

This paper does not use section headers (e.g., Introduction). It is highly suggested that you do. The introduction (the first paragraph) narrows, starting with the world, then the US, then mentions governors. The last two sentences of the introduction describe firstly, what the paper is about, and secondly, a hint at their major finding (which tells the reader what they need to know, but leaves the details for later in the paper).

Life in the Age of Covid-19

In the time of Covid-19 the world is facing an unprecedented phenomenon that affects everyone regardless of station, nationality or any other factor besides one's own personal health. With the rise of this global pandemic, people's lives have drastically changed and a new normal is in place for everyone. As everyone tries to adjust many find difficulty in the nearly global quarantine taking place. Here in the United States most all states were under stay at home and shelter in place orders from both the president and the Governors, this lead to people having to get creative in order to entertain themselves and their families. As the social distancing and self-quarantine guidelines are still being adhered t for the most part, we explore the lives of 5 people in the midst of the pandemic and how it has effected and changed their lives. Though no one goes about their business as usual, some folk's lives have changed more than others and in varying ways and severities.

The researcher auto-corrected 'series' to 'serious'. Watch out for those auto-corrects!

In the interviews conducted, a group of people ranging from 20 to 69 years old are asked a **serious** of questions about how Covid-19 has changed their daily lives as well as their outlook on the world today. These questions are used to determine the disparities between age group and position within the community and how those factors change one's experience through the pandemic. Going through the interview process with these people showed how some are living life nearly normally and open to discussing the pandemic, others are not taking it so well and are short in their discussions of the current state of the world. This study explores the effects of the pandemic and it subsequent repercussions whether they be mental health, economic stability or on family life. Generally, the findings from this limited sample were that those who were young and healthy had drastically different thoughts and concerns than those older who do not quite fall into the at-risk category. Though the suspected trend was that with a higher age and falling into

The researcher should also describe the process they used to analyze their data.

The methods section (the second paragraph), is good, but is missing a brief description of how the data was gathered. It has good detail about the interviewees and how their characteristics enter into the analysis of the data. The third and forth sentences would fit better in the introduction, or in the beginning of the results and discussion. This is because they provide an overview of what the researcher found. They don't describe the process that was used to conduct the research.

In the results and discussion section (paragraphs 3 to 8), the researcher is organizing their writing by focusing on each interviewee separately. This can be an okay way to approach it, however means more writing will need to be used to synthesize the findings later in the paper.

the at-risk category, fear and seriousness of thought would increase, that was not the case with those interviewed. The oldest of interviewees, coming in at 69 was much less concerned than those below her. This brought forth interesting perspective on what makes people think more or less about the seriousness of this pandemic.

The first of the interviewees was a 53 year old white woman. She resided in the relatively wealthier parish of the state in Covington, Louisiana. She is a mother of 2 grown daughters one of which lives in the household with her and her husband. In talking about Covid-19 in her community, she stated that though she knew people that had contracted it, she knew of no one who died. Not having known any of the deceased made her feel more at ease than those with the death around them and the more personal and higher stake, she mentioned. In regards to staying home, this participant was pretty diligent about staying away from others unless needed for work or to go to the store though she stressed the social distancing when those events were necessary. She works with her husband in their personally owned company which is in the residential construction business. In having contact with those outside her household, she emphasized her unease when around others she is not familiar with and some precautions she takes. When asked how her life has changed in the wake of the pandemic, she said that work has slowed down but overall she has almost enjoyed the time. Not belittling the fact that people were dying, she went on to say how it brought her daughters home and she enjoyed the time to relax and spend time with them. Admitting that after over a month of quarantine she is ready to go to a restaurant and not have to cook, she likes the time with her family and neighbors who have all been quarantining together. Perhaps the most interesting findings among all, including this woman came about when asked about their thoughts on the severity of the situation. She said that she

believes the government has taken necessary precautions, however the complete lockdown did not have to be so intense for everyone. Saying yes, it is terrible and bad, she believes that those not at risk should have had looser restrictions and allowed to do more, which would have helped the economy in these harsh times.

The next interview was with a 51 year old, white male from Covington, Louisiana as well. He lives in a household along with his wife and oldest daughter, youngest daughter being away at college. He says that he enjoyed the fact that his daughter were home for quarantine allowing him to spend more time with them than usual though they were sad to be stuck. Leaving the house has not changed much for him over the course of this quarantine. Being the major contributor to his self-owned business which provided custom residential construction, he has had to stay on the job working. He has implemented several safety precautions in order to help keep himself, his crews and everyone's families safe during this time such as only allowing one crew that already works together on a job at a time and everyone must social distance within. In order to keep safe he has tried to move a lot of things to remote online options and use email or telephone calls to communicate with customer, but everything has halted as something are not easily communicated when you cannot see what is being discussed. When asked about his thoughts on the pandemic in general, he expressed unease and discomfort from the whole situation. He explained how he feared the disease even though he was not in the at-risk age range he has a heart condition that may make him susceptible, but was unsure. He says that the pandemic has made him anxious and weary of the world as well as others around him. As the main provider for his family he feared what the economic repercussions from this would do to his business in the future and his ability to make a living. Talking about the severity, he stated that he believes it is a very serious matter and that the risk is very real for many people. He

believes that the government went the distance that they needed in order to help protect people making the comparison to hurricane preparation and how it usually is a waste but better safe than sorry. Overall the population, even though only a portion is in danger and he believes the precautions in place are for the best and nothing is being blown out of proportion.

