

Anthropological Theory

COVID-19 - EXTRA CREDIT- COVID-19, your experiences and observation, and anthropology

This is a discussion topic for your extra credits for the course (10 points) and a place for you to share your own experiences, observation and thoughts on COVID-19 and various situations, esp. socio-cultural ones - caused by this outbreak? Feel free to post anything. I would also like to discuss what is the role of anthropology and anthropologists in this situation?



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The coronavirus crisis we are in is an extremely odd one for me particularly. My work, unlike so many others, is keeping me in for more than usual and practically begging partners to stay working so people like me don't have to work extra hours. This is interesting because it seems like all we hear in the news is how everyone is out of work and how every business is shutting down when that is not actually the case. I find this extremely interesting because my experiences are going directly against what the mainstream media is portraying and saying most people are experiencing. I think this could open the door to an interesting anthropological study, that of how actual experiences are different from those that may be presented by the media. I think as anthropologists, our community could play a key role in showing the disparity between real experiences and ones that are presented to the public, and we could help show how different parts of the world truly may be affected in differing or worse ways than others. This is a truly odd time for all of us, and I would like to know how you guys have been affected by COVID-19 to know if my experience is common or not.