法，连喘气的时间都没有。

听了孩子这么说，妈妈若有所思，可是很快就告诉朵朵现在的孩子都这样，如果你不学，那么就会落后于他人。甚至最后妈妈还补充了一句，我在考虑周三晚上要不要帮你再加一个辅导班，数学也不能落下。

虽然是心平气和的一段对话，但

是我们已经能够明显感受到朵朵妈妈的焦虑，这种焦虑其实在我国很多家长的身上都有所体现。为什么会出现这种情况呢？

据《中国家长教育焦虑指数调查报告》显示：中国家长整体上处于比较焦虑的状态。超半数家长因为孩子的学习、成长和未来感到焦虑；75%的家长已开始为孩子的教育“未雨绸缪”。

这时我们要接触一个名词：身份焦虑。

正是因为家长不同的身份，所以他们才会有意无意的表现出对孩子的极度焦虑。只是让所有人有些诧异的是，那些真正焦虑孩子未来的家长，往往以中产阶级为多，他们在子女教育问题上的焦虑溢于言表。

《海淀家长不配有梦想》、《海淀家长对不起，顺义妈妈的生活才叫做“不配有梦想”》，这些是前段时间火遍朋友圈的文章，引起了很多中产阶级家庭的共鸣。之所以会出现这样共同的现象，是因为这些家长都有着一样的思维模式，穷人思维。

穷人思维最主要的表现就是目光

短浅，他们会因为过于焦虑而急功近利，拔苗助长，无形之中自然给孩子制造了很大的压力。家长都希望孩子能够比自己优秀，希望孩子能够得到社会更多的认可，可是唯独忘了站在孩子的立场真正考虑他们的感受。

在《心理学原理》中写道：

“如果可行，对一个人最残忍的惩罚莫过于如此：给他自由，让他在社会上逍遥，却又视之于无物，完全不给他丝毫的关注。”

剖析本质，可以用一个字概括，爱，才是人们真正的追求，也是父母对孩子最普遍的体现。

怎样才能避免过度焦虑？

1、学会放松

一个人在焦虑的情况下，会感觉到自己的身体非常疲惫，所以想要缓解精神上

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的焦虑，不妨先从学会放松自己做起。英国精神病专家埃德蒙·雅各布森曾说过：“身体放松的时候，精神是不会焦虑的。”

运动是最好的放松方法，每天抽取固定的时间进行身体上的运动，比如瑜伽、游泳都是不错的选择。同时调整自己的呼吸，也能够有效缓解焦虑的情绪，人们不妨尝试腹式呼吸，这是和我们正常呼吸相反的一种状态，能有效的让人们感到轻松。

2、转换思维方式

很多家长之所以会出现焦虑感，是因为他们的思维方式出现了根本的错误，虽然知识能够改变命运，但是在如今这个快速发展的社会中，人们成功的途径有很多，孩子当然要好好学习，但不要过于强调这是唯一的出路。

家长应该尝试用符合当下现实的

方法，去替代之前错误的思维，把之前笃定的语气转变为个人的看法，同时要不停的追问自己，自己的这些焦虑是否有出现的可能性，几率又会有多大，如果真的发生，是不是一点应对的方法都没有？

3、简化生活

人们的欲望总是无止境的，有了80平的房子想住100平的房子，有了10万的车想开20万的车，这些物质上的追求只会让人们压力越来越大，从而焦虑感越来越强，当自己无法达到时，甚至焦虑会变成抑郁。

这时不妨尝试着把对物质生活的关注进行适度简化，多花一点心思在自己和孩子的精神生活层面。抽空陪孩子一起亲近大自然，一起体验生活，这样幸福感自然会更强，孩子的压力也会有所缓解，而家长自身的焦虑更会得到释放。

