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## Crisis in Yemen

Annie Payne

*Reporter*

Yemen has been at war since 2015, since the Houthi overthrew the former Yemeni president on Jan. 25, 2015. Ever since, bombings are still occurring and the country has to deal with COVID-19 and cholera, so what exactly is going on with Yemen?

In late August, a terrorist attack that led to a bomb explosion left the population homeless, sick, and displaced. Along with the bomb, the people of Yemen had to worry about kidnappings and detention camps, criminal activity, and government actions.

The terrorists pretend to be working for the government to make corrupt and unjust decisions. Also, the terrorist kidnappings have resulted in U.S. and dual Yemeni citizens being detained, and people trying to flee the country. This crisis has led to more than 91,000 civilian casualties.

Additionally, the country is increasing in numbers for COVID-19 while still having a cholera outbreak. Seyyed Meysam Mousavi & Mina Anjomshoa, journalists for the International Journal for Equity and Health said, "The unsafe

shelters, persistent migration, and displacement, lack of essential medicines, inadequate food and insufficient access to safe water for drinking, suppressed immunity among the malnourished population, and lacking the lower limit of hygiene standards would put Yemen at a high risk of emergence of severe outbreaks such as COVID-19." Also, the Ministry of Public Health said, "The virus in Yemen might expand and infect 90% of the population."

The country currently has an insubstantial medical infrastructure; therefore, the community has a higher risk of getting COVID-19 or cholera. The terrorist attack has rippled a domino effect for the health officials. Seyyed Meysam Mousavi & Mina Anjomshoa say, "Awfully, the most recent update from the WHO mentioned that only 50% of

health care facilities across the country are still able to work, while, the rest have been fully destroyed by the coalition airstrikes indiscriminately."

Also, the health care facilities that are still standing are struggling to treat their patients with the current pandemic crisis, while the terrorist warnings are going on as well.

It's still unclear when the terrorist attacks will eventually stop for Yemen, but surrounding countries are creating charities and helping out the government with decisions for the country.

As COVID-19 and cholera are still present throughout the country, charities are looking to help send medical supplies ASAP.

At this time, Yemen is not seeing an end to this war.

# Explosion in Beirut

Asia Cruz

*Editor*

A traumatizing explosion in Beirut— the capital of Lebanon— injured over 6,000 people, displaced 300,000 people and left at least 181 people dead.

"The explosion was

triggered when a warehouse fire ignited 2,750 tons of ammonium nitrate, a chemical used in fertilizer and bombs." The chemical was unsafely packed in the warehouse. Other countries have pledged to contribute \$300 million to Lebanon to help

rebuild the city again, with money coming from countries like the United States, Canada, Australia.

After the explosion, the Beirut cabinet resigned. This caused Beirut to riot, adding to the distress of the nation's

economic issues as a whole.

In a New York Times [article](#) written by Ben Hubbard, he said, “Demonstrators wearing masks and goggles climbed up barricades near the Parliament and hurled stones at riot police officers, who fired volleys of tear gas that wafted through downtown for the third time in three days.” The Prime Minister of Beirut described the explosion as “unacceptable,” then allowed the government to resign six

days later.

Hubbard said that the protesters plan to “take down the president and the parliament speakers.”

Badri Daher, customs chief, tried to get the cargo where the ammonium nitrate was held removed but was told to “leave it to the professionals.”

The explosion was felt from Lebanon to Cyprus, which is 160 miles away. The explosion felt just like a 3.3 magnitude

earthquake.

The explosion itself was equivalent to 1,000–1,500 tons of TNT. On social media platforms, #PrayforLebanon can be found, where pictures and videos are posted.

If you’d like to help [click this link](#); CNN is raising and donating money to Lebanon to treat the injured and rebuild their city.



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# Progress on the Russian COVID-19 Vaccine

Simone King  
*Editor*

Since the emergence of COVID-19, several countries have been racing to produce a vaccine. Russia became the first country to approve a vaccine for this virus, which has since then caused a lot of controversy.

On August 11, 2020, the Ministry of Health in Russia issued a registration certificate for a vaccine candidate developed by the Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology in Moscow. When this certificate was issued, the vaccine, named Sputnik V, had only been tested on 76 people.

Many doctors and

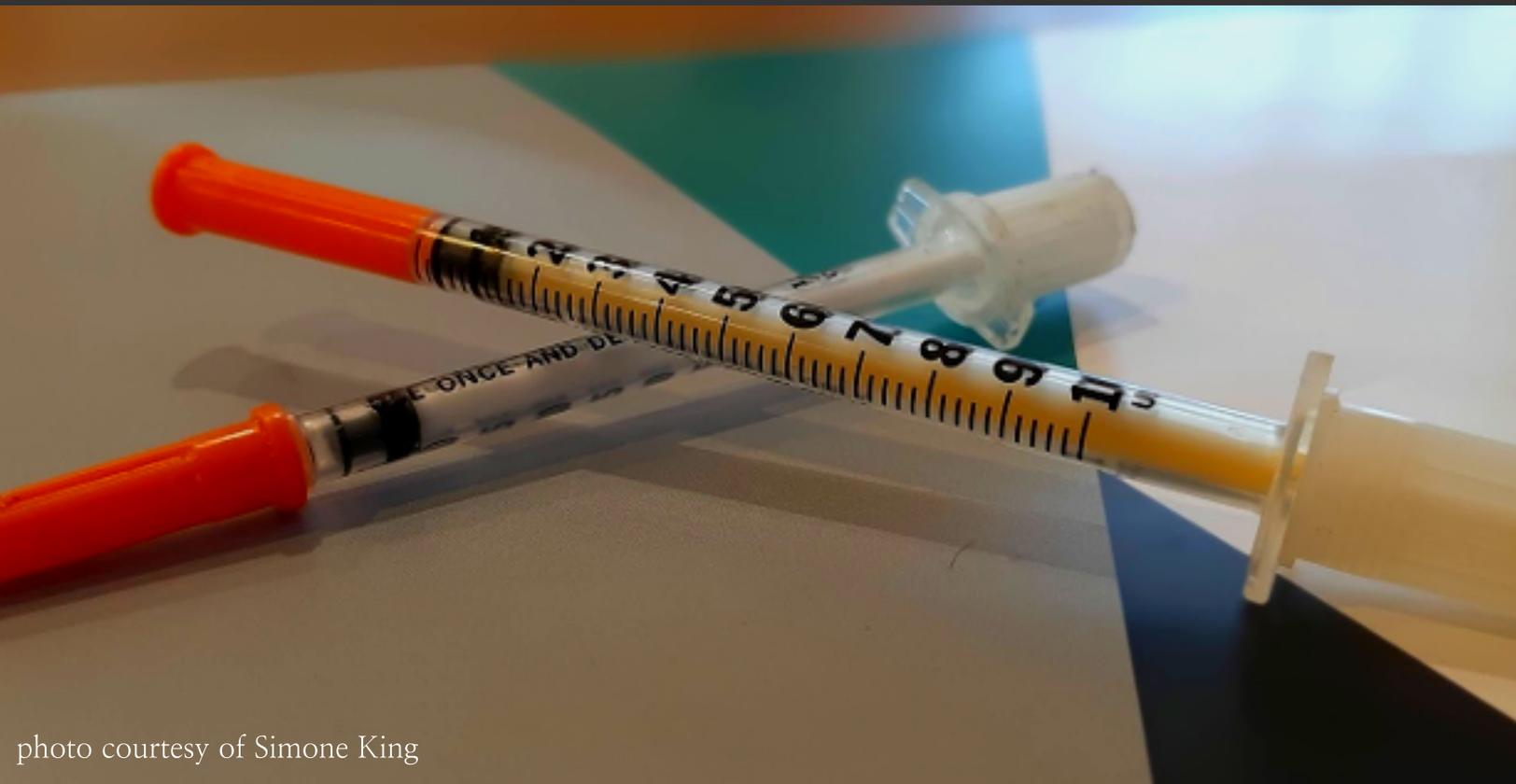
scientists have expressed their skepticism about the validity of this vaccine as it has not completed the essential Phase III, late-stage, control trials which help indicate the safety and effectiveness of a vaccine.

