

The Panther's Tale

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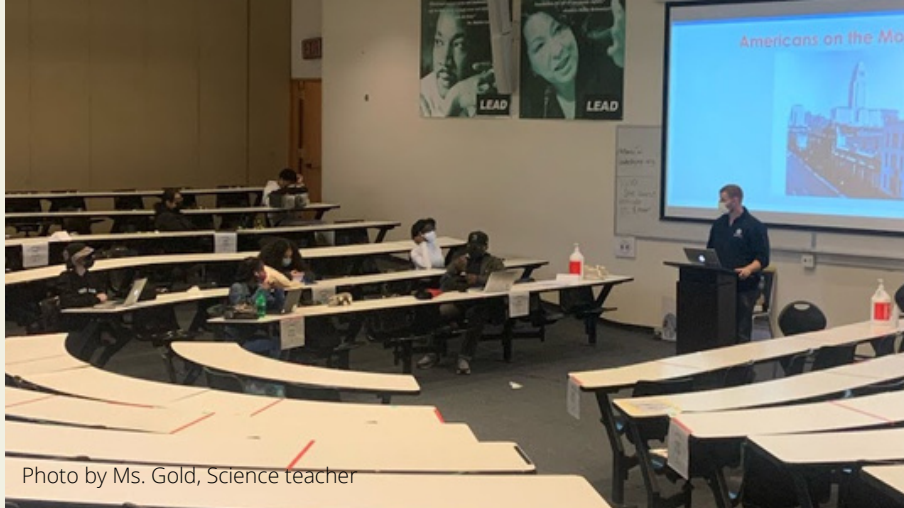


Photo by Ms. Gold, Science teacher

Adapting to the Pandemic by: Farrah Yuen, Class of 2024

To find tips and tricks to help struggling students adapt to remote school, writers from various grades open up about their own life during the pandemic.

A path to success: MCNY

MCNY? See the written articles from participants and interviews from administrators of the program to help high school students excel.



Arts and Entertainment

See Leaderships exclusive art work and events.

Grow With NYC

Opportunities to enhance your interest and give you access to the real world.



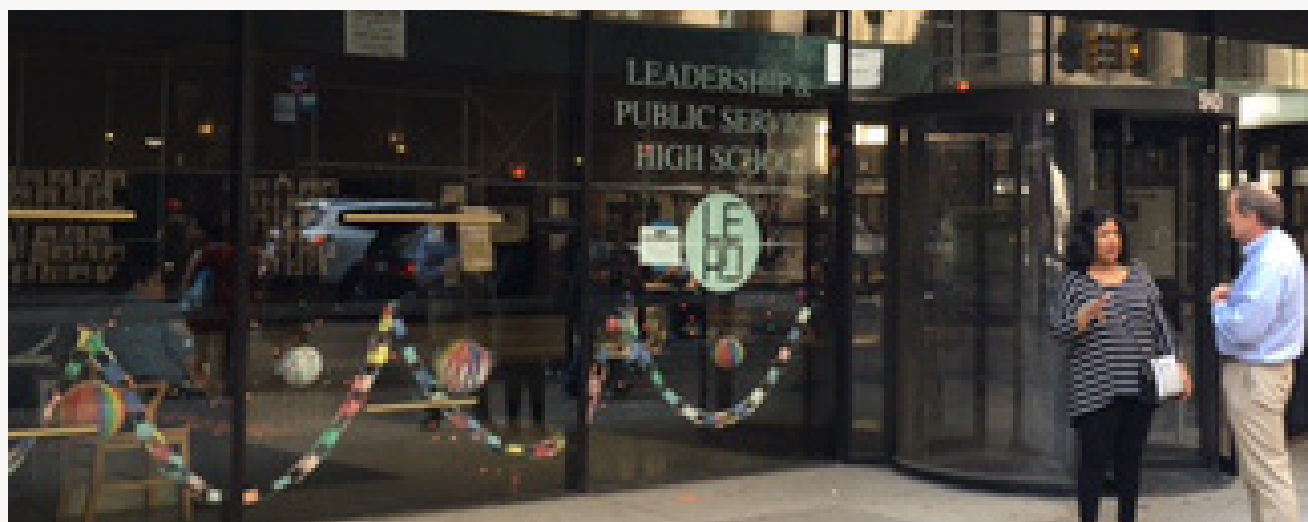
Leadership Celebrates Black History Month

Get an insight on the work and the schools celebration to honor Black History Month.



Welcome to The Panthers Tale

Article By: Kareena Sharif
Jan 5 2021



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It is warranted to say 2020 was a strenuous year. However, as we welcome 2021 with open arms, we hope for a better year and aim to preserve our school spirit through The Panthers Tale.

The Panthers Tales, our school's newspaper, was discontinued but we are relaunching it to highlight our school's resilient community. Our goal is to inform Leadership students of current events and showcase unique stories. To do this, we need to immerse ourselves in meaningful, transformational work, even if that means doing it remotely.

Our team's end goal is to turn students into conscientious and creative global citizens who are able to confidently engage with other communities. The newspaper will be distributed per semester through the Leadership's website.



