



Telling Our Stories: Western's Response to COVID-19

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Like many others, the pandemic has changed my life drastically. I unfortunately lost my job which has altered my daily routine significantly. I am lucky enough to have support from family and did not have to leave my housing situation when I was let go. The pandemic has impacted my learning because it is difficult to have motivation when you are not attending classes in person and your house becomes a learning space. I utilized the library a ton for studying as it helped me focus and get my work done. As a person with ADHD, having to do all classes, studying, paper writing, etc. at my house made it very difficult to focus and get work done efficiently. Social distancing has effected my academics and social life the most. In person classes changing to online has had an impact on everyone. There are some friends I haven't seen in a year because of social distancing and the absence of social event. The most challenging part of the pandemic has been the constant uncertainty and watching people be so careless while others are dying from the virus or losing friends and family. The most rewarding part of the pandemic is that it has brought people together in a way because we are all sharing this experience. I think this crisis has been handled pretty terribly by the government with multiple states opening up too early, taking away mask mandates and social distancing, etc. Things that have all allowed for the virus to stay rampant in the United States. What we can learn from the pandemic is to not take small things for granted, like hugging your grandparents, seeing your friends, traveling, going to class, studying in the library, social gatherings, and so on.

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