

Video Assignment Planner

Group	
My Name	Graham Nash
Other members	Donna Walters, Gwen Morris, Lianne Rhydderch-Edwards, Andrew Pellow.
Our Hot Topic (social issue currently being publicly debated)	
The impact of the Covid-19 Coronavirus.	
Hypothesis / Argument (What will each of us will be arguing in our video?)	
Society is built on well-established cultural, economic and political norms. The pandemic however, has forced people to re-evaluate the things many take for granted, the way they socialise, the way they work and even the need for travel. It has forced the government to re-asses who key workers are and introduce extreme policy measures to support businesses and individuals, with almost immediate consequences. 1) Donna: Community impact. 2) Lianne: The impact on climate change. 3) Graham: Economic impact. 4) Gwen: Health and wellbeing. 5) Andrew: Death and dying during pandemics.	
Content (What will I be using to illustrate my argument?)	
I will be including statistics, graphs, government publications and media reports to illustrate how significantly and rapidly the economy has been affected. I will make reference to the global affects, using comparisons to some overseas economies and look at how this compares to previous pandemics and financial crashes.	

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References (What research, theory or policies have I used in my Video?)

I have explored UK Government stimulus policies, alongside statistics from renowned financial institutions such as the IMF and the Office for Budget Responsibility. I have referred to academic sources such as the London School of Economics and Political Science and peer-reviewed journals, but due to the current nature of the topic, I have also included some less academic media coverage for context.

Tasks (Other than taking part in the video, who will do what)

The initial task was to create a social media group on WhatsApp, so that we could begin discussing ideas and potential topics. It would also give us a common platform to share links and news stories relevant to our chosen topic. This was set up by Graham after the first assignment lecture.

Originally we had chosen a different topic and were planning to hire a room in the university to enable us all to film on the same day. The rationale behind this was to all use the same recording device, to have the recorder set up on a tripod so that we would all be filmed from the same angle, with the same lighting. We were also going to agree on slide format that we could all contribute to and give the overall output a true group theme.

Due to the pandemic, we were no longer able to utilise a room at university or even meet in person. Due to the understandably relentless media coverage of the pandemic, it was agreed that the pandemic itself would become our new topic. Once we had established who was covering which element of the pandemic, it was agreed that we would all research our own aspect of the topic and share anything we thought relevant to the social media group, a) to draw attention to interesting stories and facts and b) to ensure we did not have too much overlap of material.