Meet The Team

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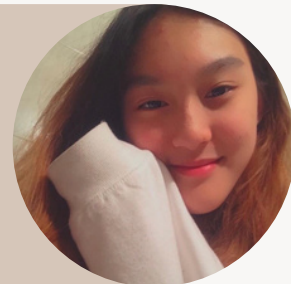


Kareena Sharif (Editor in Chief)

Kareena is a senior at Leadership High School, who is the Panthers Tales Editor in Chief. She took on the role of directing interactive group tasks and projects motivating each member of their hopes to showcase their talents and immerse themselves in the beauty of a newspaper.

Farrah Yuen (Writer)

Farrah is a freshman at Leadership and Public High School who is a writer for the Panthers Tale. Yuen has immersed herself to Writer and designer of the section "Life At Leadership".

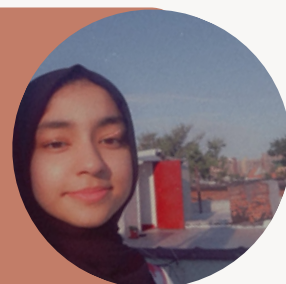


Fahim Shahria (Writer)

Fahim is a graduating senior at Leadership Public Service Highschool who is looking for the right opportunity to learn new skills, showcase his talents, gain insight on new things and be a writer for the Panthers Tale.

Salma Akter (Designer)

Salma is a junior at Leadership and Public Service High School who enjoys painting, sewing and skating during her freetime. She is a determined writer and designer for the Panthers Tale, who has supported the Arts and Entertainment section.



Rafsana Chowdhury (Writer)

Rafsana is a junior at Leadership and Public Service High School and she sees this as an opportunity to inform students at Leadership about the news across the globe. In her free time, Rafsana loves to make new food and immerse herself in cooking. Her main goal is to spread awareness and positivity by writing for the Panther's Tale. In the future, she wants to become a humanitarian and begin her mark in the Panthers Tale.

Chanel Morales(Editor/ writer)

Chanel is a graduating senior at Leadership Public Service Highschool who aims to improve the student body and maintain Leadership's school spirit. She is an active member of the Lady Panthers softball team, Secretary of Student Government, part of the yearbook committee and editor and writer of the Panthers Tale Newspaper.



Denisse Merino (Writer)

Denisse is a sophomore at Leadership and Public Service High School who loves to listen to music 24/7 and also enjoys painting during her free time. She is determined to learn as much as possible using the newspaper outlet to interact with the global issues but also increase her school spirit.

Farrah Yuen

My experience as a 9th grader:

Freshman year was quite a journey. There were ups and downs which were balanced out to be one of the best school years of my life. This year started out on a rocky level with Covid and transitioning going on. As this is my first year of high school, I had some trouble adjusting to the new life. I had new teachers, new classmates, new courses, and new ways of getting through school. To add on, I had to adjust to COVID-19 as well. Due to Covid, I learned to attend classes online, do work online, and adjust my whole school life online.

Luckily for me, in no time I had slowly gotten used to adjusting my whole school life online. As time moved on, I have made a lot of good friends. These friends have helped me pass this school year a lot easier and happier. Another thing that has helped me get through this year a lot is my teachers. My teachers have made a lot of effort to help us students, from teaching us and explaining courses for us daily to making recordings in order to explain courses furthermore to students who weren't able to attend live class or forgot any details. My teachers have also set up office hours for students who either still don't understand the courses or have any questions about the courses. My parents have also played a huge role in helping me get through this year as not only have they helped set up a good environment for me to learn and do work, but they have also helped me understand courses and encouraged me to do well. With the help of my parents, teachers, classmates, friends, courses, and everything people have offered me to get me through this, I managed to get through this year happily and successfully.



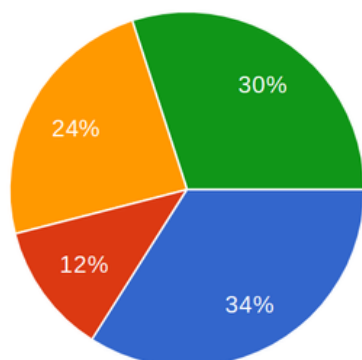
Isabella Santillan

Interview with Isabella, A freshman.

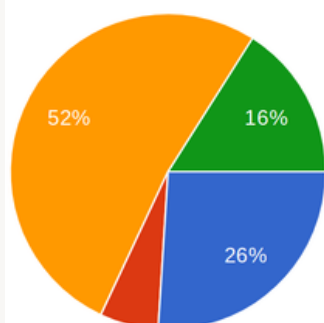
Isabella Santillan's experience as a 9th grader:

This school year will be one I will never forget. As an incoming freshman, I was absolutely terrified of what this year was going to turn out like (especially being that I was home doing remote learning). The first day of school brought me so much anxiety until I met my English teacher, a witty man by the name of Mr. Marti. His positive energy and welcoming demeanor really made me feel comfortable in a new environment. The day followed with many more open arms and very interesting individuals that made my first day of high school all the while. Not to mention a girl by the name of Farrah who is now a dear friend of mine. I was expecting loads of work and scary professors who sneered into a zoom camera from their desktop computers, but what I got was even better, a group of welcoming staff and really nice students who I can't wait to spend all of the high school with.

