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Abstract

What are the most prominent positive things shown by the crisis of the outbreak of the Coronavirus around the world?

The main purpose of this research is to try to answer this question and highlight some positive aspects.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

Despite the fear and anxiety prevailing among people because of the outbreak of Covid-19, despite the ugliness of this situation, there are some consequences that can have a positive long-term impact on the earth and on people, there are positive aspects in our daily lives due to the restrictions imposed by dealing with the pandemic. The quarantine imposed on hundreds of millions of people around the world has changed the pace of daily life, our habits, and social behaviours, but it has brought benefits and contributed to creating new positives and behaviours that would not have occurred in our lives had it not been for the emergence of this virus. the high number of its victims and the exceptional restrictions imposed by the quarantine situation on our social life, this humanitarian crisis has highlighted positive aspects such as the spirit of solidarity between neighbours, spending more time with the family, the decline in the rapid pace of daily life and even lower rates of consumption and air pollution globally (Professor Debbie Haski-Leventhal, 2020).



1.2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The main aim of this research is to shed light on some of the positive aspects that accompanied the Covid 19 pandemic and affected our lives for the better. Also, one of the objectives of this research is to draw attention to take advantage of these positive aspects and continuity in innovations and human solidarity to face any challenges that humanity may face in the future.

1.3 RESEARCH METHOD

In this research, the secondary method of literature review has been used.

University websites, academic research papers, trusted YouTube videos and press articles were the main sources for this research.

2. THE SOCIAL POSITIVE IMPACT OF COVID-19

2.1 CONNECTEDNESS

4 According to Professor Debbie Haski-Leventhal, one of the positive outcomes is a renewed sense of community and social cohesion. It may be our human instinct that pushes us to communicate and interact with other humans. Then, during this pandemic, people found multiple ways to communicate. For example, In Italy and during the closure, families would gather to play tunes from their balconies. So does the group dance in the streets, while maintaining social distancing (Professor Debbie Haski-Leventhal, 2020). The Study conducted by Leeds Trinity academics Dr Carmen Clayton and Marie Potter has revealed that " for many parents, the chance to spend quality time at home with their children, the ability to work from home, less commuting and a sense of a slower pace of life in general, has led to a reassessment of work and career priorities" (Dr Carmen Clayton and Marie Potter , 2020).

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2.2 HOME SCHOOLING

The study has also highlighted those parents spending more time with their children at home has a positive impact on children's education and academic achievement. Home-Schooling, despite some negative reports about it, has proven its worth it in raising children's academic level and developing some of their skills (Dr Carmen Clayton and Marie Potter , 2020).

2.3 HELP FOR THE ELDERLY

One of the most beautiful things that happened during this crisis is the proximity of people to each other and their feeling for others, an example of this is what happened to the elderly here in Britain some stores allocated certain times for the elderly so they can do their shopping also there were many volunteers to deliver food and necessities to the elderly (Russell Hope, news reporter, 2020).

2.4 GRATITUDE

Also, one of the beautiful gifts of COVID-19 to us is that sense of appreciation and gratitude for the beauty and nature that surround us and what we possess. We used to take these things for granted. Our work, our families, our friends, our freedom, our enjoyment of life. We never wondered that this beautiful life we live might suddenly be taken away from us.

After the virus turned into a pandemic that invaded the world, all places of non-essential services were closed, and then many discovered that essential professions in society are not necessarily the professions they thought. The current crisis showed the importance of all health workers and food sellers, as well as nannies and postmen. The common factor between these professions is their low salaries, even though they are indispensable professions in society, and the Corona crisis may result in the social and financial appreciation of the owners of this profession. (Professor Debbie Haski-Leventhal, 2020).

2.5 BETTER LIFESTYLE CHANGES AND BETTER HYGIENE

One of the positive changes that occurred due to COVID-19 is paying attention to personal hygiene and changing lifestyle to cope with the situation, for example, cleaning hands constantly, using sanitizing materials, covering the face when sneezing or coughing, in addition to wearing masks and other precautions, has become a way of life (SyurveySparrow, 2020).

2.6 CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

COVID-19 was a real test for large corporations and their social responsibilities towards society, towards their employees, towards consumers and towards the environment. There were many examples of this, corporations donating money, food, and medicine to help those affected by Covid, some corporations providing services or incentives for health workers and other examples (Professor Debbie Haski-Leventhal, 2020).

3. THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE ENVIRONMENT

3.1 WILDLIFE AND COVID-19

Jennifer Heusen of (Health News Today) pointed out in her article that one of the positive things that affected the nature around us due to the pandemic is the lack of human movement and travel.

