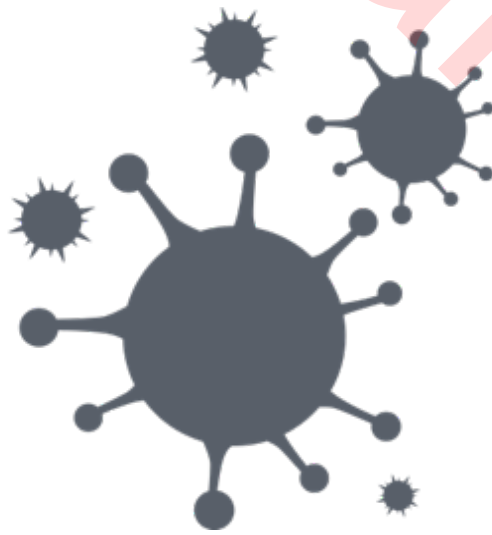


THANKS COVID

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Glass Half Full-ish



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INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

In a dark room, the television becomes the main focus.

Breaking News!

NEWSCASTER

Breaking news tonight as there has been reports of 1200 new cases of the coronavirus here in the US. Today the World's Health Organization has declared the coronavirus a global pandemic. With the President suspending all travel from Europe to the US for the foreseeable future. Businesses are closing their doors and the CDC is mandating that all folks mask up and stay home. Many Americans are uncertain about how long this shutdown will last. Life as we know it may change forever.

A concerned **WOMAN** on the couch deep in thought.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Wow, can you believe it's been three years since the coronavirus was declared a global pandemic. A lot has changed since then. And depending on how you look at it, actually some good has come out this little catastrophe we had.

INT. INDOOR MARIJUANA FARM - DAY

The concerned woman from before is now happy as she waters her bountiful marijuana stock.

WOMAN

Yea, actually I was finally able to put my botany degree to good use and start my very own marijuana farm.

CUT TO:

INT. DISPENSARY - DAY

The woman stands proudly behind a glass display case of exotic cannabis and goodies.

WOMAN

Now I run one of the biggest dispensaries in southern California. Thanks Covid.

INT. BASEMENT - NIGHT

A **MAN(#1)**, 37, slouches on his couch with a bowl of potato chips on his belly.

Transition to a visual montage supporting his testimony.

MAN #1 (V.O.)

Since the NBA season was canceled. I thought I'd pull out my old high school gym shorts and shoot some hoops in my driveway. I played for about 20 minutes before I pulled my hammy. Then I thought what the hell was I doing out here in the first place. Then I went to Twitter to trash some of Russell Westbrook's highlights. The tweets went viral and some of them were even liked by Kevin Durant. Now I run all of KD's burner accounts. Thanks Covid.

INT. BED - DAY

A **MAN(#2)**, 23, lays in the bed scrolling through his phone. Transition to a visual montage supporting his testimony.

MAN #2 (V.O.)

During quarantine, I spent countless of hours mindless scrolling through Tik Tok. Sometimes up to 9 hours a day. But one day I said I can do this. So, I got on the viral dance trend and ever since August of 2020. I've been a verified tik toker and now my account has 1.9 million followers. This fall I'll be applying to the Juilliard School of the Arts and submitting my tik toks as a demo reel. Thanks Covid.

The man's parents give him a concerned look.

INT. OFFICE DESK - DAY

A **MAN(#3)**, 47, sits at his desk typing on his computer.
Transition to a visual montage supporting his testimony.

MAN #3 (V.O.)

When the casinos were closed. I took my gambling addiction online. I signed up for PokerStars online and became the 74th ranked poker player in the world. They invited me to participate in the World Classic PokerStars Championship in the Bahamas. I got 6th place and took home \$350,000. That night I went out to going celebrating at a Caribbean dancehall. Got super drunk, trashed the club, and got thrown into a drunk tank. In jail I met a guy who offered me a life changing investment opportunity to become a one eighths shareholder of the biggest taxi company in all of the Bahamas. I later told my accountant about it and he said I'll be profitable by the year 2084. But, for now it's back to selling car insurance.

(holding back tears)

Thank Covid.

MONTAGE: ALL THE PEOPLE FROM BEFORE LIVING OUT THEIR DAY TO DAY LIVES.

--The woman smoking weed in her big empty store. Then has a panic attack and destroys all of the glass display cases.

--Man #1 nursing his hamstring on the couch getting in a Twitter fight with a kid.

--Man #2 getting rejected by Juilliard. Then dances for change in a New York subway station.

--Man #3 crying in his bedroom with a noose around his neck, tying the other end to the ceiling fan.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Covid-19 was a massive hit to all of us. But it wasn't entirely too bad.

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NARRATOR (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Yea, a few people died along the way but I'd like to think that it made us all a little stronger. It's as if we were forced to finally complete our New Year Resolutions and failed miserably. But hey, shout out to the people who got shit done and found their new passions in life.

Talking heads of the people in their worst moments.

WOMAN

(hostile)
Thanks Covid.

MAN #1

(hostile)
Thanks Covid.

MAN #2

(hostile)
Thanks Covid.

MAN #3

(choking)
Thanks Covid.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

(fast)
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MONTAGE ENDS