

# Geo-World: Conflict & Protest

## March 2020



**The coronavirus pandemic**  
continued into the spotlight in March, affecting global politics

### The U.S.

**became the epicenter of the pandemic**

The U.S. will continue implementing strict measures at least for another month, President Trump said

### China & the U.S.

**exchanged words over pandemic but eased the dispute**

U.S. has accused China of lack of transparency but the tension eased in leaders level

### Saudi Arabia & Russia

**initiated a war on oil prices**

The energy dispute between Riyadh and Moscow cuts oil price to its lowest level in 17 years

### Political roadmap

**has been re-defined in some countries during the month**

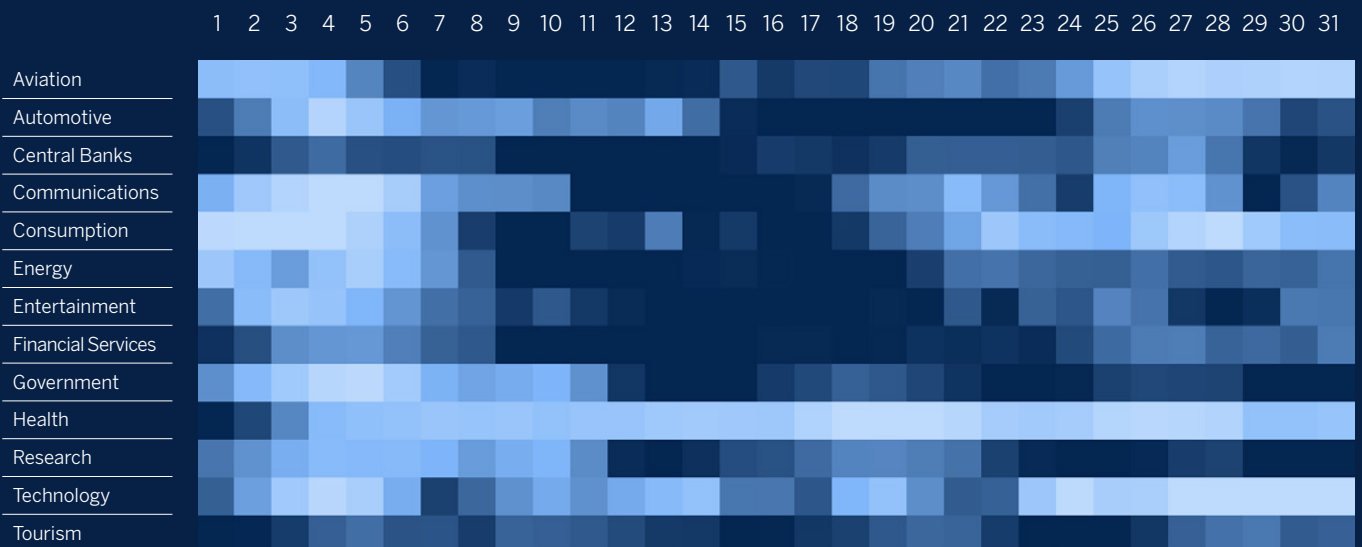
President Putin backs constitutional amendment in Russia. Israel is much closer to form a government

## World media sentiment to COVID-19 outbreak by activity sector

(darker blue means higher concerns)

Source: BBVA Research & GDELT

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## Media stress index of COVID-19 outbreak

(weighted tone by coverage, standardized series in moving average 3 days)

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