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The Humanity During Coronavirus Pandemic

The first four months of 2020 have been harsh to everyone, especially to American people, because of Coronavirus. The number of deaths sharply increases. Noise, traffic, work, and other things that we all used to deal with, are not a problem anymore. “Is that a good thing?” I asked myself. Social media becomes a time-relief for almost everybody. I have been living my life like a rat lately. One day, I woke up and called my mom, who is living in Cambodia. She told me about the price gouging of facemask, which I find ridiculous. My mom went to her regular store and asked to buy a facemask from the seller near my house. The seller asked her, “how much can you offer me?”. My mom was wondering why she was asking like that, and my mom replied “\$3”, which is the regular price she used to get. The seller said, “Nobody sells a facemask for \$3 anymore. I sold several boxes earlier, and I charged \$50 for a box”. She continues, “Since you are my regular, I could sell it for you just \$40”. My mom replied to her, “I used to buy it for \$3. \$3 is the price I would buy, are you selling it for me?” and the seller said no. So, my mom walked away, and the seller tried to stop her. “ \$6 is that okay with you?” Because my mom did not want to walk to another store, she bought the facemask from that store for \$6 (even she was not happy about it). It was the last box of facemask she got, by the way, because the price of facemask keeps going up.

After talking to my mom, it is time to go back to social media. While I was checking the news, I saw someone sharing about Kroger’s employee. It was about a kind-hearted action.

While one of the Kroger’s employee lady was cashing out for the customer and told her that it is

\$18, the customer said, “I might have to put it back because I don’t have enough for that.” Then, Kroger’s employee lady said, “Here, give that back to me,” and she pulled her wallet from her pocket and paid for her. I suddenly think about what my mom just told me about the price gouging. “This probably only happens in America,” I talked to myself.

When it comes to the American experience, I would say humanity is something that cannot be left out. A lot of people are donating their money, foods, and anything that they can afford to help other people in this unpleasant situation. It is fortunate for people who could stay home and still can afford for their spending. Coronavirus is a tragedy for American people. A lot of people have lost their job, and there is nothing we can do but stay home. However, it teaches everyone how much those annoying jobs and school mean to everyone now. Looking at the bright side, if we stay together and follow the government’s guidelines, I believe everybody will get through this together.