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### **Disruptions that have impacts on societies**

The modern world has experienced numerous disruptions that have had significant impacts on societies. Two such disruptions that have been particularly noteworthy are the COVID-19 pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement.

The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in late 2019, quickly spread across the world, infecting millions, and killing hundreds of thousands of people. The pandemic disrupted societies in numerous ways, including by forcing businesses and schools to close, limiting travel and social gatherings, and straining healthcare systems.

In response to the pandemic, people turned to screens to stay informed, connect with loved ones, and continue with work and school. The images on screens reflected both national unity and division. On the one hand, people came together to support healthcare workers, create mutual aid networks, and follow public health guidelines. On the other hand, the pandemic also exacerbated existing divisions, including political polarization, racism, and inequality.

The values of America that were reflected in the response to the pandemic included a belief in individualism and self-reliance, as well as a commitment to science and public health. However, the pandemic also highlighted the fragility of the social safety net, as well as the systemic inequities that exist in American society.

The Black Lives Matter movement, which gained momentum in 2020 following the murder of George Floyd by police officers in Minneapolis, disrupted society by shining a light on the pervasive problem of police violence against Black people. The movement sparked protests and demonstrations across the country, as well as a national reckoning with issues of racial justice and equity.

The screen images that responded to the Black Lives Matter movement reflected both unity and division. On the one hand, people came together to demand change and express solidarity with Black communities. On the other hand, the movement also led to polarization and division, with some people rejecting the message of the movement and others becoming defensive or uncomfortable with discussions of race and racism.

The values of America that were reflected in the response to the Black Lives Matter movement included a commitment to justice and equality, as well as a deep-seated history of racism and racial inequality. The movement also highlighted the importance of grassroots activism and the power of collective action to effect change.

In conclusion, the COVID-19 pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement are two modern disruptions of society that have had significant impacts on people's lives. The response to these disruptions has been complex and multifaceted, reflecting both national unity and division, as well as a range of cultural, social, and political values. As we continue to navigate these disruptions and their aftermath, it is important to remain mindful of the ways in which they have shaped and continue to shape our society.

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