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ASSINGMENT QUESTION;

Write a report, of not more than two pages, on the Corona virus pandemic and the effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians.

ANSWER;

CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS

The corona virus pandemic also known as Covid 19 is a deadly virus that hit the world in the last days of 2019 allegedly starting from a lab in Wuhan, China. It did not become a global problem till early February which led to a shutdown of the world country after country. The cause of the virus is still unknown as many different theories keep arising as the spread grows. This virus is just like a flu as it affects breathing when mucus gathers in the airways. It is not technically airborne but is said to be transmitted when a person coughs or sneezes on his hand and touches another person’s hand and that person touches his mouth, eyes or nose with those hands unwashed. The virus is growing at an alarming rate and is not bias to gender, race or age. It has so far affected every continent in the plant. This virus has put the world powers on their knees. The fact that the virus is supposedly said to be transmitted by touch we have found a temporal way of curving the spread by social distancing which has led to the abrupt shut down of schools, work places, recreational centres, and even religious places. The world government is now pleading with their citizens to stay at home. A joke has being made that we are now to save the world by doing nothing ironic.

This lockdown has taken place all over the world in mostly cities or states affected the most like China, Spain, and America. Nigeria was one of the first African countries to be hit by the virus after a Spanish man came into the country with the virus. That should have been a sign for the government to close all bothers and try to curb the virus in Lagos where the man came into the country from but they did not till the virus started to spread faster and allegedly entering one of the prestigious private universities in the country( I shall not mention the university). This was the beginning of the lockdown all over the country; states started shutting off their bothers in other to prevent the virus from finding its way into their land. But the virus still entered many of the major and populated cities. The virus is no on an increase in the country leading to total lockdown of the country. But the lockdown is seaming meaningless due to the fact that many Nigerians are low income earners and they eat as they earn, without working a day they won’t be able to eat. Many children are on the empty streets now with nowhere to go and no one to beg from. The truth is many will die not because of the virus but out of hunger.

When the lockdown started everything was fine and good until because many Nigerians especially the youths found this as an opportunity to rest from school and everything. But as hours turned into days and days into weeks and we are now approaching a month of social distancing and lockdown many people are tired, many no longer have the resources to keep them well and healthy for the long period of the lockdown. The lockdown is actually good but as usual they are now becoming unreasonable in their actions and not preparing for the worst that is (not trying to be pessimistic ) yet to come. My state for example which is plateau state has no recorded cases and was wise enough to close the borders before someone brings it in. but now we are in total lockdown because they want to fumigate the state of what I don’t know. They are starting to spend money on unimportant things instead of medical equipments like ventilators which is so far the most needed equipment and we only have four for the entire state. Many people find this to be totally unwise that is why the youths are starting to misbehave going out to the streets trying to get what will sustain their families.

Economically I think that Nigeria is already in so much trouble and this pandemic will lead it to deeper. In the academic aspect most universities especially private ones have switched to online classes and teaching to be able to keep up with the order of things and many hope to be back on track by may but in the truth we all know that the possibility of that happening is extremely low.

Finally, as our world is going through so much at this time we have to learn to adhere to what the health personnel say to us in other to stay safe. And we should always remember that we are all in this together just like the hashtag #alonetoghter and we should keep the people going through this in our hearts and prayers.