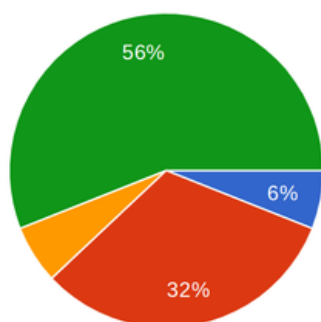
Student Survey Polls



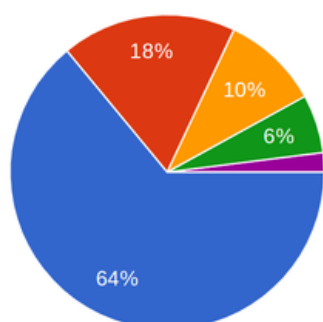
1. What grade are you in?



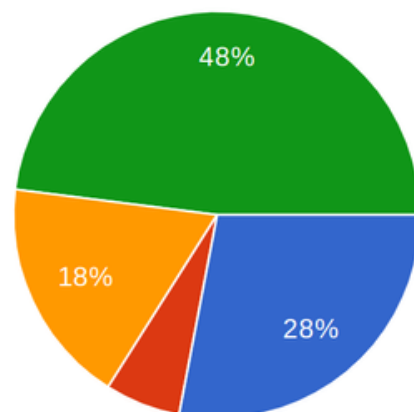
2. Who has helped you the most with your motivation this year?



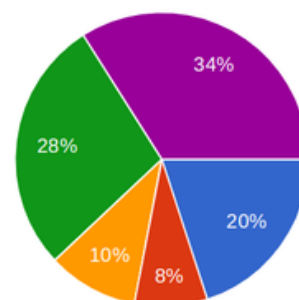
3. How have you spent most of your time during the pandemic?



5. Have you received an NX in any class during the pandemic?



4. Which of these health related issues has impacted your academic performance most?



6. Have you resolved NXs?

Our Seniors



Great
Job!



Graduation

Hey Leadership, wanna know..



PUMPKIN PIE

11/23/20



PASTELON

11/24/20



CHOCOLATE CANDY

A PERFECT VALENTINE'S GIFT

1/8/21

WHAT'S COOKING



HOT CHOCOLATE

12/23/20



FAMOUS CHOCOLATE CAKE

10/7/20



S'MORES &
OREO CANDY

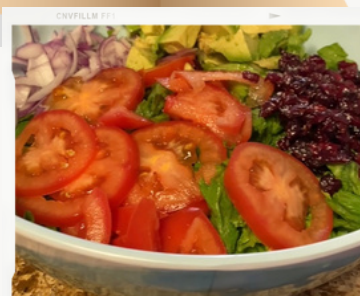
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WITH RAMOS?



CHOCOLATE BUTTERCREAM CAKE

4/7/21



HEALTHY SALAD

4/13/21

CLUB HOURS
WEDNESDAYS
3:30-4:30
ADVISOR MS.RAMOS

**Join us for a hands-on
cooking class from your
own kitchen and bring out
the master chef in you!**

Arts and Entertainment

-Our Real Story- By Denisse merino

When people think of immigrants,
They think about Mexicans.
Now just let me tell you our real story.
We didn't want to leave our homeland,
Or
Leave our families,
But
Poverty and so many other things force us.
We came to la Frontera,
With hope to cross the border,
Walking day and night,
In the hot sun,
Starving and thirsting.
We got here scare of not knowing English,
And afraid of being Deportados,
But,
Not scare of working,
AND NO,NO SOMOS CRIMINALES!.
We are hard workers.
We came to work not to hinder.
We did not took over the Americans job,
We're helping this country,
That has become OURS TOO!,
And in many instances,
We do the work that many don't want to do.

Denisse

Betrayal - By Denisse Merino

- The worst thing of betrayal,
- Is that it doesn't come from enemies,
- It comes from people you least expect it,
- It comes from people you really trusted.
- I regret opening myself to them
- I regret sharing my feelings and weakness,
- U used them against me!
- My heart hurts
- It hurts,
- like if someone stab me with a knife
- And pretend you were the one,
- who's bleeding.
- It hurts because I considered you my friend,
- It hurts because I thought you were by my side,
- It hurts because I believed you!
- But what hurts the most is,
- How blind folded I was,
- But I guess ,
- Sometimes a good heart doesn't see the bad.



In the so-called land of freedom, police brutality can seem so small and casual by just being pulled over by the cops. But the terror and panic of the possibility of losing your life due to a "wrong move", leaving your family because the cop might be racist and there are not much people around you that could help apart from telling them to stop and record because of their authority Police brutality can also just happen anywhere. An ordinary day in a normal city street with plenty of buildings around. Hopefully, black lives matter sooner than later will become an agreed-upon phrase than a fight for justice.

- Salma Akter

"Remembering Black History"

By: Fahim Shahria

When you think of February, you would usually think about
Valentines day

Something greater that gets buried under all the attention that a single day gets, .. is the
Remembrance and celebration of one of the most influential and important months in history.

