

## COVID-19

I like to compare this virus to the book War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells. In War of the Worlds, aliens come to take over the planet using humans as resource for food. Humanity does its best to try to fight these highly advance society with the modern weapons but in the end, they are powerless to fight the invaders. So how do the humans end up surviving this horrible invasion. Not from any sort of weapon but nature. Earth-borne bacteria is what ends up killing these aliens resulting in the survival of the human race.

The reason why I start this reflection with the synopsis of a book published in 1898 is because from such long time, humanity has understood that the biggest threat to humans is not anything made by man but made by nature. The black death, Spanish flu, and now the Coronavirus. Over and over again, pandemic after pandemic we are warned by mother nature to do something, but we don't. Its not just America but around the world. We invest in weapons and ways to protect ourselves from each other when the real enemy is nature itself. Out of the 20% of the federal government budget for the military, nothing is being placed for a war against some sort of pandemic.

This pandemic is a wake-up call but still people don't believe this to be serious. All around the United State, we have protest to reopen the country. I understand the frustration of people but the reason that people want this quarantine to be over is ridiculous. The idea that the virus is a hoax and the blaming this virus on the Chinese Community. The Chinese Community had nothing to do with this, it was the Chinese government fault for hiding the virus till it spread to the proportion we see today. I go on runs around my neighborhood and already I had a man tell me to "be careful where I walk Chink". People are constantly trying to find a scapegoat.

Someone to blame for the misfortunes that's happening to all of us. I was hoping this virus would unite us but every time I see the news, I see people divided. It isn't the case though watching influencers around the world such as John Krasinski gives me hope that people will come together during this pandemic.

I hope that the next generation will learn from this generation. I hope that mistakes will be looked at and learned from so that such measures won't be repeated again. I'm hopeful but its all dependent on how we behave as citizens of this world.