

WHO on COVID -19 - Viewpoint/ Concerns of the current state in America?

Director-General, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, stated that unlike many countries around the world such as New Zealand, Rwanda, and other Caribbean countries including the Bahamas the United States of America has failed to slow down the spread of the virus. Several viewpoints and concerns arise when listening to other countries compared to the United States of America including strict leadership, large gatherings, and a strong community.

First, strong leadership is imperative when tackling a virus such as COVID-19. To cease the spread of this deadly virus, my country, The Bahamas implemented strict guidelines. A few of these were weekend lockdowns, curfews, and isolated lockdowns. On July 1st, 2020, before the Bahamas opened its boards there were 106 confirmed cases and 6 active cases which confirms that these three measures worked. In the United States, these measures are necessary. This restricts the movement and interaction of people and gradually reduces positive cases of the coronavirus.

Additionally, COVID-19 thrives in large gatherings because the virus has no limit to age category, wealth, and gender. As a result of the tragic death of George Floyd individuals from across the United States of America marched for justice, peace, and equality. From videos shown on the internet, it is evident that individuals were not equipped with masks which drastically aroused numbers of COVID-19. Although the Black Lives Matter movement is standing up for justice, peace, and equality it is important to avoid crowded gatherings to cease the spread of this deadly virus. Ironically, Americans who marched because of the tragic death of George Floyd placed millions of lives at risk.

Finally, there is a concern about a strong community and personal responsibility to adhere to laws in place which include wearing masks, social distancing, and sanitization of hands. Americans and residents must agree in the same way we agreed to stand up for justice, peace, and equality we must agree to the rules put into place to save the lives of others.

To combat the spread of COVID-19 in America there must be strong leadership, avoiding or large gathering, and a strong community.