When you think of Black History Month, what comes to your mind?
Wait, let me tell you.

Taking a trip to the past, slaves out in the field, picking cotton and serving their massas constantly
pondering the idea of freedom
What does it mean to be a slave?

Before you know it, you were born into a life of hell
Only to hope that your life will be a story to tell

Watching your family being torn apart, sent away, leaving you all alone in a cruel world
Noone to rely on, holding onto the little hope you have, you were bound to be hurt

6 am I wake up on my back and knees on the plantation, picking cotton,
I gaze down at my red throbbing hands, my legs all cut up, my back scarred from the lashings I took
yesterday for not filling my daily threshold
Another day, another lash if you don't do your job, I was told.
Why am I so weak?

You ask yourself, while you look in the mirror, skin all old and wrinkly, arms skinny and thin.
How many days has it been since you last saw your parents? Your siblings?

How did it come down to this? Wondering if it was because you were born with black skin
They told me that because I had dark skin, I was less than them, people who looked like just us, they had
the same eyes, hands, mouth, arms, but they always told me that I was a mistake, and to blame God for
creating me.

Why am I so weak?

As time flies by, you forget what you always wanted to do if you were free, instead, picking cotton on the
field is all you can do.

Hoping that all your hard work on the field does not come in vain
Mentally drained, spiritually chained, left for dead, all alone to feel this pain.

How can this be? Is it only me?

Then I remember, Freedom... is...

Sister Harriet running away surviving, escaping, coming back, and leading us to the underground railroad

Brother Malcolm defending us and protecting us

Brother Martin Luther King speaking out for us

Sister Rosa standing her ground and defending us

All of them, sacrificing themselves to save us and have hope in the future, that someday there will be
freedom.

I was never alone and it wasn't all for nothing

Freedom is... Everything that has happened, Everything that everyone has fought for, losing, hurting,
reaching, and chasing.

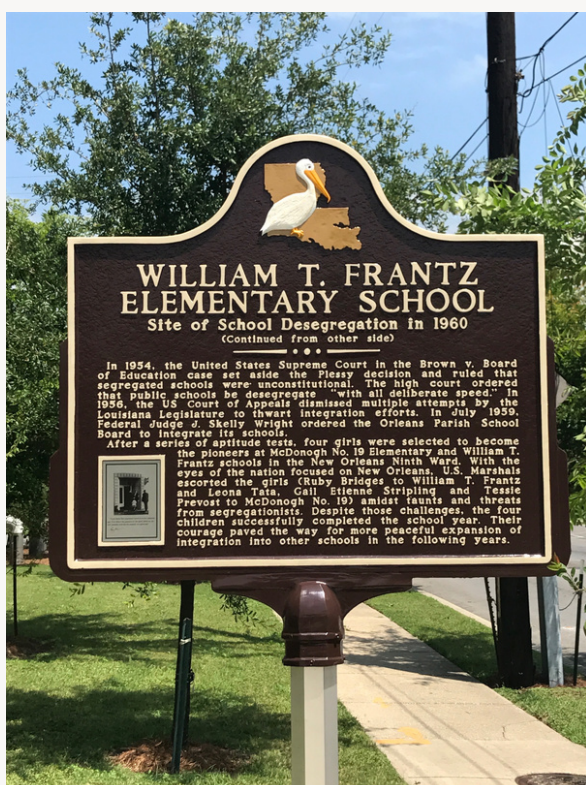
There is no limit or restraint to what a person can accomplish they say,
How can I prove them right? There is in fact only one way.

Mr. Spotts:

"This is my grandmother .. she instilled in me the basics of what it means to stand up for yourself.. a clear understanding of what it means to be treated fairly and justly.. to always strive for not only my rights but the rights of all.."



That's me at the William Frantz School... I highlighted the story of Ruby Bridges in my speech.



THREE LIST POEMS guided by the lens of Criticality, inspired by Alice Walker and "I am Offering this Poem" by Jimmy Santiago Baca

Dismissed & Ignored, Listen to Black Women

By Makayla Charles

Listen to Black Women
Expand your social
consciousness
Recognize the
marginalized
Hear the oppressed
Lack of health care
Medical myths
Our pain dismissed
The wealthy are not safe
either Serena Williams
Beyonce
When will it end?
They don't see us?
Or they don't care?
Overlooked
Undervalued
Unappreciated
It makes me angry
It makes me frustrated
It makes me scared
I'm sick and tired
And you should be too
Intersectionality
Patriarchy
Racism
Heavy burdens
We are ignored
We are exhausted
Yet somehow
Still standing

Don't Stereotype Me By Fernando Hernandez

Fake Mexican
No Entiendo
I don't like tacos
That's what you expect I
can't speak Spanish
Pretending for your
comfort Can't play soccer
either
Still I try
Fitting in
But won't live a lie
Never been to Mexico
Still have pride
It's an emotional thing
Culture
History
Traditions
Appreciation
I don't fit your stereotype
Yet
I still belong



Dear Asians By Jerry Ramos

I ask myself
How hate grows
Where does it come
from?
To Change
As a people
We need to question
Our actions
Did deeper
Racism
Loss
Violence
Hate crimes
Heartbreak
I hear your pleas for help
I identify
With the pain
I've felt it
I'm angry
I'm sorry
The value of human life
Is not the same for
everyone
I don't know the answer
It's a disease prison
cannot cure I'm with you
I will not ignore this
If I do
I am part of the problem
Look within

Featured Art

By Salma Akter



By Nayeem
Uddin



Thanks for reading!



