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explanatory category in the context of infectious disease epidemics,
such as the recent SARS and Ebola outbreaks.
