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Modern Disruptions

The Coronavirus is a recent primary example of a modern society disruption. In the covid pandemic, it is supposed it was exposure to diseased bats at an open air market in Wuhan China that started the spread of the disease. By January 23rd, the first person who was tested positive for Corona was located Southeast of China, an area called Guizhou. The disease had spread rapidly across other cities of China like Beijing and Shanghai. In response to the disease, thousands had flown out of Wuhan to other cities throughout the world like New York, Sydney, and Bangkok. The virus then began to spread to Tokyo, Singapore, Seoul, Hong kong, and eventually to the United States near Seattle.

The way people responded was a bit chaotic and hectic. At first, no one really seemed to know what to do. People thought it was a good idea to leave their country and travel to different countries. What made it worse is people who carried the virus, had brought it to their new destinations, and this caused the virus to spread throughout the whole world making it a pandemic.

This pandemic created a division. Countries were closing down their borders, preventing people from traveling in hopes to slow the spread of coronavirus. The lockdowns started to occur, schools were no longer in person, businesses were shutting down, people were

losing their jobs, and the quarantining has impacted people's mental health negatively.

There was also blame and hatred towards asians. Asian hate was increasing as days went by, and that was not making the coronavirus go away. It was creating a bigger division. It seemed it was the whole world versus asians.

In terms of preparation, the United States had time to prepare, but failed. By 2020, there were more than 20 million covid cases and more than 364,000 deaths. There were 140,000 jobs lost for women in December in 2020. Though there are many negative factors related to covid, a positive development was the creation of the vaccines for Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna.

Another modern disruption is the rising sea levels. Global sea levels are rising as a result of human-caused global warming. The sea level is caused by two factors: the added water from melting ice sheets and glaciers, and the expansion of seawater as it warms. The sea level is rising at a fast pace. This will negatively impact society because it will recede coastlines, coastal flooding will occur, contaminated groundwater will occur, diseases will spread throughout the coastline putting aquatic animals and humans at risk.

Since global warming is a topic that can determine our future. Governments are implementing ways to improve society. To reduce the chances of flooding occurring from the rising sea levels, flood barriers are being built like seawalls, levees, and dikes. As a society, there is a discussion about how we can use energy resources to sustain our environment.

Together, businesses, governments, and communities can be less dependent on fossil fuels, protect rainforests through sustainable practices, move to electric vehicles, and develop a smart grid.

With responses to global warming there is more unity than division as many nations are recognizing how harmful global warming can be in the future. Many developed countries signed the Paris Agreement, and by doing so, countries have committed to delivering their own pledges that set out how they will lower their emissions and adapt to climate change, but also financially wise how they hope to move forward.