Grow with NYC

Ms. Schellhorn Speaks About MCNY

By: Kaytlin Quiles

In high school, we always hear the words diploma, college credit, and exams and as a sophomore, who is just starting to take an AP course online it is much more difficult to do. Because of this, I realized I needed a strong support system to help guide me successfully and allow me to succeed in my sophomore year.

Ms. Schellhorn, our amazing art teacher at Leadership, introduced me to the MCNY program where you can gain a high school diploma and associate's degree at once. The benefits of joining MCNY were spectacular but one of the aspects that really stood out was the program's initiative in seeing all their students succeed. I began the program in 2020 and am still in it. I can most definitely say that this program has helped me become more optimistic about academia and be confident in my future.

I want other students to have the opportunity of reaching their fullest potential so I interview Ms. Schellhorn so that more students can be informed about it.

1. How did you learn about MCNY?

"I learned this program from Jennifer Chinn at Trinity. She reached out to me two years ago and informed me that there was an opportunity for Leadership students to work with MCNY."

2. How long have you been with mcny?

"We started meeting about the program officially over the summer of 2020 in July."

3. What is your impression of the program?

"I think it is a life-changing opportunity and a game-changer for people's long-term future. I just think it is amazing."

4. What do you think a student gains from being a part of it?

"I think it is the best opportunity to get a leg up in life. To be able to have the opportunity to graduate high school with both a high school diploma and an associate's degree will put you in an advantage financially and professionally."

5. What are the values that MCNY holds?

"I think some of the values that mcny has aligns with my values which are teaching and crafting material that is actually real-world experience. The material is all stuff you are going to use in the real world."

6. What are some characteristics MCNY looks for in a student?

"They are looking for people who can think critically, take the world around them and use that as a way to learn about themselves and learn the different skills that they are trying to teach. Ultimately they are not looking for someone who is going to score perfectly on a standardized test. That is not what makes a perfect student. They are looking more for people who are open and willing to share and make connections with the content and their own lives."

7. What would recommend to students applying for the program?

"I recommend that if you are to apply to this program just be prepared to advocate for yourself and know when you need help and know-how to ask for help. Also to know that you have a lot of support and guidance."

Now hear about MCNY from our students

Farah Yuen's experience with MCNY

My time during Metropolitan College of New York so far has been such an amazing experience. Metropolitan College of New York (MCNY for short) is a college program that helps prepare us for college and the real world. MCNY gives us a variety of different topics every week to help us to understand the real world. From giving us lessons on identifying fake news and teaching us ways to create good schedules for ourselves to becoming a good writer. MCNY gives us a different lesson each week, and in addition to the lesson, MCNY gives us an assignment to do which helps us understand the assignment by using the lesson taught. MCNY gives us a week to understand each lesson and do the assignment which really helped me adapt to the lesson overtime after memorizing the lesson over the process of a week. After we finish the assignment, MCNY professors comment on our work giving us good feedback such as things we did well and things we could do to improve. MCNY also hosts a zoom meeting every week. In the meeting we as students have time to bond with the teachers and talk about the things we might not have understood in the past assignments and any problems we're having. The professors are super supportive and understanding. The professors have helped me build a lot of self confidence in my answers. The professors share how much they relate and love our answers. The professors has no problem with us being confused and makes us feel safe saying it's normal to be confused and explains the assignment thoroughly with us. - Farrah Yuen

Denisse Merino's experience:

As a 10th grader in the MCNY program, I'm so happy to say that having the opportunity to attempt this program is a blessing because it teaches you so much, for example right now we are learning how to create our resume and how to make our cover letters, which I think it's so helpful because now that I had seen how it's made I can tell it's very difficult but thank you for our professor it's so much easier. She goes through each step with you in her videos and one of the best things is that we get feedback to see what we can improve or work on.



Turning Another Page In 2021

By: Chanel Morales

What is Inauguration day ?

Set on January 20th, Inauguration Day is a ceremony to mark the commencement of a new four-year term of the president of the United States. In celebration, the Presidential Inaugural Committee hosts a traditional parade along Pennsylvania Avenue.

Why is this day so different and historically significant ?

This inauguration is easily one for the books because it's unconventional. To put it lightly there is a first for everything. Harris made history as the first female, first Black and first South Asian vice president and in relation to the long running pandemic, it was the first presidential inauguration that was held virtually.

The new president and vice president of 2021, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, had to take extra caution because of the recent coup in the US Capitol building supported by predecessor President Trump.



Image: Channel 5 News



Image: CNN

What should America expect ?

