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# OPINION: WHAT A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD MAY LOOK LIKE

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It is fair to say that none of us have experienced anything near the intensity, severity, uncertainty, and fear that the coronavirus has brought to our world. We have had other harmful outbreaks in the past such as SARS (2002) and Ebola (2014), but nothing we have ever lived through compares to the devastating coronavirus that has infected more than one million Americans and killed more than 70,000. Empty streets, stay at home orders, the closing of thousands of businesses, prohibition of non-essential travel, bare shelves in grocery stores, and virtual school, work, and social life are the new normal that this dangerous, respiratory disease has created. More than 30 million Americans were unemployed as of May 1, a terrifying statistic not seen since the Great Depression in the 1930's. Like other epidemics, the coronavirus will eventually diminish, but its effects will remain for much longer. Following are six consequences of this global pandemic that will likely outlive the virus itself:

### Appreciation for the Healthcare and Healthcare Workers:

The coronavirus has led us to a deeper appreciation for the nurses, doctors, and other medical professionals who have risked their lives each day fighting the virus and doing everything in their power to care for patients. If not for their endless efforts and committed service, the world's situation would be much worse, and far more people would have died. Now, it is evident how important healthcare is, so more universal access to it will also likely be an outcome. Once the danger of the coronavirus has eased, this newfound praise and appreciation for healthcare and its workers will remain.



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### Improved Hygiene and Sanitation:

With the coronavirus posing a real threat to our health and safety, people are taking extra precautions such as washing their hands and wearing masks and gloves. Through these things, people are not only protecting themselves but others as well because they are limiting the spread of the virus. Stores and companies are taking extra care to decontaminate clipboards, pens, and payment terminals. These efforts to stay clean have prevented the virus' spread and are essential in fighting it. After living through something as threatening as the coronavirus, people will likely continue to wash their hands more frequently and maintain better hygiene because they will want to avoid another crisis like this.



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### Dependence on Technology:

With the coronavirus hindering our normal life, people have been forced to find new ways to conduct their work and interact with each other. Technology has kept us connected with each other during this tough period. We now depend on apps such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams to do virtual work, school, and have some social life. After seeing how efficient and useful technology can be, it will continue to play a larger and more significant role in our lives even after the disease settles down.

### Mental Illness:

The coronavirus has triggered a rise in mental health concerns. Depression and anxiety have spread and intensified significantly in recent months, according to a recent issue of *The Harvard Gazette*. Recognizing the danger they pose to our well-being and ensuring that people have access to mental-health treatment will be important long after the virus has been contained.

### Social Distancing:

Of all the side-effects of coronavirus, social distancing directly impacts our lives the most. Because contact and closeness are what spread the infection, officials have called for major social distancing precautions that have resulted in the closing of many companies/buildings and the cancelation of numerous events. People are highly encouraged to remain at least six feet apart from others at all times in order to

reduce the spread. Long after the coronavirus has eased, some people will likely still avoid large gatherings and close contact with strangers out of fear and safety for themselves and their families.



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### Gratitude:

Having lost the freedom to do things that we were able to do prior to the virus has caused many people to be grateful for what they do have. It has also taught many to stop taking everything for granted as we did before this happened. It even makes us miss things we never thought we would, such as school and work. After the coronavirus has departed, this sense of thankfulness will likely remain with us.

Around the world, doctors and scientists are devoted to finding a cure for the coronavirus. They are working as fast and hard as they can to develop treatment drugs that will effectively cure this illness and vaccines to prevent the further spread of it so that the world can open again. Although the current situation today is not the ideal, it is encouraging to think about how many of this virus' likely consequences will be for the better.

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**Juan**

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I didn't know that.



**Rolando**

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Right on my man!



**Janessa**

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Great blog you have got here.. It's hard to find high quality writing like yours these days.  
I really appreciate people like you! Take care!!



**Jefferey**

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Excellent write-up. I definitely appreciate this website. Continue the good work!

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