A survey conducted by the Doctor's Handbook app found that 52% of Russian healthcare professionals wouldn't take this vaccine. Their reasonings were that there was insufficient data for the vaccine's effectiveness and that it was developed too fast.

When asked if she would take this potential COVID-19 vaccine, Abigail Cea, a junior at CHS, said, "Probably not, at least not until it is proven to be safe and reliable by scientists and doctors."

The same sentiment is shared by many doctors across the world. In the same survey conducted by the Doctor's Handbook app, only 24.5% of the 3,000 healthcare professionals interviewed would take the vaccine.

Since the release of the registration certificate, Kazakhstan has signed a deal with the Russian Direct Investment Fund for guaranteed access to two million initial doses, if the vaccine goes into clinical production after completing clinical trials. While a vaccine for COVID-19 is anticipated by many, this vaccine still has a way to go before it can be used by the public.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Progress of COVID-19 Vaccine Trials in America

Vy Truong

*Reporter*

As the new coronavirus has become a worry in the lives of Americans, scientists and researchers are buckling down to find a vaccine for this deadly virus. Trial and errors have transpired, but results are expected to come.

According to AP News, Dr. Fauci said on July 31 at the contentious House hearing, "...a coronavirus vaccine will be ready by early next year," telling lawmakers that a quarter-million Americans already have volunteered to take part in clinical trials.

Created by the National Institutes of Health and Moderna Inc, the most substantial vaccine study has begun with 30,000 volunteers participating. However, there is no guarantee the trials will prevent participants from contracting the virus.

Moderna said, "the vaccination was done in Savannah, Georgia, the first site

to get underway among more than seven dozen trial sites scattered around the country."

Many may not understand what is happening around these vaccine trials. Thi Ngo, a clinical pharmacist in Arizona, said, "During these trials, researchers will screen patients to see if they will be eligible to receive the trial vaccine based on certain criteria." The criteria are

based on a variety of categories such as age groups, comorbidities, hereditary traits, even ethnicities. They then observe patients and identify the efficacy of the vaccine in decreasing death rates or preventing patients from getting sick overall.

Researchers will examine any unfavorable effects that patients may have experienced to better prepare the public for what to expect from the vaccine. The vaccine will be presented to the FDA, and then eventually be available to the public.

As testing travels through

the nation, it has given Americans new hope and excitement. Melissa Harting, a New York nurse, said, "Doing our part to eradicate it is very important to me."

It's undetermined when the vaccine trials will be conducted successfully. However, with perseverance, research, and time, a vaccine will be found.

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—Anthony  
Fauci



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## Impact of COVID-Unemployment on Teens

Alyssa Rosenberg  
*Editor in Chief*

As of March 15, 2020, business closures across Arizona have caused a spike in unemployment rates, including among Arizona's teenage workforce, with an overall U.S. unemployment rate of 14.7% in April, according to the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics. The financial assistance teens have received, due to temporary COVID-related job loss, has caused many to change their employment outlook as well.

"I make significantly more money off of unemployment than I do working at my job," said Genevieve Kelsey, a current senior at Chandler High School. After spending a month and a half

collecting unemployment, she said, "My job doesn't seem worth it anymore; it seems laborious and time consuming, especially when I only have to pay for the price of my car insurance."

Some students plan to use this extra money from unemployment to benefit themselves in the future. Another student, Nathan Bigelow, said, "I'm saving up to help with college. Every bit I can save helps." Other students used this as a savings boost, such as Maya Schmerfeld, who saved her unemployment checks to make a down payment on her new car.

"I'm excited to have a quicker start to my savings goals," said Schmerfeld. Since she

had the chance to begin saving up, she has approached her goal of driving a nicer car faster than she initially anticipated.

However, there have also been students who say their income has been negatively impacted by collecting unemployment. Students relying on their incomes to support their families have not had their desired outcome from receiving unemployment checks. An anonymous student said, "I don't make enough money to support my family the way I used to." Another student said, "I have had to find ways to make money under the table so I can still pay for what I usually do."

Students in many cases

have also seen a large reduction in the hours businesses are asking them to work. In an instance where a restaurant was not officially shut down but lost business, another anonymous junior said, “I had a huge loss of hours but still couldn’t get unemployment because I still had a job.”

Similarly another student said, “I was making way less

money but my job wasn’t closed, and I couldn’t find another job, so I had to stay working fewer hours.”

As jobs have reopened, students are embracing regularity. Kevin Mace, a senior at CHS, said, “I’m ready to be back at work, but I definitely miss having chunks of money fall into my lap that I can use for whatever I want,

whether it be savings or spending on things I’ve wanted for a while. I don’t feel as guilty spending money I didn’t have to go to work to earn.”

As of now, jobs are reopening, yet the teenagers of 2020 continue to be impacted by a change to their first experience working.

## Arizona’s Take on COVID-19

**Annie Payne**

*Reporter*

School is starting again in October, public spaces are reopening, and people are starting to crowd more and more. Arizona is leaving quarantine and the government is making an effort to do this safely and cautiously.

Since March, COVID-19 has been very prevalent throughout the United States, but Arizona once was one of the hot-spots for the virus. The virus is still present, but Arizona is getting fewer and fewer cases by the month. The state’s governor, Doug Ducey states, “Over recent weeks, Arizona has made significant progress to contain the spread of COVID-19, but we cannot let up, COVID-19 remains widespread in our communities, putting lives and

public health at risk.” Ducey also said that they are taking a calm and steady approach to slow down COVID-19 and keep citizens safe.

Along with slowing down the virus, Arizona is aiming to

do this process safely. “The Office of Governor Ducey” official website said, “It is time to move forward with the next steps of Arizona’s economic recovery — while continuing to make health and safety our number one priority.” Currently,



photo courtesy of Annie Payne

the Governor wants Arizonans to keep doing what made them safe in the first place. For example, wearing masks, staying physically distanced, avoiding grouping in a large crowd, and staying home as much as possible are the current recommendations.

As places are reopening their doors, citizens are split on the best ways to transition various aspects of life back into their schedule, such as work, school, sports, etc. Lately, many people have been deciding to stay

quarantined, but others have been more comfortable going out in public.

Brian Scruggs, the Chief Operating Officer to the technology company “ZyraTalk,” said, “You have the option of going into the office, but the reality is the way that we’ve been functioning, the way that we’ve been doing meetings, everything has been done via online.”

Scruggs' workplace allows its workers to have an option if they want to go back in person.

They may work in office while following necessary precautions, or employees can choose to stay quarantined so they don't put anyone at risk of catching the virus.

As long as Arizona has COVID-19, the governor says he is making sure the state is handling it slowly and safely. Public places will continue to open, and many hope to move towards a more normal schedule again.

# The Efficacy of Masks

"Masks are not a replacement for social distancing. People can still be infected with the virus while wearing a mask or around others." –Imani Davis

**Imani Davis**

*Editor*

The efficacy of surgical and cloth face masks for the general public has been heavily researched, and the results vary.

Breathing and talking produce small liquid particles

called aerosols. Larger droplets can be produced by coughing or sneezing, called respiratory droplets. Dr. Tommy John says that face masks in surgery are used to catch large particles that can result from coughs, sneezes, or if something were to fall out of a mouth.

Face masks are effective in preventing respiratory droplets from spreading in large particles. Aerosols, however, can make their way through the weaving in surgical and cloth face masks.

Many virus molecules

are small enough to get through the fabric of cloth and surgical face masks.

