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Modern Disruptions

Our contemporary age is no stranger to disruptions. We live in a period of time where we are very much connected and networked. Disruptions during our modern age can be very catastrophic. The two events I will be referring to are the Covid-19 pandemic and the Cold War.

During the year of 2020, the world was humbled by the sudden change of normal. After news about the Wuhan Covid outbreak spread, jobs, schools and other institutions had to deal with the change that came about. Schools had to change to virtual learning, and remote work became more prevalent. Social distancing became the new normal for a period of time, and there was panic. In an already political world, this led to discussions over whether or not vaccinations should be necessary, concerns about the longevity of mask-wearing and other discussions. If you passed by Yankee stadium, you would see signs that would say "be strong," projecting an image of strength as a nation.

The Cold War was a scary time in its own right. During the 50s, America and Russia were in talks concerning whether or not to use nuclear warfare, with Fidel Castro in the middle of it. America, fearing the spread of communism, moved forward with the intention and desire to contain it. This scare caused a lot of fears among the common people. Trust issues began to arise in America, with people fearing someone they know may be a communist. Within the school system, they began to train the children to prepare for the event of a nuclear attack, called "Duck-and Cover drills." Patriotism was more promoted during this time, with the hope of keeping morale.