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### Coronavirus Pandemic Essay

Coronavirus is a time in which our generation has never seen. People have been forced indoors in the wake as to what has become the main focus of people's daily lives. For me, Coronavirus was something not taken seriously. It was joked about at parties by people saying, "Woah watch out you're gonna get rona" after sharing drinks. Coronavirus started spreading like wildfire throughout the world. It first began to daunt me that it was getting severe when college students began to have their abroad trips canceled, and students had to return home. As days passed, things began to worsen quickly until Wednesday night. The NBA season was canceled. From there, it has only gotten worse as Quarantine will continue until the end of summer. As time passes, life has changed in people's interactions and has caused ripples that seem to last a lifetime.

As the realization set in that, I would be going back to my hometown to Quarantine, there were some things that I was losing out on. From a baseball perspective, the Spring quarter is something that I look forward to all year long. The spring quarter is baseball season, where our team spends countless hours throughout the year training. During the fall, our team has daily six A.M. weights and long grueling practices. The cancellation of our baseball season has led to so many disappointed people as well as costing money for even more. The junior year is crucial for college baseball players because this is the year they become eligible for the MLB draft. This year, players can raise their draft stock and get themselves more money depending on their years.

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The outcome of the Coronavirus is the loss of so much money for not only the Juniors on our baseball team but Juniors all over the world. Juniors have individually lost millions of dollars that are so lifechanging for so many of these athletes. As for the impact on my family, my brother is a senior in high school this year and plays baseball as well. Senior year is crucial for getting recruited in baseball. Yet because of Coronavirus, there was no baseball season, and no college coaches could see him play, meaning that his lifelong dream of playing college baseball is ruined. Finally, looking at my mom, she is a dentist at the VA hospital in Long Beach. The hospital has now turned into a testing site where my mom has to put her well-being on the line every day. The Virus is something that has put our entire family under duress, as well as now not allowing us to see our grandparents or any family at all. While this has caused a lot of stress on our family during this time it has created so many negative things that will impact my life forever, it has gone from potentially costing me millions of dollars to destroying my brother's dreams of playing college baseball. As for my mom, it has caused so much unwarranted stress as she went from being a dentist to have to transform into a helper for the Covid-19 outbreak. All of these things have added up to negatively impact not only my life but my family's lives as well.

Though there have been so many negatives brought about by Coronavirus, there are still some positives that have occurred in my life. The first being that I can spend a lot of time with my family. Since I have gotten to college, I have not truly got to spend time with my family and live at home. When I first arrived at college, I lived in the dorms until Christmas, where I was able to go home for three weeks then went back to school. The next time I went home was for one day at Easter. I then spent the summer doing summer school sessions A and C, so I was unable to return home then as well. I repeated this same cycle in my sophomore and junior years

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of college. My intent was later to leave to start my career in professional baseball again. This pandemic has given me the last three months of living with my family before I start my career. The family time that I have not gotten to truly experience in years, and I feel so grateful for the amount of joy my family has brought to me. As for my father, he is swamped during everyday life, and there have been so many projects that we have worked on together, yet now we have been presented with the chance to finish them. Quarantine has given my Dad and me a chance to redo our entire backyard completely. We have painted the outside, thoroughly cleaned out the whole yard, built a wall to put ivy on, built my mom a mini garden, and made a little outside movie theater with a projector and a screen. This time has not only allowed us to create things that we can be proud of but also give us quality time that I would never give back. Finally, it has given me time to make school a priority. Since entering college, my life has been completely hectic and centered around baseball. Yet, because of the cancellation of the season, I am genuinely able to invest myself in all my classes truly. It has allowed me to get a different view of what the course load and effort for each course should genuinely look like. Wrapping up these positives helps prove that even in the wake of this pandemic, there is still good in my life.

This pandemic is comparable to events in Spanish history, such as the introduction of disease to the indigenous population. As discussed in the Monday week 5 lecture, it tells of how the Virus rampaged through the indigenous people. The diseases spreading through these people had a very high infection rate similar to that of the Coronavirus. The diseases were also what gave way for a transformation of powers. For instance, Indian people were in control, and the impact of the disease killing of so many of these people then left room for European takeover to take way. The takeover present in the Indian population is similar to what can happen in the

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economy with so many little business and even a large portion of companies going bankrupt it could introduce the world to a whole new way of living. Companies prospering at high levels, such as airlines and cruise ships, are now on the verge of extinction. Comparing the indigenous people's impact on diseases and Coronavirus in terms of modern-day outcomes shows that in the past and what is likely to happen in the future is new ways of living will become established.

There are many different ways that people's lives are going to look after this pandemic is over. The first is that online schooling and forms of careers may become a lot more prominent. Now that some people have learned how to do their jobs online successfully; therefore, they may feel more incentivized to work from home. As well as looking at some majors in colleges is now able to transition somewhat smoothly online. This meaning that even though some majors are struggling, others realize that it is now entirely possible for them to move online. These are just small examples of how the world could still start to evolve into an online savvy world.

Another way that the world could be impacted is the separation that is occurring from all the conflicts that the Coronavirus has caused. Since the inauguration of Donald Trump's dispute between the democratic and republican parties has grown and has kept increasing going into this pandemic, it has skyrocketed the tension between the two parties. First, the Republican party has been stereotyped as a whole to be ignoring science and becoming selfish by protesting the stay at home orders as well as completely ignoring them. The Democratic party's stereotype is that this party is too afraid to do anything and is looking to control everybody by trying to keep them all indoors. Other problems such as Eric Trump claimed that the democratic party is using the Coronavirus to hurt trump. All of these conflicts have led to an extremely aggressive comparison between the two parties that has continued to worsen leading to a world that could be destroyed

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by people needs to hate one another instead of looking together to come to a common goal and solve the problems that are impacting all people not just one political party or the other. This argumentative culture is causing more chaos throughout the United States. It not only takes away from the solving from the issue at hand but can also cause future problems that will lead to the self-destruction of our own country.

Coronavirus has taken complete control of everyone's lie around the world, and this pandemic has impacted millions of people's lives for years to come. The Coronavirus has personally taken away my opportunity to potentially play my last baseball season at UCLA, as well as caused so much stress on our family by having my mother working to combat Covid-19. The Virus has also given me back time with my family that I am so grateful for and a chance to work hard and focus on school. Coronavirus also has many comparisons to the diseases that killed off so many indigenous people and changed global history forever. Covid-19 also has a chance to do the same for the worse with the worsening relations between the democratic and republican parties. It is our destiny to choose how we let this Virus impact our lives, meaning that this Virus can either tear our world apart or bring us closer together, and it is up to all of us to decide.