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| EFFECTS OF COVID AND SOCIETY  This is an essay about the effects of Covid and society. Covid has affected every part of human life social, economic and political. Due the emergence of covid schools were forced to close, many people lost their lives as many people were infected but hospitals lacked resources. Many lost their jobs while others were forced to work from home with little pay. Transport between nations was restricted which hindered trade between nations and family ties broke due to physical restriction and lockdown. |
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Covid is a respiratory disease caused by SARS-Cov-2 virus. It is transmitted by respiratory process and contact. The presence of Covid in the society has caused a lot of unrest and anxiety due to its fast spread and deaths rate, in fear of contracting and spreading it. Some of the effects of covid are; closing of schools across the world, loss of human lives, increased the risk of poverty, the pandemic also the way that people interacted and communicated with one another. Furthermore the pandemic caused travel restriction across the globe making people unable to travel back to their countries.

Covid affected the system of education throughout the world. Since the number of cases of infection stated to gradually increase in March 2020, many educational institutions were forced to close. Due to long period of closure, student learning progress was negatively affected especially to disadvantaged students and students in middle and low income nations. Schools adopted new modes of teaching from physical to online and digital. This created opportunity to teachers, parents and students. However this becomes a burden to families and students who could not afford smartphones and laptops. (en.m.wikipedia.org)

Covid also affected the global economy and the finance market. Unemployment rate increased, income reduced and many activities were stopped in the transportation, service and manufacturing industries. Early deaths, office absenteeism and reduction in production had resulted in supply shortage, and closure of industries. In addition, consumers also changed their spending budget as a result of reduced income and household finances. Travel restriction implemented as a way to prevent the spread of covid affected the service industries such as tourism, hospitality and transport industries. (fontiersin.org/article) this restriction also made travel impossible for those who were away from home and forced them to be separated from their love ones.

During the period of covid restriction, face to face interaction reduced to a few members including partners, family members, or lives in roommates. Some weak ties were lost and communication become minimal to those close. (jech.bmj.com/contect/76/2/128). Implementation of physical distance and isolation as a measure to curb the spread had negative consequences to mental health due to increase feeling of loneliness anxiety and depression. Lessons from HINI influenza pandemic of 2009 has demonstrated that social support is important for coping with and recovering from loneliness and isolation. (ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc9407900/) This restriction made people change their way of interacting. Increase use of digital means and social media interaction help people fight anxiety and depression.

According to (Chakraborty and maity, 2020; Somani et al., 2020; saadat et a l200) the pandemic has caused huge global economic disruption which in one way or the other affected the environment such as improvement of air and water quality reduced noise and restoration of ecology. This is as a result of the reduced emissions by vehicles and ships as a result of lockdown. Furthermore .the increased use of protective equipments such as face masks, gloves, gown, goggles and disposing of medical and plastic waste threatened environmental conservation.

In conclusion, COVID-19 pandemic greatly affected the lives of people worldwide and completely changed the normal operation of life. All parts of life were not spared including the education sector where studies stopped for a long period and new form of teaching had to be implemented. People died and hospitals were crowded. Patients could not access health services outside the country due to travel restrictions. Many people lost their jobs and salaries reduced. Interaction between people was limited and ties broke due to physical restriction implemented. Although some of these restriction were useful and the disease was curbed it is clear that largest percentage of human life was changed. Pollution of water and water reduced but dumping of protective garments polluted the environment.

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