

“In fact, as a constitutional scholar in the standard sense, my mind is filled with terms like the rule of law, democracy, and human rights, so no matter what major events are happening outside, such as the COVID-19 outbreak, which is rare for human beings, my first reaction is to deal with the state of emergency in response to the new crown pneumonia epidemic, what about the values of the rule of law, democracy and human rights that we are familiar with? Do you still want to persevere? How to persevere? Who will hold on? To what extent do you persist? These questions are the basic theoretical questions of constitutional law and the habitual constitutional thinking of every constitutional scholar in the true sense.

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