

Pandemic View from here

When the Pandemic comes under control, will we return to the former “normal”?

After WWII, people like my father returned to continue farming in the same manner he had five years before. He purchased horses and horse drawn equipment. Almost immediately, a tractor replaced the horses, and shortly new machinery reduced much of the manual labour. The war effort developed many new products and new social conditions.

When our “new norm” occurs, what will be our priorities?

Will we return to driving to the large office buildings for many people to be packed into cubicles? Will we crowd our elderly into warehouses? Will we toss the homeless back out onto the street? Will the indigenous people be pushed out of sight? Will a few people hoard a majority of the world’s resources? Will the environment be savaged for monetary profit? Will the politicians return to bickering and strutting for self enhancement?

What has the pandemic shown us?

Many business tasks can be managed at home or locally.

We have been shown that the elderly need to be treated with much more respect:-private space, personal care, and assistance from considerate caregivers.

Will we see that housing and caring for the destitute is more effective and cheaper than abandoning them?

May we find that allowing the indigenous people to be self-reliant, self-governed, and treated with respect, that a stronger nation will be developed.

Will we create a social financial system that allows all people to live in safety and respect? The support system during the pandemic may be a look at the effect of a sharing strategy. We have observed the generosity of many willing to share during our challenging time.

After being confined to our homes, will we appreciate the value of natural space. Will we value the cleaner air that has occurred when we reduced our abuse of the atmosphere during the pandemic.

Most of the politicians in our country have realized that great results can be obtained by working together without worrying about who obtains the credit. If this cooperation were to continue, our country could make outstanding progress.

When we return to looking at wages for our workers, will we go back to paying our athletes and entertainers 1000 to 10,000 times the salaries of truck drivers, shelf stockers, cashiers, nurses, doctors, pharmacists, and other essential workers.? What workers are really of value to our society?

How will we structure the “new normal”?

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