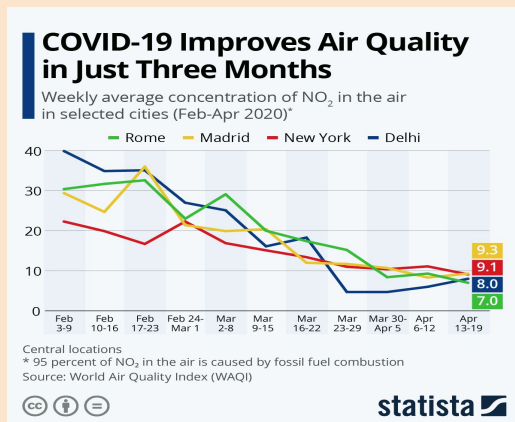


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Environment: The Effects of Covid-19 on the Environment

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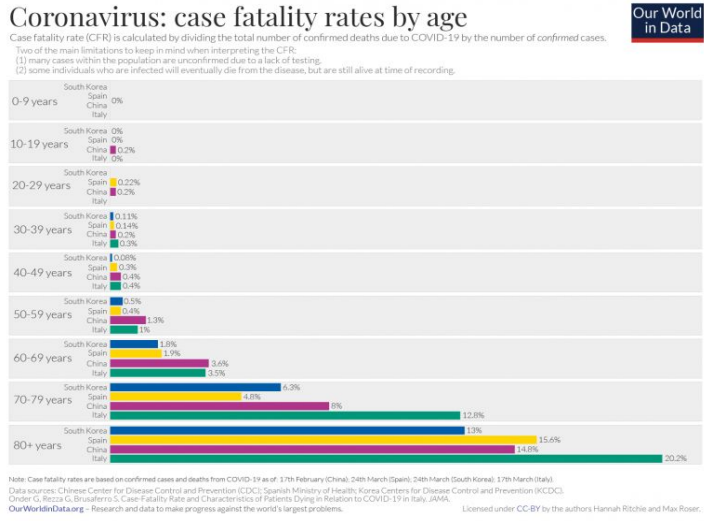
During this global pandemic, many things have begun to change. One of the things is the change in the environment. The pandemic has caused multiple parts of the world to be in some form of lockdown. How does that affect the environment? Less transportation, fewer people going outside, the shutdown of industrial activities and manufacturing, and the decrease in the need for oil manufacturing. All of these changes had a positive effect on the environment by reducing pollution. NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) and ESA (European Space Agency)

indicated that pollution in some of the epicenters of COVID-19 such as Wuhan, Italy, Spain, and the USA, etc. have reduced up to 30%. Air transportation has decreased up to almost 96%. It is even being predicted that global greenhouse gas emissions will fall 8 percent this year. Effects that are being seen are: animals being spotted in abandoned city streets and waterways around the world, and declines in pollution and emissions have been well-documented over a few urban and industrial centers. Although there are many negative impacts of the current Covid-19 crisis, there seems to be one effect that has had a positive outcome on the environment.

A Global Pandemic: Effects of COVID-19 on People Worldwide

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As we know, the COVID-19 pandemic has spread across the world rapidly. It was towards the end of December when the first cases of COVID-19 were reported in China. The coronavirus affected the neighboring countries- as in Japan, South Korea, etc. rapidly. At the current state, the USA is the most affected country or has 2,191,052 confirmed cases (according to the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at John Hopkins University). How is or does the coronavirus affect people worldwide? Due to this pandemic countries have had lockdowns or are in quarantine phases.

According to the WHO (World Health Organization), the Covid-19 outbreak continues to affect all segments of the population and particularly people in vulnerable situations as in older persons, persons with disabilities, youth, and indigenous persons. The WHO also indicates that economies are being affected which has caused a lot of unemployment of the people. If the pandemic is not properly addressed, it may cause an increase in unemployment, inequality, discrimination, etc. Even though Covid-19 has affected families or people drastically, (in a way) we could say that some families or people around the world have come connected more and supported each other mentally.

Sports (NFL)

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Because of the Corona Virus aka. Covid-19 sports haven't been able to give us our entertainment like it normally would. That is what separates the NFL from other sports organizations. All the things that happened this month are purely just normal activities and actions derived from what is going on in the real world. The virus did slow down the NFL process because of restrictions going on in the world.

Now that we have talked about what the big news will consist of we can continue it. The big news that happened because of racism was players and coaches starting to kneel during the national anthem. Remember this is the reason that Colin Kaepernick got fired and was hated so much by NFL fans. They felt that they were being disrespectful to the U.S, but that will change starting the upcoming season. Speaking of Colin Kaepernick the L.A Chargers are considering to workout with him and have him play for them. Dak Prescott is expected to sign a franchise tender by Monday for a deal worth up to \$31.4M. The New York Jets' star player and one of the best safety in the league Jamal Adams wants the Jets to trade him to another team Cowboys being one of them. New York Giants kicker Aldrick Rosas got arrested and Antonio Brown got 2 years of probation.

News: House Bill 158

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Have you heard the news about the new bill? It's very exciting for the sixteen-year-olds in North Carolina. On June 19th, Governor Cooper signed House Bill 158. This allows teens to get a Level 2 Limited Provisional license without a road test.

The license permits teens to drive between 5 am to 9 pm and have one minor inside their car. To get

this license, the driver will have to come with a parent or guardian and provide proof of liability insurance, submit a driving log with 60 hours of driving completed and get their picture taken.

Once the DMV is allowed to have road tests again, the drivers with a Level 2 license will have to go back and take the road test to get a Level 3 license. This will help all of the teens with working parents and summer jobs get where they need to be.

Racism Reinstates in America Again and History is Repeating Itself in the 21st Century

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“I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.” This inspiring quote by Martin Luther King Jr. is unfortunately needed at this time again as history is recurring in the 21st century, the era where we have hydroelectric cars, but still constant racism towards Black lives. Recently many incidents occurred that proves that there is such a thing as White privilege



and hate towards many races, genders, and people. Racism is the discrimination of a race, gender, ethnicity and displaying a specific race's superiority or inferiority over another. Ever since the colonial times in America, Black lives were demonstrated as inferior or indifferent from other races. As a recap in history, the Black were forced as slaves and didn't acquire the same freedom and rights as the others.

Many have tried and succeeded to change

the unfairness and after great determination we all have equal rights and same freedom and laws. If we have all of this why does this issue still regress in such a developed generation? I believe in the egalitarian principles that every race is equal and skin color should not affect anyone, that all ethnicities and genders should have impartial opportunities. Mainly in America, Black lives have been targeted and have been assumed as a menace. We shouldn't undergo this dilemma any longer, and should strive to demolish this unfairness and segregation. To demonstrate that all lives are equal and Black lives matter we can initiate protests and sign online petitions, or we can spread the word on social media and, similarly like me, you can write articles to create a difference. You can start right now by signing an online petition at

https://www.change.org/p/mayor-jacob-frey-justice-for-george-floyd?source_location=country_banner or <https://blacklivesmatter.com/>