A 2020 study published in the *Nature Medicine* journal found that face masks can significantly reduce the transmission of respiratory droplets in coronaviruses and influenza, but not as much in aerosols. This leaves a potential mode of contamination.

The size of COVID-19 virus particles ranges from 65–125 nm. The N95 masks worn by healthcare workers can filter about 85% of particles smaller than 300 nm, according

to an article published by *Science Daily*.

A new membrane designed to be applied to the N95 masks has been developed by researcher Muhammad Mustafa Hussain and colleagues. This membrane can filter particles from 5–55 nm, which is effective for COVID-19 particles. However, N95 respirators are reserved for healthcare workers at this time.

For the general public, the World Health Organization states that “[masks] should be used as part of a comprehensive strategy of measures to suppress transmission and save lives; the

use of a mask alone is not sufficient to provide an adequate level of protection against COVID-19.”

Masks are not a replacement for social distancing. People can still be infected with the virus while wearing a mask or around others who are wearing masks.

While an agreed-upon method to defend against COVID-19 among experts is being debated, surgical and cloth masks for the general public are not a sound singular strategy to prevent COVID-19 completely.



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Students back in session for the 2020–21 school year. Credit: Matthew Awad (Australia)

# COVID-19: World Perspectives

Yushin Son

*Editor*

Globally, the pandemic has taken its toll, and people all over the world have been social distancing and wearing a mask. But perspectives on the virus are diverse and complex in countries around the world.

Don't go outside, plead the anonymous comments online.

How stupid can they be to be protesting the virus, a twitter threads read.

A woman scoffs. No, what idiots they are for not

seeing the truth. The truth that the pandemic is all a lie and all a ploy for the rich and the ones in control. She grabs her well-worn cardboard sign and heads out for the protest of the day. This one to protest masks, and good riddance, those things are stuffy anyway.

'My body, my choice' her sign reads. She thought herself clever for this sign in particular. The men up top have to respond now that she's got this right in their faces. And she's not alone either in her movement against

the tyranny of masks and government plays. This is a numbers game and the people are going to win.

Meanwhile, thousands of miles away, across oceans and countries, an Australian boy watches a clip of an American anti-mask protest. The white-colored blue light from his screen casting on his skin a pale shade of brown as he hits reply on yet another thread.

Hopefully shaming the protesters online will be enough to bring them off of their high

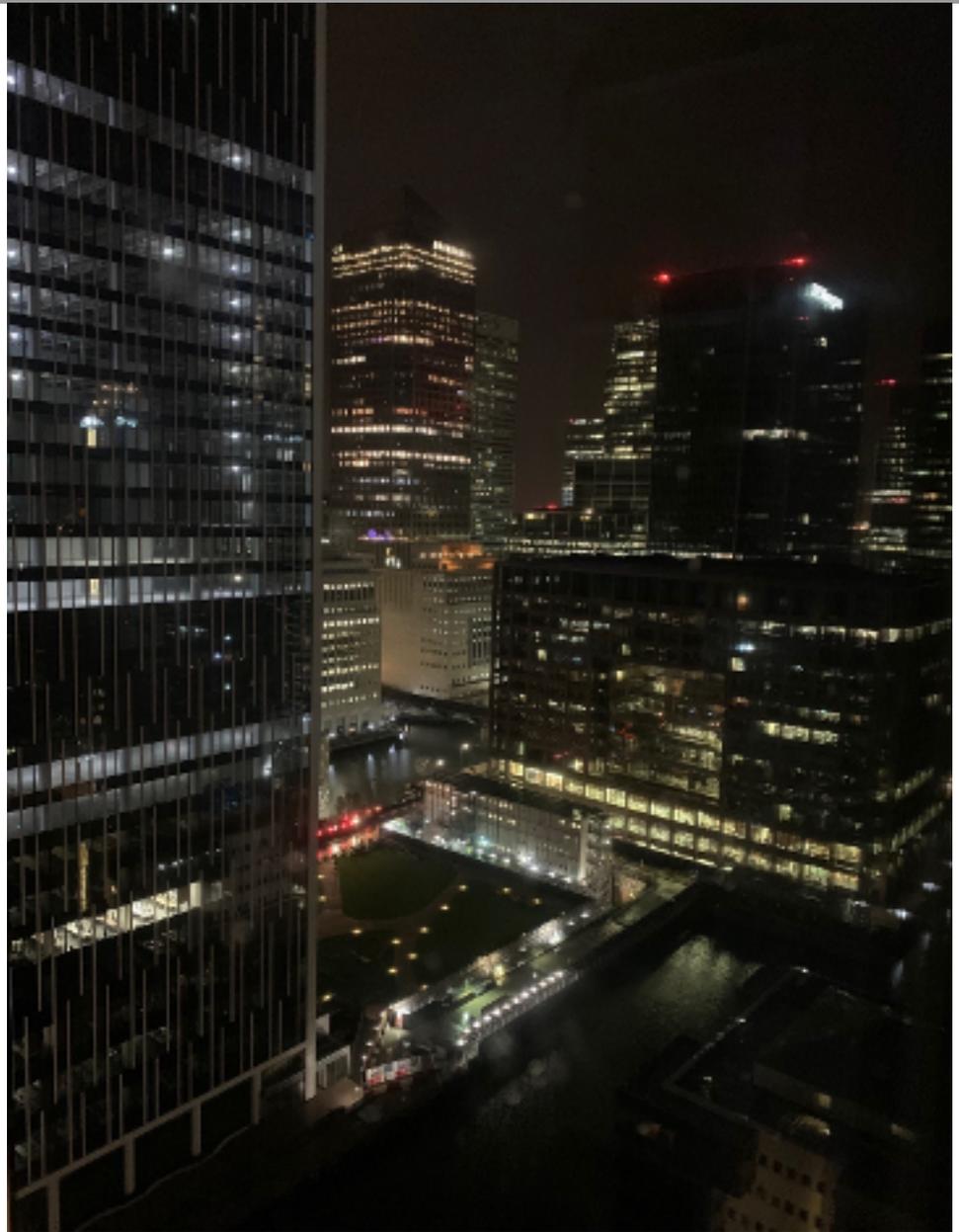
horses. "My body, my choice"? Yeah right, infecting everyone around you with corona sure is your choice, but they sure aren't your body," he thinks. The 11th grader idly comments, "Some people need to think more about others than what they're comfortable with."

He carries on, "The world has gone through enough, and peoples' lives have already changed with no chance of going back to how things were. Everything was changing and this is not the time for petty protests."

In a country even beyond the boy in distance from the protesting woman, another woman in Austria idly remarks as she watches the news report on the latest anti-mask protest happening in America, "...Complaining about having to wear them is like complaining about having to wear pants."

A questioning silence from her friend prompts the Austrian to explain. "Both are pieces of fabric you wear in public for the sake of others, but can't wait to take off when you get home." The two burst into laughter at the comment, with a feeling of safety in knowing that the worst of COVID-19 has long since passed their nation.

It exists, but it's nowhere near as high as the numbers the USA, Brazil, and other countries have been reporting. But even with the lower numbers peoples' lives have changed over the span of the year because of Corona. No one's



The inactive scene of nighttime London after COVID-19. Credit: Knight

unaffected.

In contrast, an English man, a lecturer, watched as numerous men and women travel up and down the main roads by his home. When looking at the public's response to COVID-19 in his area, he says it's like "people don't take it that seriously anymore [since] they are [only being] passively encouraged by the government

since no punishment can be levied."

It's as if almost nothing has truly changed since the beginning of the pandemic. He doesn't approve, but he somewhat understands their actions and thought processes of "only needing to 'go through the motions' of precaution."

The cynic in him seethes. It always comes back to

that, doesn't it? It always comes back to politics and the economy. The number games. What a laughable conflict people have chosen to concentrate on. It's simply asinine to be conflicting with a problem as global as this, he says.

Or at least that's the case in first world countries.

