

Covid -19 and True Colors of People

Around Chinese New Year, news of a new virus came out on national newspapers and Televisions. The virus, up close in a microscope looked like a crown, so it was named Corona, crown in Spanish.

And only a few weeks later, it turned out to be a very serious pandemic; People were being infected left and right. But was that the scariest part? How did people react? It was strongly advised that people stay home and maintain their distance from other people and public spaces. It was advised to wear masks, use alcohol and disinfect their houses, door knobs, keys and phones. Schools were stopped in other countries and some people had to work from home.

And the true colors of people came out. People refusing to wear masks because of its “inconvenience,” saying excuses like” they can’t breathe” or they have “illnesses” that stop them from wearing masks. People still gathering up outside to take advantage of the pandemic sales, like hotel prices dropping in restaurants giving out discounts. People were saying incredibly racist and insensitive things about China and other Asian people. People were hoarding masks and alcohol; buying 2 or 3 times more than what they need, making me wonder if the people who really needed them the most got what they need.

And on the other hand, I had friends who immediately went on lockdown with the appropriate amount of supplies that they needed. Working from home, working for themselves and learning new hobbies, I personally thought of a few zines I could make when I have the time again. And I picked up on the electric guitar and watched a bunch of movies I’ve been wanting to watch for a long time, but didn’t have any free time before lockdown. I personally thought life was better for me when I was in lockdown, but seeing how people react made me sick. Bad things that happen in the world will show you people’s reaction, and it’ll show you their true interests and personality. You’ll be able to see what they care about, what their morals are and how much they care about other people.