The Biden administration mandated everyone to wear mask and are working on several other topics:

Jan. 20: Inauguration and four Crises

Jan. 21: Covid

Jan. 22: Economic Relief

Jan. 23-24: Weekend

Jan. 25: Buy America

Jan. 26: Equity

Jan. 27: Climate

Jan. 28: Health Care

Jan. 29: Immigration

Jan. 30-31: Weekend

February: Restoring America's Place in the World

The Awakening of the Capitol Riot.

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As we come to the final say to see our new president elect, America begins to face a protest at the US Capitol.

Article by: Kareena Sharif



Image: The New York Times

Generally, a new year is the equivalence of a fresh start however on January 6, 2021, the year was greeted with a riot at the US Capitol in Washington, D.C. The questions and concerns derived from this are endless. One of the concerns being: “What does this mean for the country? For us, the people?”

As the lawmakers meet to recognize and establish president-elect, Joe Biden's victory, Trump supporters riot and invade the capital. They claimed to be advocating for the “rigged” and “stolen” election from candidate Trump.

Trump played a huge influential facet especially after giving a speech before the protest stating “...We’re going to walk down to the Capitol, and we’re going to cheer on our brave senators and congressmen and women, and we’re probably not going to be cheering so much for some of them....” In fact a couple of weeks after the Capitol attack, it was confirmed the Trump campaign had paid people such as Maggie Mulvaney, director of finance in the Trump campaign, to conduct local rallies which led to the riot.

Overall the Trump campaign spent close to \$2.7 million in paying people off.

During the riot, the police most definitely preserved and showcased the racial double standards. From May 30 to June 1, 2020, as the anti-racism, Black Lives Matter protest occurred, police made 427 arrests including 24 juveniles. After the Capitol riot, only 52 people were arrested who had weapons. The consequences of these protests were infinitely different. And from the statistics of those arrested at the Capitol Riot to the BLM movement, shows inconsistency, inequality, and injustice.



Image: ABC News

Understanding the Impeachment of Donald Trump

Article By: Fahim Shahria

When you hear the name Donald Trump, you immediately think about the face of America for the last four years. Whether or not you thought he was a good president, he is a man of sparking controversy, and if you have been following the news lately, you would know that he became the first president to become impeached twice during their years in office. Both times he was pressed for similar reasons, involving actions he took that showed the over extension of his power during significant events.

Firstly, in order to understand how Donald Trump got impeached, you need to understand how the impeachment process works. Essentially, there's four steps that need to occur in order for a president or a government official to be acquitted of the impeachment charges. The first step in the impeachment process is the exposure of a misdemeanor or crime by a government official. Then, during the second step it is sent to the house of representatives who draws up an investigation and the articles of impeachment. Once the investigation is authorized by the articles of impeachment, there is a house vote to see whether the investigation will be sent to the senate. The third step, or rather the house vote, bases their results on majority vote. If the majority vote is to approve, the investigation will be sent to the senate, where the final step in the impeachment process is to indict. In the final step of the impeachment process, a public trial is held in front of the chief justice of the supreme court. It takes two-thirds majority of the senate to convict a president of a crime/misdemeanor. Once the majority of the senate votes is in approval, the president will be impeached from office.

Now you may be wondering, what kind of crime/misdemeanor did it take to get impeached? In order to get better context, let's take a trip to late 2019. During this time, Donald Trump was under fire for soliciting interference from a foreign country(Ukraine) that was reported by a whistleblower who inspired multiple government officials to speak up as well. According to sources such as CNN, Vox and others, Donald Trump has been pursuing his personal agendas such as requesting to investigate his main political rival Vladimir Putin and requesting foreign interference in his upcoming 2020 election during his calls with Ukranian Preisident Volodymyr Zelensky.

In the following year, 2021, Donald Trump ended up giving a reason for another investigation, this time, for inciting insurrection, or rather failure to act accordingly and in the right manner in response to a prior incident which resulted in the breach of the U.S capitol. Instead of acting properly, Donald Trump decided to go on twitter and support the "protest" and even weaponize the crowd to threaten government officials, vandalize and bring overall chaos. This is the result of Donald Trump being overtaken in electoral votes during the 2020 election. After inciting a crowd to breath the capitol, Donald Trump was under investigation and thus, was taken into the senate trial. The senate voted in approval to acquit Donald Trump of incitement of insurrection by a vote of 57-43. This is the first time a president was impeached twice during their years in office.

Reflecting on the news of hearing that the president got impeached, majority people who initially saw the news were angry, excited and starstruck, After news of the president being officially impeached, many went to social media to express their reactions, and I think most people were relieved that he was reprimanded for his surprising actions. To many, it was not a surprise to see him abusing his power considering his passion for expressing himself on Twitter. In summation, the impeachment of Donald Trump was a significant event that made history, especially considering becoming the first president to be impeached twice out of office is a big deal.

In the last three months, the world has identified a new threat alongside COVID-19. Much like theories suggested, the virus has mutated into two new variants. A new COVID-19 strain mutated and formed a more contagious disease. According to news sources such as CNBC, MSN, and news.com.au, the virus is 70% more transmissible from person to person compared to the original COVID-19 strain.