A Pakistani girl reads the news in solemn silence, it reporting higher mass family suicide rates than there has been for as long as she can personally remember and reminding the public the dangers of COVID-19 not for the first time that day.

"Pakistan has many different classes but the majority of the people are illiterate or in poverty. Hence they don't have any awareness towards such things. They don't even know

what a pandemic is obviously," she explains. "Here we have a lot of diseases already, like polio, malaria, etc. So when the news first came that this virus was spreading, the country didn't really take it seriously."

The fact that Ramadan and both Eids took place in the middle of quarantine certainly didn't help either, especially when it came to the socially distanced animal sacrifices.

However, in Pakistan it wasn't the virus that was killing the people, it was unemployment.

"Our PM was very against a full lockdown... he argued that the people would die of starvation if there was a full lockdown and the poor class also argued that if they caught COVID there at least was a chance for them to survive but

with a lockdown they would surely die [because] they couldn't earn enough to feed themselves," she said.

Ultimately, as it stands, she says there's no practical way all of the unemployed could be provided aid, and especially in Pakistan with its population garnering the title of 5th largest nation in the world. It feels simply unrealistic.

The likelihood of universal government support to sustain all unemployment feels about as realistic as a unified, international front in the face of the coronavirus.

But this isn't the time for conflicts or political agendas. This is a worldwide dilemma, and everyone is affected. Maybe it's time the world came together.

## Public Anti-Mask Tirade

Maddie Moran

*Reporter*

The majority of the public has complied with the mask requirements, but there are a few people who have not. Public outbursts have been caught on camera and spread around the country through news and social media.

Sprouts Farmers Market requires all customers over the age of two as well as employees to wear a mask or face covering inside the store. At one of the Sprouts locations in Tucson, Arizona, a man was removed due to his uncooperative behavior with employees and the disturbance he caused after coming inside without a mask.

In the video, he says, "You're a bunch of idiots wearing masks, you know it's not real." He continues to yell at the



photo courtesy of Maddie Moran

employee and other customers around him, using frequent profanity.

Directing his comments towards another customer, he also says, "Come outside and show me how tough you are." In an article written by Janelle Griffith of Today news, it says that the man threatens to "beat the mask off of his face," referring to the other customer.

His three sons with whom he entered the store, tried to calm him down and get him to leave. Before things had a chance to get physical, one of the sons picked up his father and carried him out.

As they left the store, the man kicked and knocked over a stack of boxes near the entrance.

Not all people have had such a bad reaction. After being asked how she has seen people at her workplace react to rules about wearing a mask, an employee at the Chandler Police department says, "The majority don't necessarily complain about having to wear them."

Most people comply with the requirements to wear masks or face coverings in public, but there are still those who choose to defy them.

## COVID-19 Impact on Teens' Mental Health

**Daniel Rowe**

*Reporter*

Have you ever stopped what you are doing and thought, "How has this pandemic affected the mental health of teenagers?" Let's rewind back before the pandemic started. Teenagers were going to school and socializing with their teachers and classmates. On weekends they would go out with their friends to the movies, restaurants, arcades, or a friend's house. Student athletes would have games and practices for their schools or clubs to look forward to. Then all of a sudden, everything shut down, and all the fun things teenagers look forward to were closed.

To all of you teenagers out in the world, have you noticed that you or someone else has been acting differently? Have they felt sad, frustrated, depressed, or completely different than usual? This could be due to the pandemic. Brandon Lyon, a student at Campo Verde High School shared how this pandemic has affected his mental health. He said, "This pandemic made me feel a little sad, because everything got shut down. I couldn't play basketball, I couldn't go hang out with my friends, I couldn't do anything."



photo courtesy of Daniel Rowe

As a teenager myself, I definitely felt sad during this time. I am a very social person who likes to hang out with people and be a part of something. When I couldn't do any of those activities, I felt depressed.

If you are a parent concerned about your teenager, follow some of the recommendations from doctors. [Healthychildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org) is a great website to use

to see doctor recommendations. One of the doctors said, “Allow down time. It's normal for teens to crave more privacy from their family. Give them space for quiet time, creative time, music time, or to virtually hang out with friends.”

## Bored At Home? Tell Me About It.

Atticus Benfield

*Reporter*

Now more than ever, we are all in desperate need of entertainment. Now that we are several months into quarantine and have moved out of our sourdough and puzzle phase, it's time we came up with some new ideas.

Since quarantine began, Jacquelynn Marsh has been quite bored. With little to do and nowhere to go, she has indulged herself with hobbies. When asked about what she had been doing these past months she said, “Well, I've been discovering a lot about what music I love and who I want to be... I've written a lot of poetry, essays, and even a song. I play a lot of solitaire and other games with my sister.”

When asked about new hobbies she had tried during isolation, Jacquelynn said, “I've learned that I have an affinity for fashion. For example, my mom bought me a dress, but the site did the measurements wrong and it didn't fit. My sister sews better than I do, so I asked her to help me with my idea to repurpose it into a shirt with a lace trim and a skirt.” When asked if this is something she would continue to dabble in even after quarantine ends, she replied “Yep!”

Another hobby of hers is one she could not carry out this year: swimming. Not only are all public pools closed, but her family doesn't own one. When talking about how that has been difficult, she said, “It's ok! I realize that so many

Let's do our part to help all teenagers get through this tough time. The world turned upside down, but it doesn't mean that we can't find ways to make it feel better and support each other through it.



“Even Scrabble is Tired of Being Played” Atticus Benfield  
other people have it so much worse, and I wish them all the best.”

Towards the end of our interview, I asked ‘Would you have tried these hobbies if we weren't in quarantine?’ She said, “Probably not because I'm always doing something, whether it's a summer road trip or summer school to get ahead, I've truly never had this much time to relax.”

Marsh had several other recommendations for students to do this fall. “Once it gets cool enough, I highly recommend daily bike rides and climbing trees. As much as people might not want to, I'd recommend

cleaning their house in depth. I also recommend taking some time to slow down and think about life as well, you know, "who are you?" and "who do you want to be?"

Marsh's interview is a reminder that many students are feeling the effects of the boredom and repetitiveness of being stuck at home for so long. Even though some of our favorite

things, like swimming, couldn't happen, we can try new things instead. Whether it's painting, dancing, reading, or writing, now is a great time to start pursuing your interests.

## Is Arizona Getting Hotter?

Kira Partlowe  
*Editor*

Arizonans are experiencing abnormal numbers of high temperatures and droughts. These natural disasters in Arizona are due to climate change, according to the Climate Reality Project. Climate change, also known as global warming, is a phenomenon people all over the world are experiencing. Scientists working with NASA have proven that the surface temperatures of Earth have risen by an average of 32.27 degrees Fahrenheit each decade since 1975, and it is predicted to continue rising five degrees each year.

Over the past decade, Arizona has set numerous heat records, always exceeding its last record with ease. For example, according to ABC news, Arizona has hit at least 110 degrees Fahrenheit 53 times this summer.

Chandler High 11th grader, Deshon Stewart said, "It has become so hot I don't feel like stepping outside anymore. It takes the joy away from doing activities outside." According to Trek America, Arizona is ranked



photo courtesy of Kira Partlowe

as the number one hottest state in the United States, so the temperatures getting hotter could be dangerous. Higher temperatures can severely affect the health of people, plants, and animals.

Agriculture and water supply are also being affected by global warming. In 2019, Climate Reality Project said, "Given that two-thirds of the water used in the state is used for farming, decreasing water supplies pose a clear and present danger to the sector. Similarly, rising temperatures are hurting many popular Arizona crops." Due to the dryness of Arizona, much of

the wildlife and plants in the environment are used to having small amounts of water; however, having little to no water will suggest a big problem to the living organisms in the future.

