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**Q:1 How have cultural behaviors influenced the spread of infectious diseases in human populations?** In some cultures, people are up close and personal and don't believe in giving personal space. Some countries were forced to go into shutdown. In order to help prevent the stop the spread of the deadly disease. In the United States some people are what I consider to be hardhead/ stubborn. A small county in South Carolina called Clarendon County Made the news on WLTX for having a Cooler Fest and people who attended was not practicing safe social distancing and some people was not even wearing facial Mask. In Sri Lanka as of 09/10/20 there have been confirmed 3,140 COVID 19 cases and 12 deaths and over 2, 946 recovered according to <https://www.bing.com/search?q=Coronavirus+statistics+in+Sri+Lanka> . The prevention of the spread of the disease was constantly washing of your hands and using alcohol- based rub, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, if you are not feeling well stay home and practicing safe social distance. According CDC.

**Q:2 How culture influences the current spread of COVID-19 worldwide?** In my opinion the cultures help influences the widespread of the Covid-19 diseases by people who are not taking this disease serious. In recent news you hear about the raise of cases in various communities. People are busy trying to return life "back to normal", but unfortunately life as we know it is not normal. Small kids in my opinion are going to experience isolation and separation the hardest. The reason being kids are experiencing what is like for playing in distance, they will have to wear masks, to constantly use hand sanitizers, and must practice good hygiene. Some adults are trying to do the same by having gender reveals and have weddings with massive amount of guest and they aren't practice safe social distance. I personally have a friend that had her partner's sister over to her house and the sister was positive and knew it. Long story short she didn't consider the health of other people she met. In my opinion she didn't really care about her health and the health of others.

**Q:3 Are there particular behaviors that are more prevalent than others throughout history?** The behaviors that I think are more prevalent now than others. There is comparison to COVID -19 to the Spanish Flu pandemic that occurred in 1918. As I continued to research there was pictures of the nurses that was seen wearing proper personal protection equipment, and now front-line workers are seen wearing the same exact equipment. According to article that was published on 09/09/2020 "Unfortunately like today, every part of the country did it differently, and different cities did it differently, so we know that the cities that took stronger social distancing measures earlier and more consistently actually had better results," Howard said. Northern Illinois University history professor Dr. Beatrice Howard [https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/politics/health-historian-finds-similarities-between-covid-19-pandemic-and-1918-pandemic?utm\\_source=msn&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=msn\\_feed](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/politics/health-historian-finds-similarities-between-covid-19-pandemic-and-1918-pandemic?utm_source=msn&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=msn_feed) I am very

sure that a world renowned doctor such as Doctor Anthony Fauci wasn't able to speak and advised people who came under the sound of his voice to take the medical advice that was given and the commander in chief was able to make sound decision with having social media being involved, and the president then was able to care about himself and others.

**Q4: Why are cultural behaviors important to study when looking at how infectious diseases spread in human populations?** It is important to study different cultural behaviors because some countries don't understand what it means to practice in social distance. Some countries are so used to be in close in contact with each other. Some infectious diseases can be easily spread, and people in different cultural are unaware the side effects of the disease and ignorant to understanding of the importance. **What lessons can we draw from history to the current COVID-19 outbreak?** The lesson that we can draw from the history from this current outbreak we can learn that we should never take life for granted. Our families are easily affected losing some close and near. I think it's so important for people to get regularly check- ups and take the necessary medications and vitamins. People need to wear their masks and sanitize.