KLEROS CASE NO. 302

Summary:

1) **Question asks about reported daily Corona death toll ≥ 1000 NOT whether a single outlier report exists that claims death toll ≥ 1000.**
2) **As no indication about how to determine daily death tolls is prescribed in question, it is up to the jurors to do so at their discretion.**
3) **It is prudent, common sense and does least harm to Omen as a platform for a juror to align with the absolute majority of credible reports. They indicate a "No" answer.**

No (daily deaths < 1000)	Yes (daily deaths ≥ 1000)
WHO	**StatNews**
New York Times	
Washington Post	
Worldometer	
covidtracking.com	
Google	

The question in dispute is:

"WILL THERE BE A DAY WITH AT LEAST 1000 **REPORTED CORONA DEATH** IN THE US IN THE FIRST 14 DAYS OF JULY?"

What is asked is clear.

1. Determine the daily corona death toll in the US for 1-14 July.
2. See whether any of those 14 numbers is 1000 or higher.

What is not clear is **the process as to how to determine the reported daily death toll**. Crucially, **no explicit sources** to function as "arbiter of truth" are given.

First, per market rules, the lack of source(s) does not render a market invalid.

Second, given that the market creator prescribes neither a specific source/ list of sources or a process to determine the daily Corona death toll, it *cannot* be argued that the market clearly indicates that a single outlier source is sufficient to resolve the market to "Yes". If this had been the intention, the question would have read:

> "Will there be a day with at least 1000 Corona deaths in the US in the first 14 days of July, *as reported by at least one source?"*

The phrasing allows no such inference. The literal question phrasing indicates one thing only about sources: the focus is *not* on “sources”.

Third, the author of the question already stated that the intention was not that an outlier source should decide the question:

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> 1 day ago
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> FWIW - as a market creator I can certainly say that the subject of the market was 1000 Corona death (also grammatically in the sentence) "reported" was only an "adjective". So IMO the market is primarily asking about corona deaths and not if there is "any report" (with report as subject) as people in the comments have suggested.

The decision process was left to the market through realt.io. **The decision process is now left to the discretion of the drawn jurors of the Kleros General Court. The jurors are both (1) “arbiters of truth” and (2) service providers to Omen as a platform.**

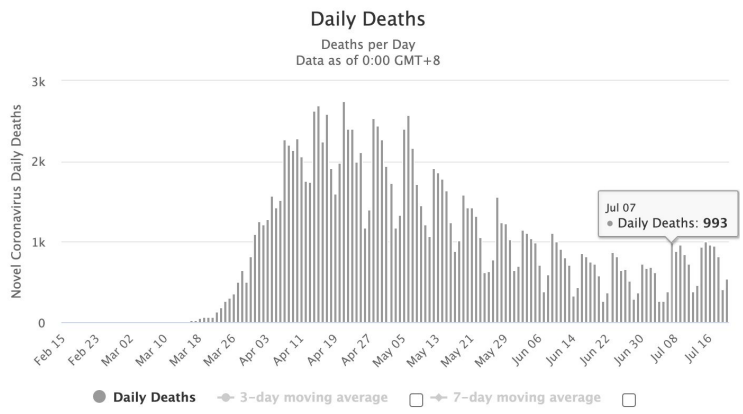
The market rules do not assist the jurors any further. Yet, while it is up to each jurors to determine the daily corona death toll themselves, the following may help:

As a plain reading of the question gives you no indication as to how to determine daily corona death, what is the “golden rule”, i.e. common sense approach here?

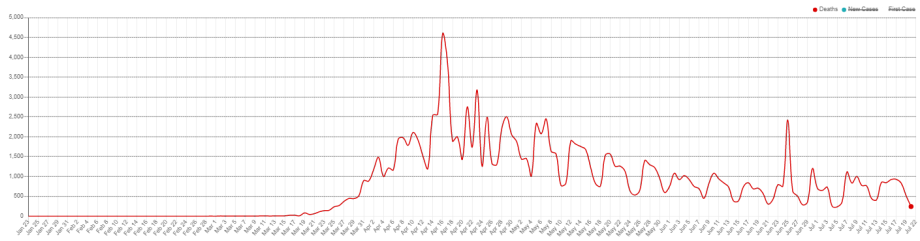
What do the sources that reported daily Corona death say:

Worldometers: NO (i.e. daily deaths < 1000)