It is no secret that Arizona will get severely affected by climate change, so make sure you are prepared. Some easy ways to do your part in the meantime consist of pulling the plug on appliances when they are not in use, trying to reduce water waste by not leaving the sink running or taking shorter showers, and trying carpooling with others to release less emissions.



## Joe Biden

Joseph Robinette Biden, 77 years old, is a former senator and vice president. A lifetime public servant, Biden led efforts as a senator to pass the Violent Crime Control Act, and the Violence Against Women Act. As vice president, he also led nuclear arms reduction with Russia and successfully led the US through global Ebola and swine flu outbreaks.

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Biden plans to “expand and use the power of the U.S. Justice Department to address systemic misconduct in police departments and prosecutors’ offices,” and provide police departments a \$300 million investment. Recipients of the grant's hiring must “mirror the racial diversity of the community they serve.”

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## Donald Trump

Donald John Trump, 74 years old, is the incumbent president. Since taking the presidency in 2016, his first term saw continued record stock market growth and historically low unemployment until the COVID-19 pandemic. He has passed tax cuts during his term. He was an experienced businessman and television personality before he began his term as president.

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Donald Trump signed an executive action on police reform that includes “the creation of a national police misconduct database” and “also creates new guidelines for use of force and deescalation and proposes an increased role for social workers and mental health professionals.”

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## Biographies

## Police Reform

Biden hopes to “create millions of good-paying jobs” by putting “the United States on an irreversible path to achieve net-zero emissions, economy-wide, by no later than 2050.”

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Biden has spoken out against Trump’s policy of criminalizing border crossings, but he does not support decriminalizing such crossings. Instead of a wall, the former vice president wants to “invest in better technology” for the border.

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Biden plans to “hold gun manufacturers accountable,” “ban the manufacture and sale of assault weapons,” and “require background checks for all gun sales.”

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He aims to codify *Roe v. Wade* into federal law to protect it from being overturned. Biden was once an opponent of abortions, but now emphasizes legislation that will reduce their occurrence, such as access to birth control and healthcare.

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## Climate & Energy

## Immigration

## Gun Control

## Reproductive Rights

Trump “approved the infrastructure and provided the resources needed to unleash oil and gas production in the U.S” and “rescinded President Obama’s costly Clean Power Plan.”

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President Trump “called on Congress to fully fund a wall along the Southern border,” and tried to end the DACA program, which was blocked by the Supreme Court. Under Trump, ICE has “made 269,419 arrests.”

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Following the shooting in El Paso, TX last year, President Trump said on Twitter that “Republicans and Democrats must come together and get strong background checks.”

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He pledged to appoint supreme court justices who would overturn *Roe v. Wade*, which protects the right to access a legal abortion. He said that he is “pro-life.”

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According to the Biden Campaign, “he has a plan to build on the Affordable Care Act by giving Americans more choice [and] reducing health care costs.” He also supports “a public health insurance option like Medicare.”

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Joe Biden's four-night convention emphasized racial justice, Black Lives Matter, and the consequences of "structural racism;" however, there is no clear policy or plan for how to achieve it besides to "rein in" qualified immunity. BLM leaders have asked him to commit to stronger reform.

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Though he voted in favor of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" legislation in 1993, Joe Biden has since then supported gay marriage, including publicly in 2012, and he was the first high-profile official in US history to do so. His platform states that he will "protect LGBTQ+ individuals from violence and work to end the epidemic of violence against the transgender community."

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## Healthcare

President Trump repealed the mandate that required people to have healthcare. He plans to announce "a healthcare plan that draws on executive actions on price transparency, rebate reform, with a pledge to protect people who suffer from preexisting conditions."

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President Trump has tweeted that the Black Lives Matter movement “a symbol of hate.” When asked during an interview with Catherine Herridge (CBS) about black Americans being killed by police, he said, “So are white people. So are white people. What a terrible question to ask. So are white people.”

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In 2017, President Trump barred transgender Americans from serving in the military and removed ACA provisions that protected transgender individuals from being denied care. In 2019, he announced his intention to launch a global campaign against the criminalization of homosexuality and launched the “Ending the HIV Epidemic” initiative.

– White House, NPR

## Black Lives Matter

## LGBTQ+

## Masks: A Scientific or Moral Argument?

Imani Davis

*Editor*

Face masks are a hotly debated topic. From social media to protests, people are arguing for and against masks intensely. But is the argument still about face masks?

According to *The New England Journal of Medicine*, “[in] many cases, the desire for widespread masking is a reflexive reaction to anxiety over the pandemic.” We are panicking. The world seems to be falling apart before us, and we don’t know what to do. Yelling at each other won’t solve that.

On social media, TV advertisements, and posters, wearing a face mask is portrayed as protecting your neighbor, helping others, and being a good person. Wearing a mask has been associated with a moral superiority over those who do not. Whether or not face masks are effective against

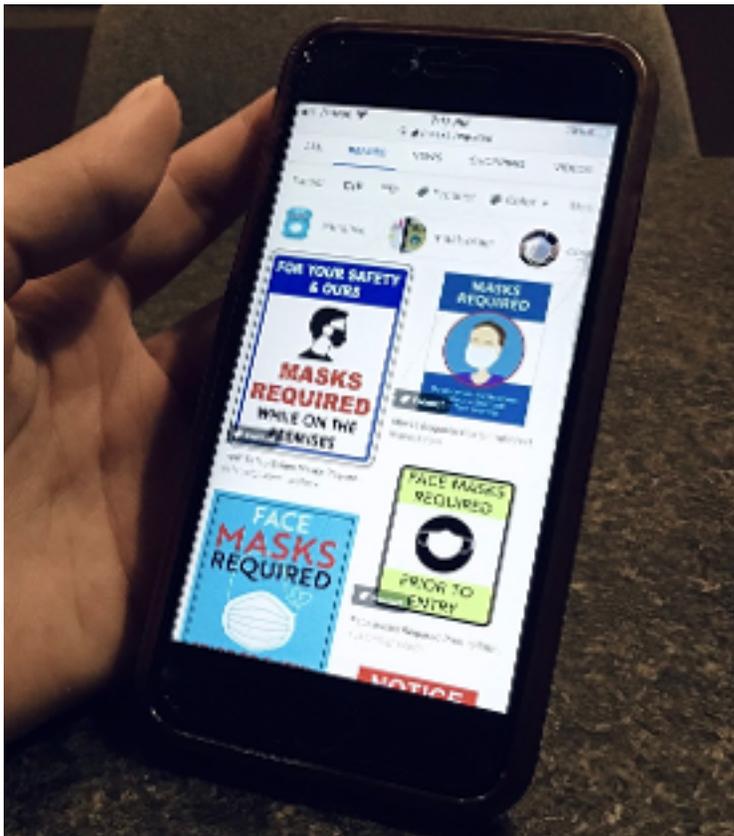


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COVID-19 has ceased to be the question. Face masks have become the symbol of a different argument: an argument on who is right and who is wrong, an argument on who is good and who is bad, an argument on villainy and heroism, all based on one action.

Right and wrong, good and bad, are not measurable qualities. We live in a world that is all in grey-scale. Even the worst of us have positive qualities. We must remember that one action does not define a person, though it may follow them; it is why they acted that matters.

Consider both sides of the argument. Many people who wear face masks do it to protect themselves and others, specifically at-risk people. At-risk people are those of older age and/or those with underlying medical conditions, as defined by the CDC. However, a majority of at-risk people and their families already take precautions to protect themselves daily. They are not as fragile as we think.

On the other hand, people who don’t want to wear face masks argue that a mandate would restrict their civil liberties and that they have the right not to wear a mask. While this is not a right outlined in the constitution, it comes down to whether or not an individual should have the right to control their own decisions and what they do with their body. That is a whole different conversation, one that we do need to have. It affects nearly everything, and opinions vary. How much control should an individual have over themselves, and how much control should someone else have over them.

