

Crisis

Any crisis that comes our way can be good. Why? It wakes us up. It lets us see things we did not recognize. Those things are hidden. The kind of things that we did not choose to be blind to, that stolen knowledge we wished we knew in the very first place. Crisis skinned everyone. The government, the economy, and even the people close to us. A crisis may be a signal to danger but it gives us an opportunity. There are these people who become a millionaire after a crisis by investing and buying stocks. It will always depend on how you handle things. If only we stop seeing the negative side of it, things could go well. The global crisis gives some people the courage to do things differently. We discover hidden skills and find new ways to earn money. As the day goes by, everyone is mastering the strength to survive. In the present, we are currently having a global crisis. The rapidly growing technology gave us a new normal, the recent crisis also did bring us the same thing. No one was prepared to face this kind of disaster, a faceless-void enemy we never see. Everyone is a target, no one is safe. Yes, prayers would help, precautions would help, but we can never deny that the possibility of not being infected is also just part of a possibility. The COVID pandemic brings a big impact on the economy, even greater than the world's greatest depression. A lot of countries had shrunk. The new normal changed how much money we spend and receive. It will be hard to go back to the way some countries were before the lockdown, it can go either way. Despite the crisis, we have seen China's market still accelerating. The countries that are already poor will even be poorer. When things recover we will not be going back to the old economy but rather a new kind of economy. But surely, the pandemic is not a liability. Globalization played a big role in every crisis. Being connected to the world is important. We get instant news just by reading our feeds. The news regarding the spreading disease was already heard last year. I remember reading its article before it spread towards the Globe last October. Some of us already know regarding this viral disease ahead of time because of globalization. The donations and supplies from other countries are because of this globalization. If globalization ceases to exist, which is impossible, things would have been even worst. Each country would only focus on themselves, and worst, those countries that can not sustain the economy for a longer period would suffer. Globalization made us stay connected when we needed to stay at home. With technology walk through borders, having classes are made possible, shopping and even buying goods.

The American documentary film mainly points out the backbone of the financial crisis. Though I found the film a bit lefty because it does not show the full picture of the event. But the film gives me the knowledge gap and more realization came. And things stated are undeniably true, but it was more of the downside of the event. The systemic corruption of the United States by the financial services industry and the consequences of that systemic corruption said by Ferguson. The last global economic crisis cost many people so much. A great example is Iceland. Their country is a better place to live on. Low corruption, low unemployment, clean air, low government debt, and more. But finance took over the place, and that's when chaos begins. And here we can say that money is indeed the root of all evil. The rise of the United State's finances leads to our series of the increasing financial crisis. Each crisis brought so much damage to the

economy, but the industry is selfish enough to make use of the crisis and make more money by it. The industry is doing a heist behind people giving them loops within the information to make them believe that they are doing the best for the country. Luckily, there are those people who invest their time filling the loopholes and make it clear just like what the writer of this film did. The crisis is caused by an out of control industry. After the great depression, the United States had its economy grow. Banks are lowering their standards because of their selfishness giving out loans to those who cannot afford it. The United States has this law that does not mandate jobs to provide a minimum amount for either sick leave or paid vacation. Having a union with this country is highly risky. They will make the citizens poorer and make the higher-ups richer. That is the reason why the US works so hard to bust unions because they are terrified of workers having power. Deregulation and capitalism are just one of the reasons why this crisis occurs. The greatest problem for this is that, whenever something like this happens, the government always cover for them. They keep getting involve and bail these people out, while constantly corrupting the system. Firms and such choose to do wrong practices to earn more. They choose to leave doing business with ethics because it pays less than doing the dirty works. The documentation made me think about the recent pandemic. This COVID19 pandemic brought so much effect on the global financial crisis. Because no one is prepared for it, the government have less fund to provide to the citizens. Even those who have higher funds are having a hard time sustaining people. This makes countries have stacks of debts and leaders are becoming financial puppies. Risky decision making then happens. The leaders are even making use of the crisis to get more money from people. Things we use for hygiene gets more expensive. Regarding the supplies they give, yes they give us a sack of rice. But we receive rotted rice in our barangay. There was this program that gives us rice, a neighbor of mine is working with the program and found out that the budget was for Ganador rice. We don't have time to complain about this because we are already facing a crisis, what I'm pointing out is that people should get what they deserve. The reason why people continue to go out knowing how risky it is is that we need to survive. The government does not supply us enough. They are using the pandemic as a key to gain sympathy from other countries and sympathy comes before financial help. The government is risking people's lives to receive money. Like the event in Barangay Luz, where most of the people became positive. It was so odd so researchers did their job and found out that due to the lack of apparatus, some needles and gloves used are thrown after testing five or more people. I do not know if that news were true because a lot of fake news is going out these days. It is not odd if people die from the virus, what's odd is that when a person dies from other diseases the reason some doctors would write is the viral virus. We had a neighbor who died from a motorcycle crash and narrate how negotiating the bill happened. The key to paying less to a hospital bill in this time of the crisis is to make the cause of death COVID, it is even possible to not pay the bill and they will give you additional cash. This happened to a relative of ours who died in the province due to also a motorcycle crash and was forced to be cremated because was said to be dead because of the virus. One more result of this crisis is that people are afraid to be checked up despite being sick due to being afraid to be tested. So much fear took over us giving us limits to look for opportunities to take care of ourselves and survives.

To sum up everything, bad intentions will always find a way to succeed and so will the good. It may seem to be impossible to defeat the higher-ups but think about it. Who put them in position and supported them. We also contributed to bringing our country down, bringing the world down with our poor decision making. The world has the limitless possibility, it is up to us to seek for more. We can make the world a better place to live on, starting with changing our mindset. The mindset of pointing fingers to others when things go wrong. Filipino's badmouthing Filipino's just justifies that the divide and rule technique of the Spaniards remain. It's never too late to end it, rather than complaining, why don't we start by doing things ethically? If we fail to influence others, at least we tried. If we get laughed at, no worries. Taking different paths brings you no problem as long as you are taking the right way. The crisis is not a threat, you just need to think deeper. We should stop seeing the crisis negatively. It is indeed undeniably a negative thing. But not all negative kinds of stuff remains negative. I see people trying to glow up during the quarantine. People who found their interest in this global crisis. People who have food to eat more thrice a day, clothes to wear, clean water to drink, and so on should stop complaining. Complaining cannot help if whom you are addressing the complaint are deaf. Do actions. Do better. Because sometimes, criticizing people and keeping an eye on them is just like molding ourselves to be like them. The change will always start within one's self. Choosing a different path can sometimes bring you good. Having this kind of challenge is not bad. We just need to see more, and once we see more, we see less.