



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

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I'm here, in the middle of this mess we call a Pandemic. We are living in Covid times; it's not great. We are ok. We are pressing on. We are strong, resilient, and fighting. We are also assholes. Selfish, selfish assholes. Science tells us how to be safe and we don't care. Science tells us how to prevent death, we don't care. We care more about our individual rights and continually scream "my body, my choice". We are not a collectivistic society and today, I wish we were, if only temporarily. There's another side. The side that say's "you have to get injected with a new vaccine or else". I'm disgusted by this. Don't misunderstand, I believe in science, I believe in the greater good of my community, but I don't believe in blackmail. Western is one such blackmailing institution, as they tell students they must inoculate to return to school. For the safety of everyone on campus, they say. I'm an online only student, nowhere near campus, and guess what? I can't take online classes without the vaccine. It's nothing more than a lie; blackmail. I got vaccinated for me and for those around me but the respect I had for Western has been shattered and faith in them, somewhat lost.

End of contributed text from Michelle Kjolso