It would be nice if everyone protected one another, and possibly an improvement in our daily society, which can seem cutthroat at times. However, it’s not feasible and comes at the expense of self-determination. No matter what, we cannot improve if we are so viciously divided. Whichever side you believe, that opinion is valid. All are. Opinions are based on facts, but they are not facts. You choose, and no one can tell you otherwise. But you must be aware of what you are telling others. In an argument, when you take a deep breath, think carefully about what will come out of your mouth; a sound, developed argument, or a scream?



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## The Importance of Mail-In Voting

**Griffin Eckstein**

*Editor*

President Trump has been outspoken in his attacks on and attempts to dismantle voting by mail during a historic pandemic.

Due to the pandemic, many argue that the right to vote by mail should be expanded to prevent infection at the ballot box and that people should not have to choose between their rights and their health. However, the president has repeatedly said that voting by mail leads to widespread voter fraud, tweeting “There is NO WAY (ZERO!) that Mail-In Ballots will be anything less than substantially fraudulent. Mail boxes will be robbed, ballots will be forged & even

illegally printed out & fraudulently signed.” He has also falsely insinuated that mailboxes could spread COVID in another tweet, which was flagged by Twitter for violating their terms of service.

These claims were strongly rejected by US Intelligence agencies, including the FBI, and the chairman of the Federal Election Commission, but the president has made it clear that he will do anything in his power to stop voting by mail. This includes dismantling the very infrastructure that delivers over 140 billion pieces of mail a year, including everything from life-saving medicine to products from small businesses.

The post office is one of

the only divisions of the federal government that is explicitly founded and protected by the Constitution, in Article 1. Dismantling the postal service has long been a goal of many conservatives, but dismantling such a large portion of mail-counting machines before an election is simply an overreach and a power grab. President Trump is known to exaggerate or even lie about widespread voter fraud, insinuating that he only lost the popular vote in 2016 because of millions of illegal votes, a claim with no evidence whatsoever.

It is a disturbing thought, but not an awfully hard conclusion to draw that President Trump wants to suppress the minority vote in any way possible. A leaked

audio clip of the President surfaced, where he celebrates the fact that voter turnout among African-American voters was low in 2016, specifically saying “Many Blacks didn’t go out to vote” ... “That was almost as good as getting the vote.” These voter suppression techniques are worrisome, considering President Trump has the support of only 5 to 10 percent of black voters in many polls.

Many cities and urban areas with high minority populations have already seen a severe reduction in the number of polling places available, which is a clear tactic to make it more difficult for minorities to vote. Over 1600 polling stations across the country have closed in the last 8 years. Here in Maricopa county, 177 polling locations have been closed since 2012, according to The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. Shutting down vote-by-mail further disenfranchises American voters.

If you plan to vote by mail, you should research how to receive an absentee ballot as soon as possible, according to Vote.org. They also recommend sending your ballot early enough to guarantee it arrives before election day, at least a week before November 3.

## Important Dates




- 9/24- National Voter Registration Day**
- 10/5- Voter Registration Deadline**
- 10/7- In Person Early Voting Begins**
- 10/23- Last Day to Request a Mail-in Ballot**
- 10/24- National Vote Early Day**
- 10/27- Last Day to Return Ballot**
- 11/3- General Election**

**You Can Register To Vote or Confirm Your Registration [HERE](#)**

Additional information about the upcoming election and ballot initiatives, reminders for important dates to remember leading up to the general election, and more will be sent through this site .

# The Effects of Discrimination on Students

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## Simone King *Editor*

Racism and discrimination have always been issues—inside and outside of school, but recently tensions have intensified due to the eruption of protests against police brutality that began earlier this year and are continuing. On August 8, these tensions came to a climax when Mr. Prothro, a teacher at Perry High School, was called a racial slur during a class meeting. When I saw this on social media, my heart dropped. Not only did seeing this leave me

feeling completely dejected, I felt the pain as if I was the one on the receiving end of that word. The constant pain of racism and discrimination is the unfortunate reality for myself and many other students of minority groups. At a school with 68% minority enrollment, according to U.S. News, this feeling—that of being hated or unwanted—is not unfamiliar to many Chandler High School students. An Instagram poll, conducted by the CHS Wolf Howl on August 26, found that 43% of the 77

Chandler High School students surveyed, had experienced discrimination while at school.

Not only do experiences of racial discrimination outside of school have a serious emotional impact, but these experiences can also negatively affect the academic lives of students. According to a study published by Springer Nature in 2020, “Racial discrimination scholars have typically found small to moderate associations between racial discrimination and adolescent

outcomes, such that more racial discrimination experiences increase the likelihood that adolescents will have more negative academic outcomes (e.g., academic engagement and grades) and non-academic outcomes (e.g., self-esteem, and psychological well-being).”

When asked about his experiences with in-school discrimination, Avery Walton, junior, said, “I have experienced racism in school before. White kids

were making jokes about my nose and threatening to say the N-word. This has affected me in the sense that I feel like an outcast from everyone.” Experiences like these can have permanent effects on how a student views themselves, ranging from a decrease in self-confidence to a lack of participation in school. The study from Springer Nature 2020 found associations between in-school discrimination and school performance: “Specifically, researchers found

associations between in-school racial discrimination and grades; school importance); academic self-concept; achievement motivation and academic self-competency beliefs.”

On the other end of this spectrum, Paula Lopez, junior, spoke about her more positive experiences in school particularly at Chandler High School, “I love Chandler [High School] 's diversity, I have never been discriminated [against] there. I love that we all

appreciate each other, no complaints.” I personally agree with the sentiment that Chandler High School is a diverse and accepting environment. While there will always be some negative experiences and exchanges with people, I believe that our school is successful in its attempts to make the campus safe and welcoming for all students.

While qualitative studies have proven that students' race-related experiences in school

may influence their overall perceptions of the climate at their school— positively and negatively, a negative experience can have lasting effects on a person. Many minority groups are not new to experiencing racial discrimination, but the current political climate has made race-related experiences a focal point.

This makes it increasingly important to ensure that our school community feels welcoming and safe for all faculty and students.

