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Choose two modern disruption of society and analyze them in terms of 1) the disruption itself

What happened?

2) The screen images that respond, how did people respond? Was there a national unity? Or division? And what frame values of America, or another nation if your using a foreign event, are seen in the reaction

September eleventh and the Covid Pandemic are my chosen two of analysis. Because they hit home in a very unique way. The national consensus for both tragedies were not the same. They each had a whole different trajectory that will remain with us for years to come.

September eleventh was like a normal day for me. I lived in Florida at the time and was actually in college when this tragedy struck. The cultural setting of America was one of invincibility at the time. They were a law unto themselves and indestructible. This invisibility gave America the false image of indomitableness of its ideology.

One of the key areas that was always an issue was church and state. I remember my friend was called into school because her daughter prayed in the cafeteria over her lunch and it was a big issue, she was sent home. Yet two days later this child was asked to pray for the school.

The system's cultural value was breaking away from the ancient path of prayer and discipline and reverence. During the time after the bombing all church doors swung open, from sun-up to sun down. Prayers were held everywhere and no one had an issue about prayer in schools or in the cafeteria. It was the one thing that was welcome by all regardless of class color or creed.

September eleventh brought the spirit of fear to America. She lost her invincibility and was replaced with fear. Fear to travel, fear to do business. The fear was crippling on a physical society that was one flamboyant and vivacious.

People huddled in homes and drew near to family. The need to be home was so strong that I made arrangements to travel home three months later. It was tedious, the lines were long and the officers were harsh. I remember being pulled from the line along with three other middle eastern looking passengers and was properly scrutinized. I told them I'm a Jamaican who has never visited the middle east, but at the time my hair was long from being chemically straightened and my pronounced nose did give me a middle eastern look. Which actually was not far from the truth, because my grandparents were middle eastern and in some strange way I did look that way in my youth.

This fear terrorized America and caused it to fall into a slum for a while, but the Church grew in leaps and bounds and it became the social force that now sets the standard for prayer and worship. People became united and drew strength from the church in order to move ahead and pick up the pieces of what was left and began to rebuild.

Both there was also the feverency of revenge that was locked into the hearts of those who were in authority. They were angry and wanted someone to pay dearly for this act. It brought a whole different level to the unity of the government and military of the land, which was running in

emotionalism and not rationalism. They launched their attack on a nation and not on the sub group that was responsible, causing death and destruction for years to come and financial losses on this country which resulted later in an economic downturn of the country's financial system.

This was the tip of the iceberg that we saw, many veterans from this emotional drive were the real victims, even to this day. Many of them cannot live in a home because of the traumatic event of the war, they think they are being captured and will be tortured.

My current Pastor is a former air force pilot who flew in the war and had it not been for the grace of God he would be mad. Unlike Stanly, we call him Bro Stan, he had a break-down and has not recovered since, he is also a veteran from the war.

On the flip side of the coin we saw the Pandemic of Covid. The trauma of life loss and the continued effects of this devastating disease. It causes church doors to close, schools and business to decline. The supposedly unity was never seen, but the fear was obvious. People were so fearful that it brought trauma of unprecedented amounts, leaving a lasting effect of devastation.

Unlike september eleventh where churches became the catalyst for change, they were actually closed and some never reopened as some Pastors died or the financial viability was lost because of congregation death or fear of coming together to worship. The church was no longer a safe place but an infestation that must be avoided if one wanted to survive.

The economy stopped growing and people became hungry and destitute. I have first hand experience of this, my church never locked its doors and we upgraded our food pantry to serve people and churches from any denomination who wanted food five days a week.

We serve over five hundred people a day in a line outside of the building.

The cultural setting changed dramatically as people scuffled to get by daily. There was a sense of hopelessness that was felt all around. Children were confined to homes and internet schooling, which affected their social skills, impacting their cognitive development in a negative way.

Children learn through repetition, hearing, singing , and touching to make meaning of words and sounds. But with a mask mandate , navigating zoom, apparatus and 6 feet apart words became muffled and the physical contact was nil. This resulted in speech impediments and learning delay and underdeveloped social skills coupled with loss of hours..

Its devastation and trauma on many especially minority and underserved communities who went from being poor to destitute. The medical field will always be remembered as the strength in spite of their major losses, they rallied together to serve when others couldn't.

The downturn of the economy and the fear push people to become more segregated than before, the church no longer offers hope to many because its doors were closed. This ongoing impact of Covid will be with us for years to come. Unlike September, the eleventh, will be remembered as the traumatic day in the lives of Americans, but they rose from the ashes when the dust settled with the help of the church who championed the cause for healing and blessings. Even in the face of an economic downturn people were hopeful, because they could pray and sing their fears away while looking for a better future, the striking contrast of two disasters that changed America in an odd way.

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