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I planned to do a study case on a topic, which is “American’s View Towards Covid-19”. The reason why I choose this topic is to understand the situation and give solutions to solve the related problem. This has caused an enormous number of infections that are spiralling out of control. The latest data which shows that America has the highest cases in the world. In our current world Covid-19 record, worldwide had total Covid-19 cases of 61.12 million and 1.43 million death but just only America has 12.9 million infections and death cases are approached 265,740 which taken almost 21% of the worldwide total cases. In the past week, America’s daily cases are still increasing. In average, there are 1.2 million new and 11.2k death cases in the last 7 days (Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, 2020). This tragedy is rooted in negligence and inattention and also partly because of the citizens’ mentality as well as views towards the criticality and seriousness of Covid-19. After the virus spread contagiously and uncontrollably, it has led to the situation which is difficult to be resolved. This will only cause more cases and also more death which only bring negatives but no positives. Just imagine that millions are dying, population decreases, talented people become rare, economic progress are slower than ever and citizens have no more quality life.

First of all, let’s brief through about the what is Covid-19, how it spread and the symptoms. Covid-19 is closely related to SARS and MERS but it is not as fatal as these two viruses. Based on the US Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Covid-19 is a virus that can normally be found on animals and it is called Zoonotic by scientist which can spread from animals to humans. It is mainly spread through contaminated surfaces, airborne, direct contact with respiratory droplets as well as between animals and humans (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2020). The symptoms consist of high fever, cough, headache and runny nose (Jen et al, 2020). Normally this virus is hard to detect due to their symptoms are just too common and hard to differentiate whether are they normal illness or Covid-19. Covid-19 will be quite deadly and fatal for elders as well as those who have weak immune system but it will not be that bad for those who are healthy. So, we can see that this virus is a very easily spread, fatal in some state and naturally hard to contain it.

Since this virus is so harmful but why US, a strong and well-developed country are losing to this Covid-19 war while the other smaller country like Singapore and Korea could have it all under controlled? Firstly, it is because of their president, Donald Trump (Alex Fitzpatrick, 2020). He was elected on 2016 (Thom File, Social, Economic and Housing Statistics Division, 2017). At the early stage of this virus attack, he didn’t think it is something serious. It was because he stubbornly belief that the virus will disappear by itself, he makes cover up for the statistics to let the situation looks far better from reality, he even rejected his own administration’s advice on wear masks and he said “It was just a recommendation but I am feeling good” (David Smith, 2020). On 25th February, instead of preparing the country to fight the virus, he said “the virus is going to go away but we lost almost thousand point on the market” (The Hill, 2020). In this statement, we can see that he cares more about his own business more than the country. Just imagine the leader of the country was supposes to be the best model to the country but the leader himself is doing the wrong act for example, then who else is going to follow the safety precaution guide? In October, the president himself and people around him was infected by the virus but lucky that he was recovered and back on stage for 2020 election (George P. et al, 2020). These acts and issues will eventually lead the citizens to felt trivial on this virus attack and didn’t take the precaution that should be taken which causes more and more people was infected as well as death cases.

Other than that, the government didn’t implement strict rules and penalty which cause the citizens to overlook and taking advantage of government. The government didn’t force the citizens to follow the rules and give fine to those who are not following the rules. So, the people could have thinks that this isn’t something that is important to follow. Something the government had done what they are supposes to do was implement short period lockdown to slowdown the virus but the citizens not just didn’t follow but even group up and protest the government for limit their freedom as their mentality is freedom is priority (Emily al, 2020). This people dare to do such action is partly because of their culture and education method since young and also the they are a country with freedom of speech and this leads a lot of them to have their own which is different from the government’s as even sometimes it’s selfish thought but they still don’t care because they care more about themselves more than anyone (Mark et al, 1991). This might look normal to have own thought but because of their freedom, they often form up to protest for what they think it was right for it, not just on this mentioned virus problem but on many things. This will unintentionally become a big problem to the country as well as government and become a problematic obstacle because with these protests, the government will feel challenging to implement new thing due to the rebel of the people which could slow down the county’s progress and process on something as because protest always result in violence damage to public and private properties and shutdown of economy.

Furthermore, it is because of their government. Reason being, the government didn’t promote and develop the idea and concept of the seriousness of this virus and this causes majority of the citizens don’t think that the virus is harmful as well as serious and tend to felt suspicious about this virus until the extend that a lot of them think that the news or the cases about the virus are made up story and fake news. The government also didn’t provide enough medical support and information which cause a lot of misunderstanding and misuse from happening. Four month ago, comedians Tom Allen and John Thomas Parr did a video about giving free face mask at Huntington Beach, California and uploaded in YouTube with the channel named “Chad and JT Go Deep” (Chad and JT G o Deep, 2020). At that time, a lot of them were facing mask shortage problems and they see no one was wearing mask on the street so they did it to solve the problem but instead of thanks them, they got despised, cursed by bad words as well as hand sign by majority, some even wanted to fight them. In GMA news channel, they also did a street interview on broadcast which they also get the same result (Good Morning America, 2020). These incidents could show that the citizens were mostly mislead by some information and fake news as well as their own thoughts. The people also form up for protest about no need to wear mask.

In addition, America had faced the critical issue that causes the increase of cases which is shortage of medical supply such as testing swabs, protective masks, gloves, respirators, goggles, face shields, aprons, surgical gowns and hand sanitizer as well as facilities. The medical supply was not enough due to sudden outbreak of the virus, they were required to import their medical supply from China (Martha M. and Juliet L. ,2020). Shortage of medical supply will lead doctors, nurses and other frontline workers at danger because they are risking on their health to deal with serious patients which they may also got infected by these patients. Fortunately, World Health Organisation (WHO) had done something to help up which is working with the government, industry and the Pandemic Supply Chain Network to increase the product manufacturing by 40% and control the allocation of the supply for high risk country as these countries are critically affected. (Geneva, 2020). This could help America to control, stabilize the amount of medical supply and get enough supply.

In my opinion, the first think is leader of a country is very important. Where is the leader leading the country and every decision that was made could affect the result to vary a lot from what was expected or wanted. Second is that culture and education method can really change person and eventually the whole society. As we can see American’s bringing up and mentality play a very big part as the reason of shoot up in cases. If the citizens are willing to cooperate with the government to stay at home, take safety precaution and wear masks, they could have in much better control and won’t be as bad as the current situation just like Singapore and Korea. Whereas shortage of medical supply is not the most severe factor because if the pandemic was controlled-well as first, then the shortage problem will not occur as it will not lead to more affected cases due to medical shortage.

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