The next participant was 69 year old woman also from Covington, Louisiana. She is a mother of 2 grown sons one of which lives with her temporarily. She works as an accountant for a large communications company, since the government imposed quarantine the company has hence moved online to remote work only. She says this has been very hard for her and she feels unable to do her best and it shows in the quality of her own and that of her colleagues' work. In describing her contact with others outside her household and when she actually goes out, she says she sees a friend on the weekend usually and unfortunately cannot see her family, she portrays a hint of annoyance when talking about not seeing her son and granddaughters. In talking about her family she says that being away from them is the hardest part as she used to spend time with them 2 to 4 days a week before quarantine, leaving her feeling very isolated and lonely. In talking about this she began to discuss her thoughts on the quarantine that was barring her from her family as an evil thing. She believes that though it is serious, it is not as big a deal as it is being made out to be and she should not be kept from doing what she wants. In her eyes, though not directly stated, it seemed that she did not seem to think herself to be at risk and that she would be unaffected by the virus though she is both older and diabetic making her doubly at risk. She believes overall that the virus is not an issue and all the restrictions and sanctions should now be lifted.

This interview is that of a 20 year old, white female. She resides in Baton Rouge, Louisiana with 4 other friends in an apartment while attending college. She says that in regards to normally leaving the house for a necessary things during this pandemic and quarantine, she only goes to grocery regularly. On the other hand she goes to run/walk the levee, play volleyball at the sand courts and to small get together with friends. While many are staying home, she says she has been hanging out with friends and quarantine has not been taken as seriously by her and her peers than it probably should have been and some activities they have partaken in are going on the boat together and having small kickbacks. Though she is less affected in her social life is regards to employment She was previously employed as a nanny before the virus struck and has since been laid off to due fear of exposure from the family. She wished to stay but the family did not want her around and she has since had to rely on her parents for financial support. When asked about her fear of the pandemic she said it felt weird at first but now it doesn't bother her other than the social restriction which are important to her at this point in her life. She expressed her lack of concern over the pandemic and that is was slightly blown out of proportion and it was only really a problem for the elderly and at-risk, therefore they should have stayed home and the world should have gone on with less restriction than are currently in place.

The last of the interviews was with a 24 year old, white male who lives in Mandeville, Louisiana. He lives with his mother and father since moving home from college as he finishes his final semester online. He spends most of his time either at home or at his girlfriend's house now that he is home. He is employed by an engineering company in New Orleans and being one of the hardest hit cities, his employers has moved all work to online. He says that he feels unable to adequately do his job online because engineering is a very hands on practice and being home is a problem in that aspect. He also stated that he enjoyed his job much more when he was in

office than otherwise. Though he expressed his gratitude for maintaining his employment, his hours were reduced by the boss in order to save some money in these uncertain times. In regards to his personal life, he said he enjoyed the quiet of quarantine life and it did not bother him very much. When asked about his thoughts on the perceived severity of the pandemic he said that it was in fact blown out of proportion but it was done correctly and for the right reasons. He believes that the restrictions should not have been so severe for everyone and it would have helped the economy which was most affected by all this.

The most interesting finding from these interviews was the disparities between opinion of severity of the pandemic and feelings about being quarantined. While the middle age people believed the in the severity was real and high the even older believed it was not a thing. Whether it be denial from fear or sheer stubbornness, the oldest woman said believed she was not at risk and could go about her business as usual. On the other hand, the younger the group were not concerned for themselves in the slightest and were most likely right. While the older people were taking precautions and minding their quarantine for the most part, the younger were gathering in groups and still mixing groups and households with their friends. So the trend seems to be the younger groups of people are not as careful and do not take it overly seriously while the older of the groups have more fear and awareness of what is going on in the world around them.

As written in the comment above, writing about each interviewee separately means more writing is then needed to synthesize the findings. The final paragraph does this, but it could use at least a few sentences more in detail. Relatedly, the final paragraph serving to synthesize the findings means that the paper lacks a conclusion. The conclusion should not present new findings/information from your research (though, it can briefly summarize what was found in the paper). It's important to have other elements in your conclusion. You can suggest how the results relate to wider society, expand on your ideas, note some limitations of the study, or areas for future work. Overall, this is a good paper. The lack of a proper conclusion is its biggest weakness. Had a proper conclusion been included and the synthesis of their findings a little more detailed, this paper would have received an A.