Annotated Bibliography

Parrott, Sharon, et al. “Tracking the COVID-19 Economy's Effects on Food, Housing, and Employment Hardships.” *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 10 Nov. 2021, [https://www.cbpp.org/research/poverty-and-inequality/tracking-the-covid-19-economys-effects-on-food-housing- and#:~:text=The%20majority%20of%20jobs%20lost,of%20Labor%20Department%20employment%20data](https://www.cbpp.org/research/poverty-and-inequality/tracking-the-covid-19-economys-effects-on-food-housing-and#:~:text=The%20majority%20of%20jobs%20lost,of%20Labor%20Department%20employment%20data) . Accessed 28 Jan. 2022.

Sharon Parrot and her team at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities have dedicated their efforts into finding and consolidating information about food, housing, and employment hardships since the start of the pandemic. Looking into the issue of housing and specifically the inability to pay rent or mortgage is shown as "1 in 6 Renters Not Caught Up on Rent During Pandemic, With Renters of Color Facing Greatest Hardship" (See Figure 5.) These statistics are found from adult renters reporting to the Census Bureau. This number has fallen from a peak of 15 million people - "in January of 2021 but has remained above 10 million people - about 1 in 7 adult renters - since the end of March." (See Figure 6) A package named "The December relief package" and the "American Rescue Plan" was a financial boost of $46 billion designed to help those who were struggling with rent and avoid eviction. However, the lack of proper infrastructure to get these funds to renters in need created a sense of urgency. The Supreme Court ended their ruling on the CDC’s eviction moratorium which helps renters who haven’t received financial help (Parrot). The eviction moratorium allows renters more time to receive the rent relief before being evicted. I can use this source to paint a picture for just how many americans were struggling with rent and other expenses.

Long, Heather, et al. “Why America Has 8.4 Million Unemployed When There Are 10 Million Job Openings.” *The Washington Post*, WP Company, 8 Sept. 2021, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2021/09/04/ten-million-job-openings-labor-shortage/> . Accessed 13 Feb. 2022.

Heather Long, Alyssa Fowers, and Andrew Van Dam are a group of authors working for The Washington Post. They are looking into the mysteries of covid, specifically the economy and the unemployed. There is a large variable of people that are looking for a job, but a lack of openings in their previous specialization. This can be seen as, “…there are 1.8 million job openings in professional and business services and fewer than 925,000 people whose most recent job was in that sector.” This similar mismatch is seen in education and health services, where millions of jobs are open, but not enough people to fill the positions (Long). I can use this source to counter-act the argument of “there are plenty of jobs, people are just too lazy”.

Pickert, Reade. “U.S. Inflation Hits 39-Year High of 7%, Sets Stage for Fed Hike.” *Bloomberg.com*, Bloomberg, 12 Jan. 2022, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-01-12/inflation-in-u-s-registers-biggest-annual-gain-since-1982> Accessed 29 Jan. 2022

Reade Pickert, a journalist employed by Bloomberg to keep up with and document economic changes brought in by covid-19. In this article Pickert investigates the “39-Year High of 7%” consumer price inflation that the United States is facing. One of the reasons behind the high inflation rates are tied to desperate businesses trying to fill open positions by increasing pay to attract and retain workers, specifically at the lower end (Pickert). Reports show that the CPI (Consumer Price Index) will continue to be high, but only temporary. “Economists expect CPI growth to moderate to around 3% over the course of 2022…” This source can be used to show the rapid rise of inflation rate as well as the future projections for inflation.

Mather, Mark. “Life on Hold: How the Coronavirus Is Affecting Young People's Major Life Decisions.” *PRB*, PRB, 23 July 2020, <https://www.prb.org/resources/life-on-hold-how-the-coronavirus-is-affecting-young-peoples-major-life-decisions/#:~:text=The%20Effects%20of%20the%20Coronavirus%20Could%20Last%20for%20Decades&text=In%20midlife%2C%20they%20earn%20less,workforce%20during%20a%20healthier%20economy> Accessed 11 Feb. 2022

Mark Mather, the vice president of U.S. programs at PRB, has 20+ years of experience working in 2020 census, child well-being, household and family structure, inequality, poverty, and much more. Mark talks about how even before the crisis that is Covid-19, young Americans were postponing key life events such as having children and getting married (Mather). More information is shared in the example of Figure 1. It explains how as time has gone on there has been a general decline in marriages, as well as a growing gap between marriages consisting of greater education vs less education. Potentially related but otherwise seen as a general decline, Mather explains, “The economic impact of the coronavirus may cause more young adults to postpone births, leading to further declines in birth rates, especially among women under age 30.” This source will be used to explain the side effects that come with adults living with their parents for longer than tradition.

Mena Report. “United States : Warren Calls Out Private Equity-Backed Firms for Increasing Rents, Driving Up Housing Costs, and Raking in Profits Amid Housing Shortage.” *Gale In Context*, SyndiGate Media, 17 Jan. 2022, <https://go-gale-com.proxy-remote.galib.uga.edu/ps/i.do?p=GIC&u=uga&id=GALE%7CA331969566&v=2.1&it=r&sid=ebsco>.

The Mena Report, a Newswire based out of Amman (Jordan) has been documenting Middle Eastern studies, Middle Eastern and International Business, and more importantly information between United States Senator Elizabeth Warren and a handful of private equity-backed residential firms. Warren has sent letters to three of these private companies such as Progress Residential, American Homes 4 Rent, and Invitation Homes (Mena Report). She was looking for information on whether or not these companies have been trying to make money off of the misfortune of those unable to afford rent or housing during the pandemic. Senator Warren said, “We can't solve the housing affordability crisis, and lower housing costs for consumers, unless we crack down on predatory practices by WallStreet investors.” I will use this source to explain corporate greed and how some people are trying to help the poor.

Albanesi, Stefania, and Jiyeon Kim. “Effects of the COVID-19 Recession on the US Labor Market: Occupation, Family, and Gender.” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, vol. 35, no. 3, 2021, pp. 3–24., https://doi.org/10.1257/jep.35.3.3.

Kim and Stefania are a couple of journalists looking into how Covid-19 has affected the US labor market, primarily based on occupation, family, and gender. Covid-19 created a recession in the United States, one that created a larger recession employment drop for women. This is strange to see as the last four business cycles saw employment drops for men (Albanesi Pg 3). This can be explained by women being infected by Covid at a higher rate based on occupation compared to men. Seen in Table 2, there were more women working in both flexible and inflexible, high-contact occupations. This source can be used to show how certain jobs have changed their recruiting strategies as well as how the female gender is more likely to get covid based on occupation.

Howard, Nathan. Discord Interview/Personal. 28 March 2022.

Nathan Howard is a student at Utah Valley University and a fellow cohort member. He’s been living on his own the last few years struggling through the difficulties that is Covid 19. He found a somewhat affordable living space shared with roommates while going to college, but it means he ends up working 60–70-hour weeks during the summer. He’s on a tight budget but stays on it well. Nate’s interview provides an insight into a young adult that is on his own during these hard times.

Bennion, Parker. Discord Interview/Personal. 28 March 2022.

Parker Bennion is a student at Utah Valley University and a fellow cohort member. Parker has experienced both sides of the living with parents’ spectrum. Moved out at 18, went on his mission and came back 2 years later. In 2016 he spent $300 a month while sharing a room. There were 6 people living in this apartment. He worked full time while also going to school. He did the hard work that many people will call this generation lazy for not doing. He bounced around a few different apartments with differing prices and roommates. Once Covid started he found the rent hike to be too much and went back home. Parker’s interview shows the average person struggling with the rent increases and provides great insight into the problem.