Because of this lack of movement, the killing of wild animals has decreased. She gave an example from a previous study. This study showed that the incidence of hedgehog killing was reduced by 50% in Poland alone. Another study conducted in 11 countries showed that the incidence of killing wild animals decreased by 40%.

Also, the decrease in marine activity from ships travelling across the seas and oceans and fishing, all of this has a positive impact on marine life in general.

Even birds benefited from the low level of pollution in the air, or even from the lack of flights, which caused many accidents of death of these birds (Huizen, 2021).

“Goats are conquering the empty streets in a British village” with this sentence, DW News started the story and asked the channel about the strangeness of these pictures and videos that we see of wild animals wandering in our cities after humans thought they had occupied the land. Here is nature and quickly recover what was stolen from it (Anon., 2020).

3.2 COVID-19 AND AIR POLLUTION

According to the environmental scientist, Professor, and researcher Radley Horton, in a television interview with NBC News, the professor refers to the positive impact of Covid 19 on the environment and gave an example of the air improvement rate in California, approximately 30%. He also gave examples of a decrease in toxic gases in the north-eastern areas of China and the industrial areas of northern Italy during the closure period by 10% to 30%. All this decrease was due to the pandemic.

He also talked about how this decline in the emission of toxic gases happened historically unfortunately with unfortunate events such as the recession of the global economy or when the Soviet Union collapsed and affected the global economy. But he believes that it is better for us to move strongly to produce clean alternative energy. In other words, we do not wait for calamities to improve our environment.

The professor asked about what after the pandemic? will we go back to our previous activities, travel, and others to make up for what we missed? He added that in the matter of reducing emissions of toxic gases, a real change must take place. He gave examples of changes in our behaviour and the extent of their hoped-for impact on improving the environment. For example, some jobs. You can work from home, and this necessarily reduces movement to and from the workplace, and this has become acceptable. Another example, no need for a lot of travelling to attend conferences, the use of video conference technology has also become normal (Horton, 2020).

Numerous studies from around the world have indicated that the Coronavirus pandemic has led to significant reductions in pollution for the climate as well as for water.

One study indicated that daily global carbon dioxide levels decreased by 17% during the early months of the epidemic. In addition, other research has shown that levels of polluting nitric dioxide have decreased dramatically, by 20-40%, in many areas of the world (Huizen, 2021).

4. INNOVATIONS

4.1 ORGANISATIONS & BUSINESS INNOVATIONS

Professor Debbie Haski-Leventhal has suggested that The Covid-19 pandemic, of course, has greatly affected global markets, but this impact has led, in an exceptional way, to new inventions and innovations for entrepreneurs, investors and the market in general. Because of this change, entrepreneurs, commercial organisations, or even small businesses have had to re-appear themselves in a new and innovative way to adapt to the new situation imposed by the pandemic.

Many businesses turned to work via the Internet. Others benefited from these many unprecedented innovations in this period to change their business model in general. (Professor Debbie Haski-Leventhal, 2020)

In a research paper that conducted an empirical study on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the innovation capacity of nearly 3,000 Chinese companies from 2019 to the second quarter of 2020, this research study found that there is a positive impact on the ability of these companies to innovate during this pandemic. The results of this study indicated that the COVID-19 pandemic led to a very large increase in investment in research and development for these Chinese companies. (Han, H. and Qian, Y., 2020).

4.2 TRANSFORMATION IN EDUCATION

The literature review shows that one of the most important positive impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, what happened in education in general, although this change was born out of the womb of suffering. Distance Education and Home-schooling have become a matter of routine. Universities are among the most important educational institutions that led this change from traditional education to distance education. Also, the large number of innovations that accompanied this change, as an example of that education through online games for children (Professor Debbie Haski-Leventhal, 2020).

5. CONCLUSION

Based on a literature review in news articles and documented university academic papers and trusted YouTube videos, this study concludes that in everything bad, you find something good hidden. This experience of the Coronavirus pandemic, despite the bitterness and the many pains that were accompanied by death, illness, and grief over the loss of loved ones and the impact on people's livelihood and the impact on the global economy in general. We cannot lose sight of the positive impact of this pandemic on our human life and nature as well. There are many positive aspects, but this research focuses narrowly on just three, the positive impact of COVID-19 on social life. The positive impact on the environment and finally the positive impact of COVID-19 on innovations.

The conclusion of this research is to focus on the positive aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and then continue to develop and communicate for a better life for humanity.

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