The United Kingdom & South Africa. The Two variants, the UK being the bigger and conspicuous of the two, while the South Africa strain has also been receiving attention. Around the last two weeks of December, the U.K identified the virus strain to have caused a tremendous increase in the number of COVID-19 cases resulting in another country lockdown.

It was confirmed on the 5th of January 2021, that the new COVID-19 strain has reached NYS, identifying one individual who has appeared to have it. About a week later, on January 13th, 2021, Mayor De Blasio announced two new cases of the highly contagious UK- COVID strain found in NYC.



Image: The Wall Street Journal

According to Governor Cuomo and Mayor Bill De Blasio, In the upcoming weeks we will need to take the necessary precautions we have already been taking, and make sure that we follow them.

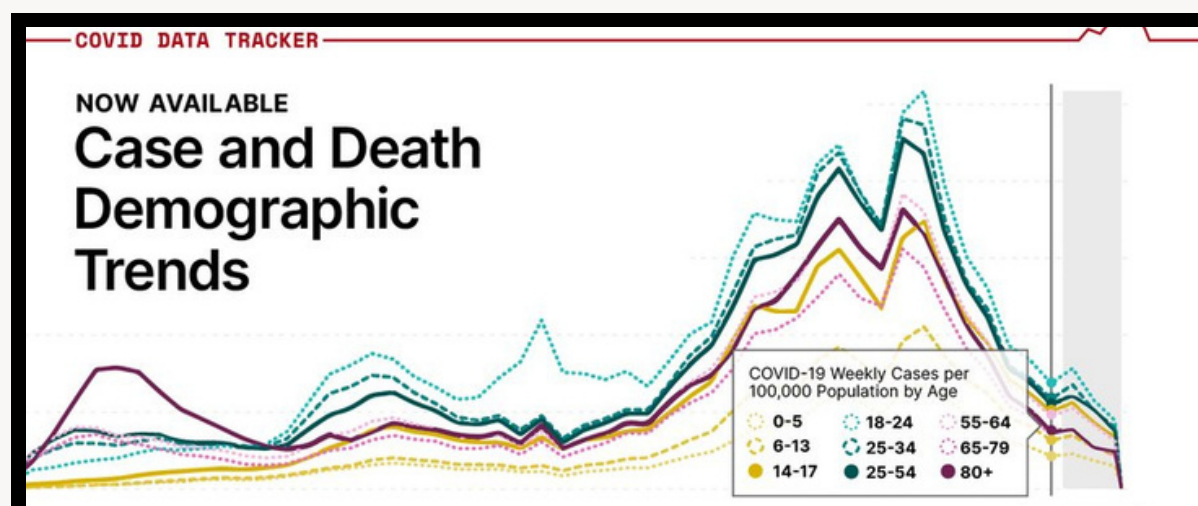


Image: The Wall Street Journal



Something that will be talked about in the history books and classes, is the rise of COVID-19. While COVID-19 has made it more difficult to live, it has hit certain countries harder than others. One of the most notable things that occurred last year and is still ongoing today, is the pandemic left behind from COVID-19. COVID-19 left a huge impact on the world, especially countries that weren't as prepared and developed as other countries. India, notoriously known for being the second most populated country and most likely upcoming populated country in the world was left in a devastated state once COVID-19 hit. Like other countries, India was put in a nationwide lockdown, which caused a huge change for many lives. You may be wondering, well, how much did it affect day to day lives of people in India?

For starters, it left millions of people in a tough spot, forced to be isolated in their homes and having limited access to places. Much like the rest of the world, India suffered a lot of social impacts due to the set of regulations set by the government. Waking up in India during the COVID-19 pandemic is a lot different compared to how other countries have dealt with it. Your initial thoughts would be that everyone would be following the regulations set to prevent the spread of the disease. In India and other third world countries, this is not the case. Instead, even though the government set a national lockdown, many people still didn't follow the regulations set by the government, due to reasons out of their control such as prohibiting them from working, being too poor to afford supplies etc. India being a third world country, made it a lot more difficult for people to live their lives due to the high poverty rate. Supplies such as daily essentials that were required during the lockdown such as masks, hygiene supplies, food, oil and other necessities became scarce. India being a third world country, poverty is a big issue that causes a division between the rich and the poor. As a result many people don't get the opportunity to be supplied and fully prepared to prevent COVID-19. These people are more likely to not care about regulations, often not wearing masks, and having poor hygiene. Furthermore, due to the unavailability of supplies, many have resorted to using the black market and other third party dealers in order to get supplies, food and other daily necessities.

