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Right now, there is a pandemic that is affecting every single person across the globe. It does not matter if it is a small farm town in the Bible Belt or a significant city in Europe. Furthermore, the seriousness of the matter is not being taken seriously by those under 25 years old, and the business world has not seen this crazy of changes since the 2008 recession. Schools, colleges, local businesses, and professional sports teams are closing each day. For these reasons, the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is the most critical issue that is occurring in the world today.

While boomers are freaking out about the coronavirus, those between the ages 15-25 years aren't taking the matter earnestly. College students who are currently on spring break decided not to follow orders of social distancing and go to Florida even in the middle of an epidemic (Fieldstadt). As of right now, 330 people and counting have tested positive in the state. Unfountrely, this information hasn't prevented the governor from shutting down all the beaches even at the rate the Coronavirus has spread. The reason why most people haven't canceled their vacations is that teenagers and young adults feel that the Coronavirus is just like the flu. Although that is somewhat true, older people, babies, and those with other medical conditions are incredibly vulnerable to the virus. Those who get it may receive pneumonia, kidney failure, severe acute respiratory syndrome, and death (Fottrell). Not to mention that the flu has a vaccine, and humans have had thousands of years to build up an immunity to it. There is no immunity in

humans for COVID-19, and doctors say it will take 6 to 12 months to create a vaccine (Fottrell). Lastly, thousands of people have died from the flu, but doctors have claimed that the number of deaths due to the coronavirus will be superior.

Anyone who takes part in the business world will know how detrimental COVID-19 has been to the stock market these past few weeks. At the rate it is going, there is a strong possibility for a recession in 2020. A recession is if two quarters in a row are negative. One quarter is a total of three months, the first quarter is January, February, and March, and the second quarter is April, May, and June. The month of January was positive; however, the panic started at the beginning of February, continuing into March. These two months could result in a negative outcome in the first quarter. If the economy continues at this rate, the second quarter could equal a negative two quarters, which would then be a recession. Why would the economy be down? People started to get more skeptical of their surroundings. Hotels got cancellations, Chinese restaurants slowed down in business, investors selling their bonds, people canceling their vacations. All of these things created a negative impact on the economy.

The adverse effects it has had on society is the cancellation of numerous things. At the beginning of the week of March 8th, the NBA and NCAA basketball tournament chose to continue their season without fans; however, since then, things have escalated. The Ivy Leagues, Bucknell University, and Rutgers University (to name a few) have chosen to switch to online classes for the rest of the semester, which includes all spring sports suspended. Along with the NBA, the NCAA tournament, MLB, and NHL have postponed their season. As for the average new jersian, all schools in the state of New Jersey closed effective Wednesday, March 18th. What does that mean for us? Spring season postponed, junior formal moved to next year, AP

Test switching to online, graduation, and prom still in question. For college and high school, thousands of athletes were devastated that their last time never came. That their first game was their last, and their parents were not even there to see it. Within my family, I witnessed my sister having to be up and rooted out of her dorm in only a few days. Her teammates live across the country, and due to the over packed flights, they had to drive. This virus has flipped people's lives around and is leaving negative impacts on thousands.

In the present day, Joe Biden (Democrat candidate) won all three primaries on Tuesday March 17th, and the first day of spring was on Thursday March 19th. The United States National Women's Team is in a current lawsuit with the men's league for not getting paid equally, which is a considerable power step for women. However, this goes to show how powerful COVID-19 has affected society. It has gotten to the point where we completely forget about the 2020 Presidential Election and a move in the right direction for women's equality. Along with how young adults are reacting to it, drastic life changes, and the stock market are all important reasons why the coronavirus is the most crucial issue in not just our country but the entire world.

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