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## **Police Brutality**

Police brutality is the unwarranted or excessive and often illegal use of force against civilians by police officers. Multiple events have been witnessed by mankind in which police brutality has been propagated. One such unfortunate act was committed on 25th May 2020 where George Floyd, a black American citizen faced Police brutality in Minneapolis, Minnesota where a white cop made him suffocate by forcing his knee on Floyd's neck. Although it has been argued that these actions were taken to uphold the law, the reason for this brutality has not been disclosed. However, it has been for long stated that at times Police Brutality may be essential to maintain law and order. This raises a question: How do we meet society's demands but maintain law and order? Once again we shall look in the below topic whether violence which has persisted in the following events was actually necessary.

## Launches During An Economic Crisis

SpaceX in recent times has achieved multiple milestones. Launching atop, the Falcon 9 was the Dragon-2 Human Rated SpaceCraft containing Astronauts Doug Hurley and Robert Benhekhen. It was the first launch of the International Spacestation from American Soil. This makes us actually think whether 2020 is actually such a bad year. However, looking at the great manpower at SpaceX and NASA's headquarters there is a great chance of contracting the nCovid-19 greatly increasing the question of how tactically sound this move was especially looking at how SpaceX is launching at rates of once a week!

## **Discussing Over Crime During The COVID 19 Pandemic**

Covid-19 has brought up many changes in the world. Cybercrime, for example, is facing one of its highest cases ever. Although cybercrime has increased, crimes like domestic violence have decreased. In Los Angeles, a 23% decrease was reported in terms of domestic violence. Hence, it can be said that the pandemic has affected crime internationally. However, the FBI has also reported that hate crimes towards Asian Americans have been increased.

### The Accountability And Relevance of the United Nations

"Is the United Nations really powerful during the COVID pandemic" is really a big question to be discussed today, as all the countries are conducting activities that would not be accepted Globally. Countries are only solving their domestic matters and not international matters. However, the basic sanctions, Resolutions, and still abided by meaning that the UN is actually in some country.

## **Crashing Of The Stock Market**

Fear related to an unprecedented event has a domino effect in the stock markets that can send stock prices crashing, as investors look to pull their investments out before prices fall further. Since each investor is looking to sell, there is more supply of stocks than demand which leads to overall stock prices to collapse. The Coronavirus pandemic has had a snowballing effect on all sectors. We've witnessed negative oil futures prices because of storage issues. Earlier in March 2020, fears of recession sent stock indices lower. While global markets got highly volatile beginning March, it is the stock market crash in 2020 on March 9 that will be remembered as the Black Monday. When global stock indices, including bellwether ones like the Dow Jones, crashed to their lowest in a single day. This movement has been recorded as the most severe since the global recession in 2008. These indices continued to record further historical losses on March 12 and March 16. India felt these ripple effects too, and in March the BSE Sensex plunged to close over 2,919 points, (or 8.18 percent), triggering a circuit breaker immediately after market opening. Intraday records show that the index crashed as much as 3204 points, its biggest one-day drop. The NSE Nifty suffered an equal decline of 8.30 percent in a day. Not all countries have faced losses though. Let it be noted that China has bought stocks at low prices in this economic crisis and has recovered significantly economically.

# How Will Students Recover From The Backlash In Academics Due To The Pandemic?

It is a known fact that because of the pandemic, the world of schools has been affected severely. The online classes have not only made students all over the world hate technology to a great extent, it has also affected their academics. Sports events were stopped and schools were closed and a major blow was faced. It has also been claimed by numerous toppers (ahem ahem not us) that studies have been affected and not all topics are easily comprehensible. On top of this are network issues further adding to the woes. Yet it is quite commendable that academics have returned in the face of such a pandemic. Although not so advanced, online classes have also reached rural and underdeveloped areas via radio, television, and various other means.

## **Adoption Of Digital Services**

Offices and schools have switched to being electronic. Yes, the physical buildings will exist even after the pandemic but during it, many offices have actually started to consider letting their employees work from home. This leads us to a question- Should the world switch to being electronic after the pandemic? Sure there will be many advantages but there will be certain disadvantages as well such as low internet speeds, malfunctioning of devices, and situations such as the Iowa case, which is referred to in point 13.

## "Nature's Warning" In 2020

Over 18 million hectares have burned in the Australian bushfire season 2019–2020 as of mid-January according to media reports, destroying over 5,900 buildings including over 2,800 homes. In addition to human fatalities, many millions of animals are reported to have been killed. Before COVID-19 appeared on anyone's radar, world leaders and climate activists declared 2020 a "super year for nature", with several global climate conferences set to chart a course for slowing climate breakdown and protecting biodiversity over the next decade.