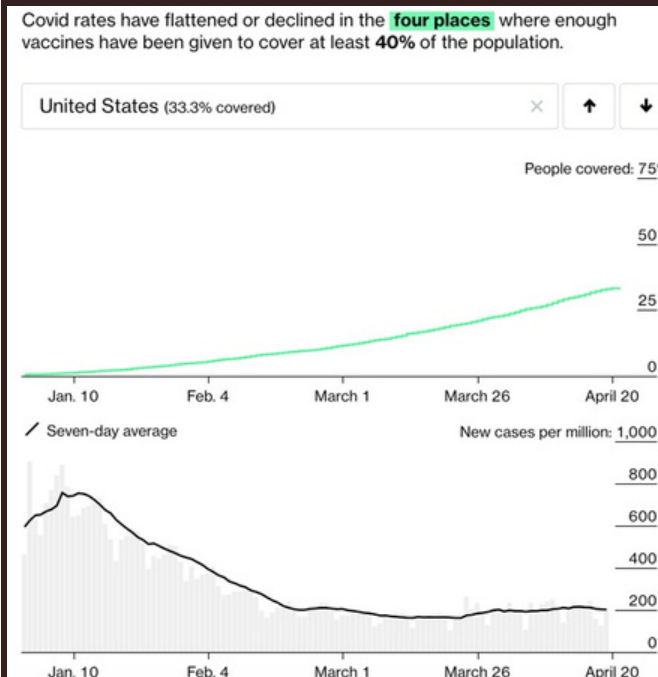
Speaking of financial situations, COVID-19 was a huge detriment to the economy of India. Especially being the third-world country it is, and the population count higher than any other, the availability and accessibility of supplies are scarce and limited. This leads to inflation of the price of supplies and necessities causing it to be unaffordable for people. Not only that, but it has caused a huge impact on companies and businesses. To be more precise, during the nationwide lockdown, India has suffered a bullet to its economy leaving food, crude oil and manufactured goods cost to be inflated to an all time high. According to an article on dailypioneer, It states "...the wholesale price-based inflation shot up to an all-time high of 10.49 per cent in April, on rising prices of food items, crude oil and manufactured goods, and experts believe that the uptrend is likely to continue." Basically summing up the fact that these three components are being inflated at a rapid rate and are believed to be growing at an exponential rate. In addition, due to the poor hygiene and weak enforced regulations, businesses and companies are more reluctant to hire workers and more likely to fire workers causing them to go into unemployment. Something else that is huge in India and also has had an impact from the pandemic is transportation. Now that the need for transportation is at an all time high, it results in an increase in the economy. It states "High transport cost leads to increase in higher inflation, impacting industry. High fuel prices will have an impact not only on people but also on the automotive sector - a large source of employment in the country - as vehicle sales may see a sharp drop." Essentially the higher the rate of transportation or rather the need for it, the higher the inflation rates will be. If the inflation rates are high, it will lead to higher prices in significant industries causing necessities like fuel and car services being unaffordable. NCBI sums up the lasting economic impacts perfectly stating "The economic impact of this pandemic is likely to be more severe for India in the following manner; (a) increase in poverty i.e. pushing more people below poverty line [11], (b) worsening of socio-economic inequalities [12,13], thus affecting health and nutrition indices, and (c) compromise in health-related precautions (use of masks, social distancing, seeking medical advice in case of cough and fever etc.)" Essentially saying that COVID-19 has had a huge impact on India causing poverty rates to increase, affecting healthcare costs and ultimately pushing back any progression in healthcare programs. Especially due to the fact that if a loved one is sick, it will only make the situation worse when the family has to pay the hospital costs and the best medicare. As well as pay cuts and unemployment issues "This blow, at a time when a large section of the working population has witnessed pay cuts and job losses too, adds to the pressure." Unfortunately India has suffered a lot, and many workers have lost their jobs as well as others having their pay cut tremendously.

In conclusion, COVID-19 has left India with losses in financial, social and economic. Due to this, it had resulted in a major setback especially in regards to success within the economy and the nation itself. Many people have suffered from economic costs as well as suffered trauma from the impacts of COVID-19. According to the article on NCBI, known also as "COVID-19 pandemic and challenges for socio-economic issues, healthcare and National Health Programs in India (nih.gov)", it elaborates on one of the major setbacks that resulted from COVID-19, being the healthcare and the national healthcare programs. Especially due to the massive inflation of costs associated with healthcare and necessities, people are suffering financially a lot more, which causes an issue for those in poverty.

Is the COVID - 19 vaccine ineffective ?

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If you've taken a living environment course with Ms.Paradise you should know vaccines contain a weakened pathogen to create an immune system response. However, the covid vaccine, from BioNtech, is a new type of vaccine called the mRNA. Instead of placing a germ into the body, mRNA vaccines teach the body's cells to make a protein to combat viruses using the antibodies produced from an immune response.

It's fair to say the conception of contracting COVID from the vaccine is a myth. Studies found that the two initial vaccines are both about 95% effective — and reported no serious or life-threatening side effects.

Phase 1 of the vaccination, recommended by the CDC on December 3rd, gives health care workers and elderly highest priority for the COVID shot. In efforts to get back normalcy in a school setting, most teachers in New York City, including our own, have received a dose of the vaccine. Just recently, teenagers have been given the green light to get vaccinated as the dangers of getting a negative reaction are small. From our world data, about 6.7 million doses of the vaccine have been given, 111 million in the US and 390 million and growing worldwide.

- To find COVID-19 vaccination locations near you, search up VaccineFinder on any web browser. Make your first appointment using the link and choose your time and location. When attending to receive your first dose

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