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**'No significant changes':**  
**China's zero-covid strategy will stay**  
**Robert Lawrence Kuhn – May 2, 2022**



**PIERS MORGAN:**  
Millions of people in China are still living under the world's most draconian lockdown measures in the face of the country's brutal Zero COVID policy. Footage has emerged of a man in Beijing who sealed himself into his car because he feared he might have the virus. Residents in Shanghai have staged screaming protests from their homes.



**PIERS MORGAN:**  
Robert Lawrence Kuhn is a longtime adviser to Chinese leaders and the author of *How Chinese Leaders Think*. He joins me now. Welcome to the show. We haven't got much time. I'm really sorry, but if you could just explain to me how long can this go on, this Zero COVID policy in China, given the reaction from the people there? And can it work?



**ROBERT  
LAWRENCE  
KUHN: It will  
go on for the  
rest of the  
year, through  
the 20th Party  
Congress,  
which is  
probably in  
November.**

**It's important  
to understand  
three reasons  
why China's  
COVID  
lockdown  
policy is in  
place.**

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**ROBERT LAWRENCE KUHN: First, "Putting People First" is the leadership's, President Xi Jinping's, the Party's highest objective. It is their mission — and saving people's lives is the top of the list.**

**Estimates were that there might have been 200 million cases and 2 million deaths in China, if they hadn't done the draconian lockdowns in the early days.**



**ROBERT  
LAWRENCE  
KUHN:**  
Secondly,  
because of the  
early success  
with the  
original virus,  
China has  
claimed that  
their system for  
“Putting People  
First” is the  
best in the  
world, better  
than [that of]  
the Western  
Liberal  
democracies. So  
that puts a  
“marker” down  
on the street.

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**ROBERT  
LAWRENCE KUHN:**  
Third, the 20th  
Party Congress —  
for people not  
familiar with it —  
is the most  
important event in  
China's political  
calendar. It  
occurs every five  
years. It  
establishes the  
leadership, the  
top people, which  
in China is the  
most important  
aspect. And China  
needs absolute  
stability,  
especially in  
Beijing, until that  
time.



**ROBERT  
LAWRENCE KUHN:**  
So, I do not expect  
any changes from  
significant  
lockdowns. They  
will try to modify it  
a little bit, as we  
see in Shanghai,  
as they can, but no  
significant  
changes until after  
the party  
Congress.

And after that,  
there will be, there  
has to be, a  
relaxation of the  
zero COVID policy,  
just to keep the  
economy going.





**PIERS MORGAN:**  
Robert, thank you. Brilliantly articulated. It's a fascinating situation there, and I appreciate you joining us; I wish we had more time. I appreciate it. Thank you.



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