## Steps To Relieve Mental Stress During Lockdown With Respect To Children?

Being a gamer is now a similar profession nowadays that many people follow. So gaming should be introduced as a topic in an online school. Video games are good. Better than a lot of people think. Problem is, they're just being used incorrectly. They're being considered entertainment, and they are. But they're also educational. It's just...no one seems to see that. Studies have already shown that video games can lead to better hand-eye coordination, as well as better snap decision making.but on the other hand, schools are for learning and many kids already spend a lot of their time in gaming while at home. Gaming also creates distraction towards academics which is the major perspective of the schools.

## Looking At How To Ensure Safety At Industrial Spaces Following Lack Of Manpower

Factories- heavily being affected by the lockdown, production has faced arguably the biggest impact by the pandemic. Many factories have been forced to shut because of the lack of manpower. The Vizag gas leak and the Lagos gas explosion are among a few of the industrial accidents that have occurred this year. Hence, it is important to look into this as industries are one of the biggest contributors to a nation's economy.

## **Reviewing Brexit And Its Impact On The World**

Brexit is the abbreviation of "British Exit," which refers to the decision of the United Kingdom to leave the European Union. Brexit involves the process of negotiating new trade deals, citizen registration rules, borders, etc. The process started on June 23, 2016, after the referendum passed by 51.9% to 48.1%. As a result, the UK has dropped from the top to the bottom of the league table in terms of economic growth among the G7 group of major advanced economies. Other Researchers also have concluded that UK exports have grown less quickly than they would have done, had the vote gone the other way – with around 5% fewer rms.

### **Do Protests Have To Be Violent?**

Protests- seen by many as a major way to let their government know about what they want. We have seen many protests and name a few have not resulted in violence. Recalling the Black Lives Matter movement, which was initiated to be non -violent but eventually turned into a violent one. But there are protests that have been non- violent as well. In 2016, the South Korean protests were initiated to be non- violent and stayed non-violent. Yes, many times violence may be needed, when your voice is not heard when you don't make a dent, then you become violent. This does not mean violence should always prevail. Violence can serve as a cover to communal riots and numerous crimes.

#### **Reviewing The Iowa Case**

After months and months of relentless campaigning, numerous debates, endless rallies and intense field organizing the Iowa caucuses finally played out on Monday night and... nothing. The system for reporting votes apparently failed to function properly and back-up telephone hotlines jammed up, leading to no declaration of a winner and the various campaigns all flying off to the next stop of New Hampshire with no one knowing the results. Iowa has gone first in the Democratic race for nearly 50 years, and the winner gets an enviable media spotlight and much-needed momentum. Since 2000 every Democrat who has won Iowa went on to win the nomination. But the system is also criticized for giving disproportionate power to a tiny state that is 90% white and largely rural and is unrepresentative of the Democratic party as a whole. This situation won't help its cause. The winner would have preferred to have made their big speech in the full glare of the media spotlight. Now the news agenda moves on to Trump's State of the Union speech tonight and the New Hampshire primary. This has been labeled as due to a network jam, This actually raises questions over whether the future should be online.

### Leap Year In The Mayan Calendar- Myth or Reality?

The Mayan calendar is an ancient calendar system that rose to fame in 2012, when a "Great Cycle" of its Long Count component came to an end, inspiring some to believe that the world would end at 11:11 UTC on December 21, 2012. The media hype and hysteria that ensued was later termed the 2012 phenomenon. Of course, the predictions did not come true—just like hundreds of other doomsday prophecies that fizzled out in the past. The Mayan Calendar consists of three separate corresponding calendars: the Long Count, the Tzolkin (divine calendar), and the Haab (civil calendar). Each of them is cyclical, meaning that a certain number of days must occur before a new cycle can begin. The three calendars are used simultaneously. The Tzolkin and the Haab identify the days, but not the years. The Long Count date comes first, then the Tzolkin date, and last the Haab date. A typical Mayan date would read: 13.0.0.0.0 4 Ahau 8 Kumku, where 13.0.0.0.0 is the Long Count date, 4 Ahau is the Tzolkin date, and 8 Kumku is the Haab date.

#### Freedom Of Speech In Today's World

In many countries, freedom of speech and expression is considered a fundamental right although countries like China have not granted it. People that speak against the government often face consequences. The Chinese Communist Party, worried that permitting political freedom would jeopardize its grasp on power, has constructed an Orwellian high-tech surveillance state and a sophisticated internet censorship system to monitor and suppress public criticism. Abroad, it uses its growing economic clout to silence critics and to carry out the most intense attack on the global system for enforcing human rights since that system began to emerge in the mid-20th century. In Israel however, the Chinese Ambassador was assassinated in bed in the absence of his family for being critical of his government's response to the Covid-19. The reason although not declared by the Chinese Government is claimed by multiple sources.

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