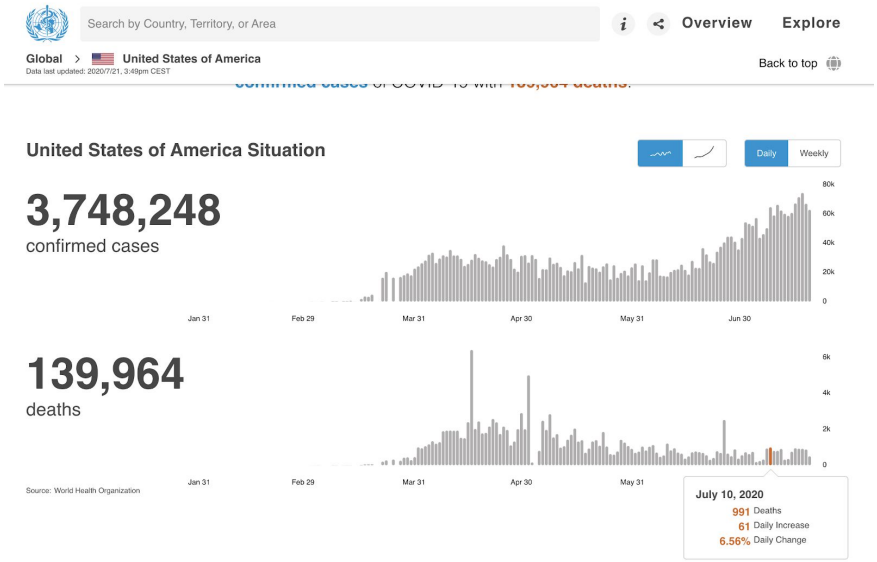
Daily New Deaths in the United States



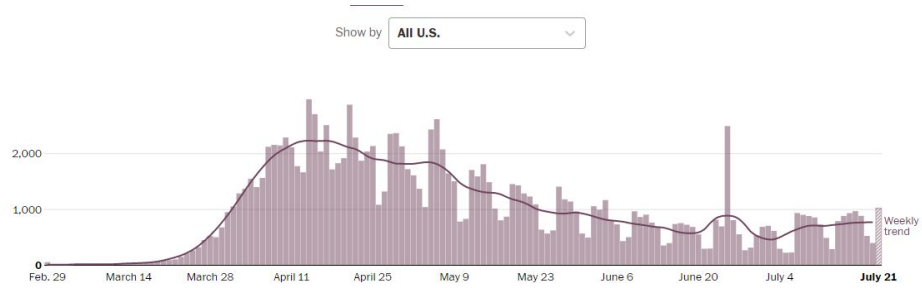
StatNews: YES (i.e. daily deaths ≥ 1000)



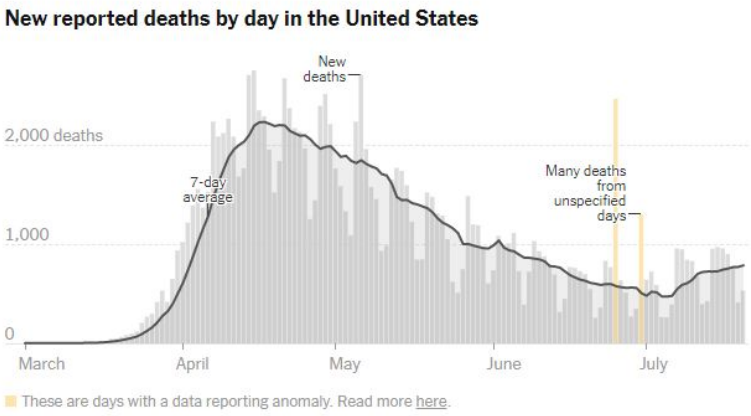
WHO: NO (i.e. daily deaths < 1000)



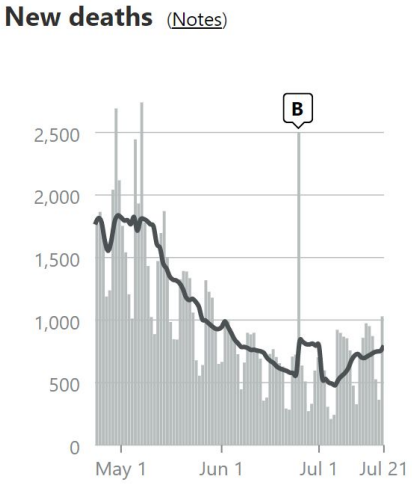
Washington Post: NO (i.e. daily deaths < 1000)



New York Times: NO (i.e. daily deaths < 1000)



Covidtracking: NO (i.e. daily deaths < 1000)



Google: NO (i.e. daily deaths < 1000)

All these sources are credible.

First, It is hardly possible to determine which one is more credible. But the absolute majority of the sources resolves the market to “No”. So it is prudent to go with the absolute majority.

Second, ask what the intention of the market creator was? As the screenshot above shows, the intention was not to allow an outlier source to determine the outcome.

Third, what decision would do least harm to Omen as a platform? A common sense solution that follows the absolute majority would hurt least, because it sets a clear precedent that markets are to be resolved by the jurors holistically following a user-friendly approach, if not as “arbiter or truth” than at least as “service providers” to the platform.

Hence, vote “No”.