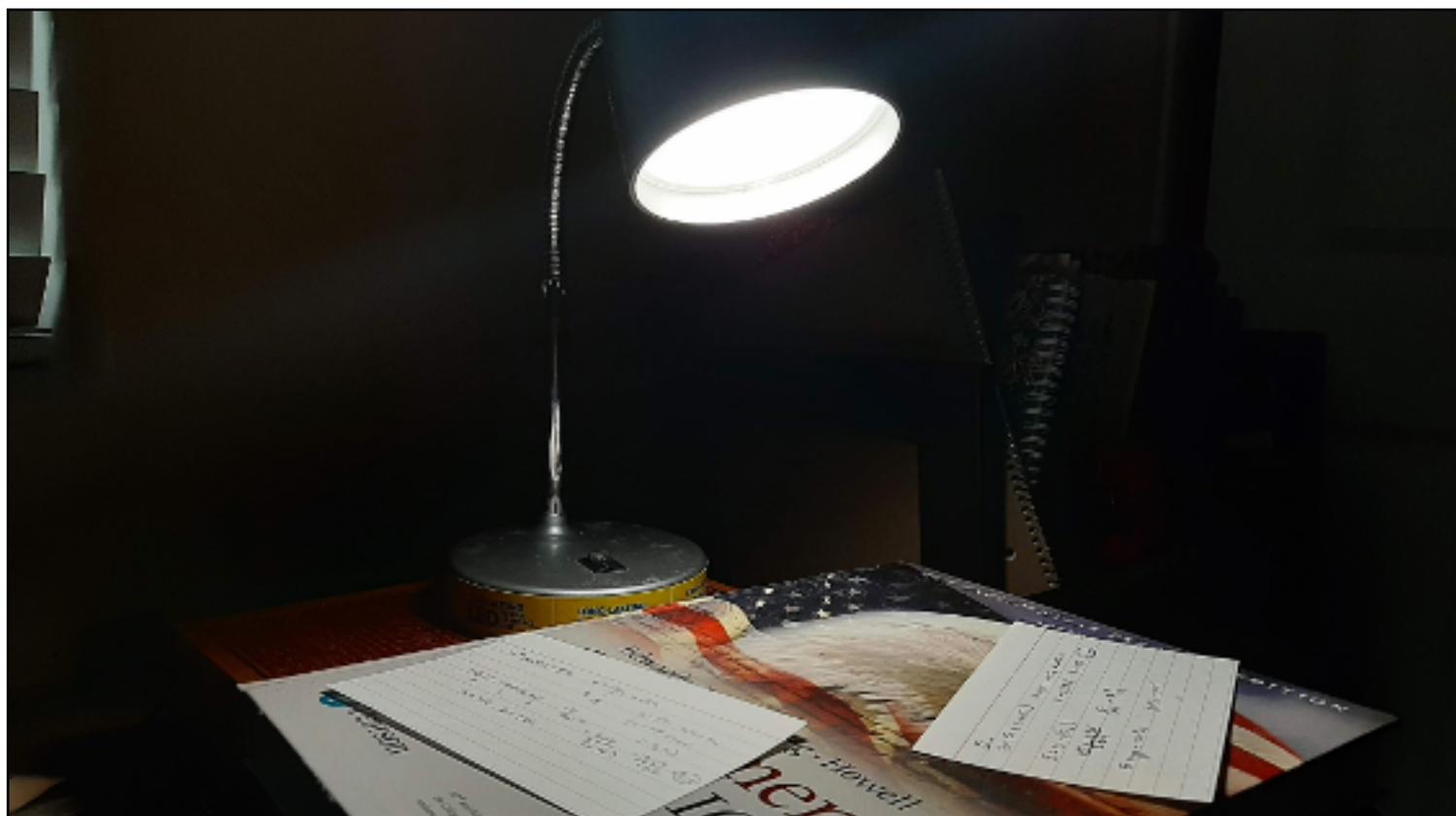


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# Separating the Art from the Artist: The Possible Task

Atticus Benfield

*Reporter*

We've seen it time and time again. Celebrities are under fire for their actions. Their name starts trending on Twitter with #isoverparty behind it. Tweets upon tweets, posts upon posts, about how we need to "stop listening to their music right now!" or "stop watching their movies right now!" But why should we stop listening or watching the things we enjoy because of one person?

Separating the art from the artist does not mean denying the bad things they've done or said. It means that you can appreciate a good song or movie and not have to acknowledge the singer, director, or actor.

For example, director Woody Allen has made many successful movies in his life. He's considered one of the best directors of his time. However, he's been at the height of many scandals--he married one of his adoptive daughters in the late 2000s and has been accused of molesting his other one. There is no doubt these actions are gross and unnerving--but he's paved the way for other filmmakers in the industry. We wouldn't have a lot of great movies if he didn't inspire them.

A good example for our generation would be Chris Brown, a rapper known throughout the early 2000s and still relevant today. But who could forget the notorious photo of Rihanna, beaten and bruised by Brown. Despite this, he's still a popular figure in today's pop culture-- and a lot of people still listen to and enjoy his music.

Some would argue that it's not possible to separate the art from the artist. For example, Maria Garcia wrote an article for "The ARtery" entitled "For Once and for All, Stop Asking Us to Separate the Art from the Artist." She explains that by supporting these artists, you are putting money into their pocket. She wrote "Art does not exist in its own altruistic, alternate universe. It's part of the world -- and the patriarchy. Sales of his music

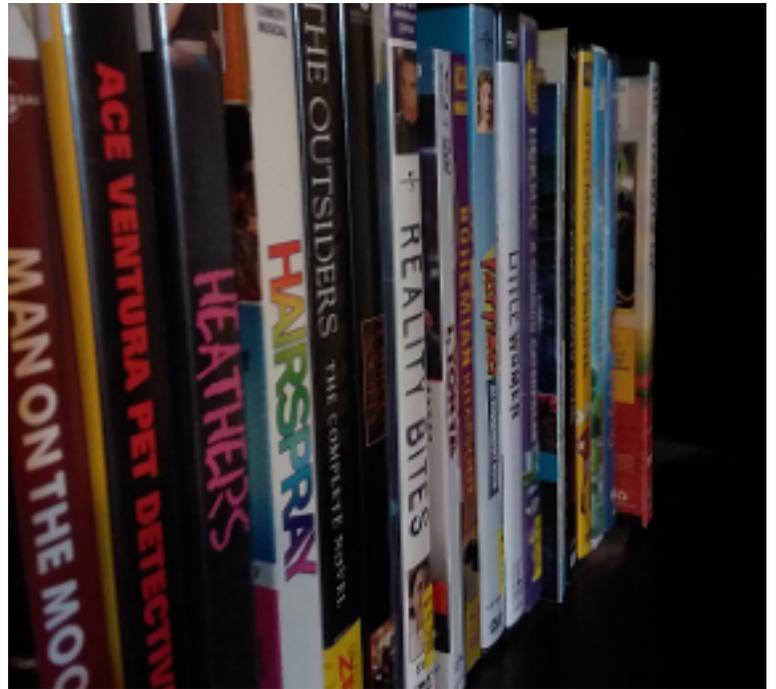


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directly benefit R. Kelly. Watching his movies directly benefits Woody Allen."

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Separating the art from the artist is not as difficult as Twitter makes it out to be. Separating the art from the artist isn't being oblivious to the artist's faults. It's acknowledging their wrongdoings and supporting the other people who made the art possible. If you like a song, or movie, or TV show with a controversial person in it, you are allowed to continue to like it. You just have to clarify that you dislike the artist.

# Have You Watched Every Movie That You Own and Need a Change?

Maddie Moran

*Reporter*

After months of quarantining inside, movies have become an increasingly popular source of entertainment. One can only assume that there is no longer a large selection of unwatched movies to choose from. Some popular online platforms to stream movies include Netflix, Amazon Prime, Hulu, HBO, and Disney+. All of these are good options with a wide selection of movies and TV shows. Although, they do include a monthly subscription.

A sophomore student at Chandler High School, Shruthi Sadhasivam said in an interview, "My favorite online platform to watch new movies would be Amazon Prime." Shruthi explained that she enjoys that Amazon allows her the opportunity to watch movies whenever she wants and as often as she wants to.

Some people do not prefer watching movies online constantly and miss the experience of going to the theaters. Due to COVID-19 and the closing of most locations, it has not been possible to visit theaters in person. According to Josh Frigerio in his article "Alamo Drafthouse, AMC

Theatres, Harkins Theatres seek approval to reopen Arizona theaters" on the ABC15 website, some theaters are planning to reopen in person and are seeking approval to do so in Arizona. Harkins locations throughout Arizona gained approval to reopen on Friday, August 28, 2020.

Another available resource for viewing movies is drive-in theaters. Drive-ins were not a very common place to visit before, but lately they have been gaining popularity. Though they may not be new movies that

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people would ordinarily pay to see in theaters, it might be a good option for those who have missed the experience of going out and seeing a movie in person.

It might be nice to add some variety to your quarantine life by going out to drive-in theaters, or if leaving the house is not currently an option, use online platforms to stream new movies. There are many ways to access these new movies in or out of the house.

# Your Next Netflix Binge

**Vy Truong**  
*Reporter*

Want some Netflix recommendations that will broaden your mind and perspective on the world? We have a list for you!

This pandemic has given us time to browse through Netflix to binge-watch movies and shows. Fictional shows like “Stranger Things” and “Umbrella Academy” are entertaining; however, there is an intriguing selection of documentaries for students to understand different perspectives and hardships from others.

