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In recent years, numerous disruptions of society have impacted the world in significant ways. In this essay, I will analyze two modern disruptions - the COVID-19 pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement

The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in late 2019 and continues to impact the world in 2023, has been one of the most significant disruptions of modern society. The pandemic has caused widespread illness and death, economic upheaval, and social isolation. The pandemic has also highlighted inequalities in healthcare access and the impact of systemic racism on health outcomes.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, screen images showed a range of reactions from fear and panic to denial and skepticism. Initially, the United States lacked national unity as different states implemented different policies in response to the pandemic. There were also politicization and misinformation around the pandemic, with some leaders and media outlets downplaying the severity of the virus and resisting public health measures like mask-wearing and vaccination. However, as the pandemic continued and the severity of the crisis became more apparent, there was greater national unity around public health measures, and the value of science and expertise became more widely recognized.

The Black Lives Matter movement, which gained renewed momentum in 2020 after the murder of George Floyd, has been another significant disruption of modern society. The movement has drawn attention to the ongoing impact of systemic racism and police brutality against Black people in the United States and worldwide.

In response to the Black Lives Matter movement, screen images showed a range of reactions, from solidarity and support to resistance and violence. The movement sparked a national conversation about race and racism, with many people and organizations publicly committing to anti-racism work. However, there was also a backlash against the movement, with some people and media outlets promoting a message of "Blue Lives Matter" or "All Lives Matter" in response to the movement's focus on Black lives. This backlash reflected a deeper divide in American society around issues of race and racism.

In conclusion, the COVID-19 pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement have been two of the most significant disruptions in modern society. In both cases, screen images showed a range of reactions, reflecting deeper divisions in American society around issues of public health and race. However, these disruptions have also led to greater awareness and conversation around these issues, and there is hope that they will ultimately lead to positive change.