First on the list is the academy nominee documentary film, “13th” (TV-MA). This film explores topics such as slavery, racial inequality, Jim Crow laws, the 13th amendment and African American history.

Chloe Truong, a Ph.D. candidate at Arizona State University, said, “This documentary teaches the general public that not being aware of these realities about racial inequalities and not taking the time to educate ourselves on the justices, it will only make us a part of the issue.”

Having the advantage of viewing the film on a global streaming platform will support

watchers in understanding the hardships others go through. This documentary may contain violent content, view at your own discretion.

Another impactful documentary is “Miss Representation” (TV-MA). It is a film that touches on sensitive issues in modern society.

Active History mentions, “Miss Representation (2011) challenges the limiting representations of women in American media, exploring how these impact girls’ and women’s sense of self-worth and emotional health, while contributing to the overall devaluation of women in contemporary culture.”

This film features many strong and accomplished women from different walks of life. The purpose of the documentary is to encourage young girls to stay resilient and build a more equitable society in a world dominated by men. Warning, this film may contain abrasive content, view at your own discretion.

On a more light-hearted side, “The Kindness Diaries” (TV-PG) is a lifestyle documentary series that talks about the kindness of strangers. The show is about television

host, Leon Logothetis, who travels the world with only a motorbike and the compassion from strangers.

He receives help from them and learns their stories. “The Kindness Diaries” is an insightful show that looks at the world from a new angle. Becoming Busy, a therapeutic website said, “This show is about sharing everything that you have, even if you don’t have much.”

“Minimalism: A Documentary About the Important Things” (TV-14) is another documentary film that challenges the norms. This documentary emphasizes the lifestyle of less is more. “Minimalism” opens a new door for people who want to escape the societal norm of over-consuming.

This movie teaches the viewers to appreciate what they have and motivates us to reflect on what happiness is to you. The main idea of the film is to take charge of your life and leave what is holding you back.

The final recommendation to watch on Netflix is “Secret Love” (TV-14). It is a documentary that follows the love story of two women. This movie explores the struggle of keeping this secret love in the

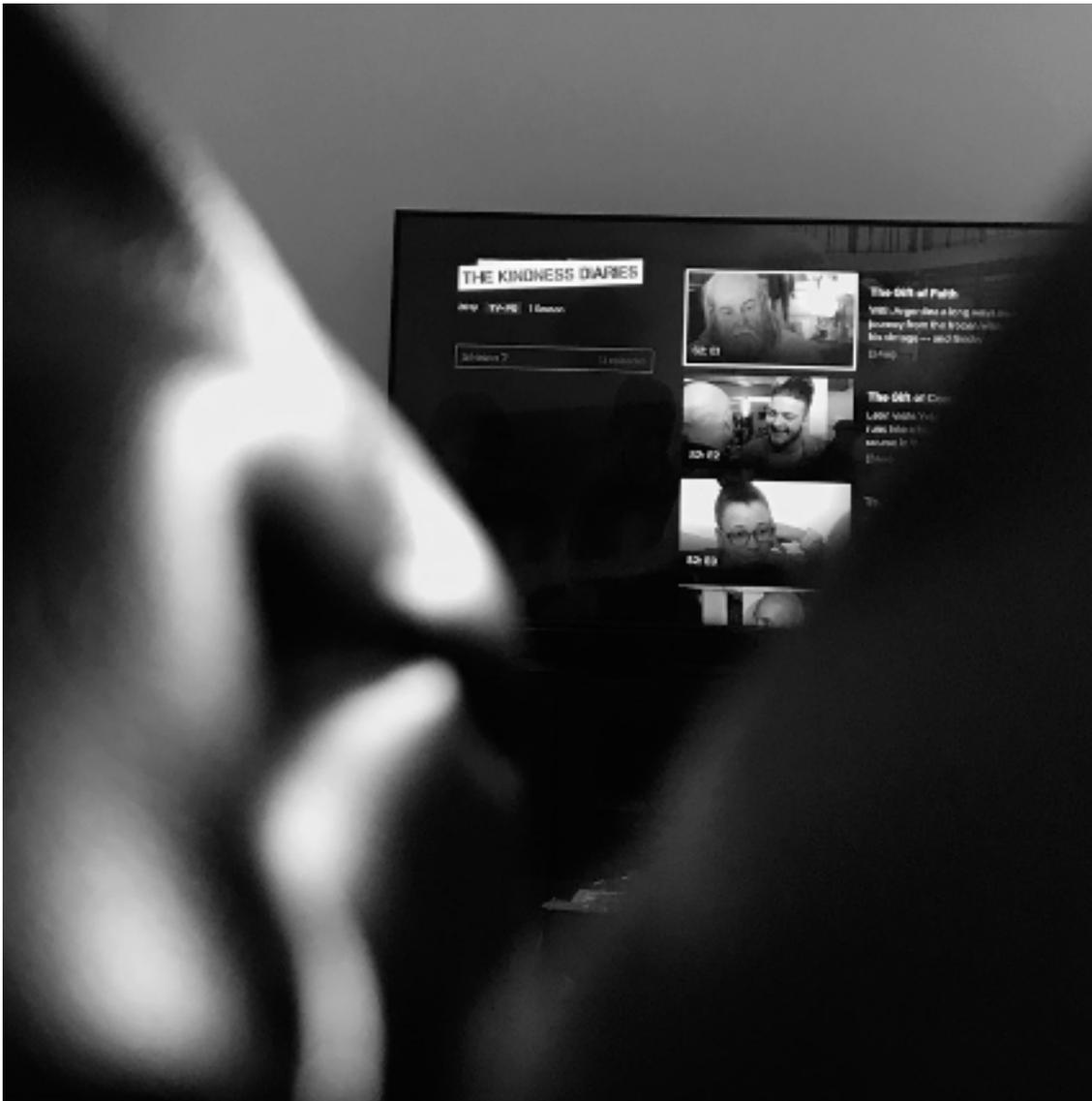


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conservative 1950's and maintaining the relationship for over seventy years.

The film talks about how suppressed the couple felt when they could not show their love for each other due to old thinkings. "Secret Love" is a film to look at a different perspective on life. It demonstrates how one can surpass any adversaries if they have love, consideration, dedication and patience.

Documentaries, especially ones about people, are essential to watch. They teach the viewer about different battles people go through and open our world to the ones around us. Because of what we consume, it affects our viewpoints and can cause us to be sheltered. To prevent that, we should learn more about each other, which is ironically why we should watch these films.

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# NBA Bubble News

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After an eternity without sports, it is finally time to find out once and for all who will be the NBA champions of the 2019–2020 season. The NBA is back! The NBA season was postponed on March 11th due to the coronavirus outbreak. Games were canceled, teams were not allowed to participate in any team events, basketball was on hold... But not anymore. The NBA will finish the rest of the season in a bubble on the Disneyworld campus in Orlando, Florida.

22 teams have been living inside the bubble since July, and they plan to stay there until

October or until their team has been eliminated. Inside the bubble, players must follow strict guidelines to prevent catching the virus, including wearing a mask, social distancing in interviews, and most importantly, not leaving the bubble for takeout or going to a nightclub.

Players, coaches, reporters, and team owners are required to take a test frequently. The teams have been inside the bubble for almost two months, and there have been no confirmed cases for the virus. Lisa Salters, an ESPN reporter currently living in the bubble, said, "It's not only the happiest place on earth, it's the safest place on earth."

Daily life for the players includes waking up early for breakfast, reporting to practice or shoot-around, interviews, playoff games if their team has a game, more interviews, then sleep. Chris Mannix is a CNN reporter currently living inside the bubble. When describing the players lifestyle, he said, "It's like rise, wash, repeat, like every single day. It's just going to different practices or different games, but your days start early, and they end late."

22 teams first entered the bubble, and now they are down to four teams. It is an exciting race to the finish line to see who takes home the 2019–2020 NBA championship.



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