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Suicide Prevention During a Pandemic

This scholarly article is about how we are raising awareness for suicide prevention during this hard time with a global pandemic going on. The article is explaining to readers that lots of different risk factors are going into the suicide watch throughout many different types of workers thoughtout the United States. The writer(s) are giving reasons as to why it may happen because of COVID-19, and giving more solutions to decrease the slope starting with our workers. This scholarly article was written by six different authors, Que J, Yuan K, Gong Y, Meng S, Bao Y, and Lu L. These six writers attended Peking University located in Beijing, China and is rated one of the top academic institutions in China. Because of the CoronaVirus, and activities slowly shutting down, rates of suicide are being highly watched and awareness is being raised to prevent suicide.

This article is written to show and explain to the reader what actually might be happening to kids and adults around them. It breaks the thinking down into different parts, starting with who is being more affected or will be most affected, to reasons why it will happen and why they are happening, and finishing it with how we need to slow the speed of it and decrease the slope of it. Breaking it down into different pieces gives the readers more of an understanding of why this is important, and that this is a serious issue that needs to be addressed and resolved to the best we can possibly resolve it to. Having an understanding of what this article is about can and will

change other people's mindsets and goals to make a stop to what is happening. It cannot force the readers to do anything about the subject, but it can definitely help and make them think twice about kids and adults around them! Breaking it down helps giving readers a full view from the inside to the outside, and then writing this may just give more awareness to this topic.

In the article, the writers used all three Logos(logic), Ethos(credibility), and Pathos(emotions) in their piece. "Individuals with suspected and confirmed COVID-19 infection, frontline healthcare workers, bereaved families, elders, children, and adolescents are vulnerable populations who might be at elevated suicide risk (Que, Yuan, Gong, Meng, Bao, and Lu)." In this quote, logos were used because the authors were putting logic into who they think will and could be affected by the virus and who is at high risk for suicide watch. With Ethos, credibility was used when PubMed did a high investigation on why suicide is at high risk and what factors are being watched. "In this micro-review, a systematic search through PubMed was performed for a comprehensive investigation of suicide risk factors during the pandemic (Que, Yuan, Gong, Meng, Bao, and Lu)." Lastly, Pathos was used throughout the whole article, you may ask why? It is because emotions were spilled out and used throughout, it was researched in the first place because they want to put a stop to it and decrease how often it may be happening everywhere. All three types of writings were used in this short article, but it was detailed from top to bottom with Logos, Ethos and Pathos.

What is being done? To some, it might not be a lot and it might not mean anything to them, but to others this means a lot. This article is raising awareness to all readers, it is causing them to take a second look at what may be happening to others around them. The authors can not force anyone to care, but they can definitely arrange how readers may think about the subject and help them with raising awareness towards it. Taking steps towards decreasing the amount of

suicides a year and putting a stop to it would change the world, right now, suicide is one of the top 20 leading causes of death worldwide. This article is doing a lot, it doesn't seem like it, but raising awareness to something this strong and this popular can change and help a lot.

The article made me think twice about suicide and how people around me may be struggling more than I am. After reading, this taught me more than some other articles have, it gave me reasons as to why and who is more highly affected. It was an eye opener, the authors did a phenomenal job with trying to raise awareness just with a short article; this article gave me and hopefully other readers a different perspective on what others might be going through during this pandemic. The authors really dragged readers into it with giving the first sentence about how suicide is top 20 leading deaths worldwide, because they made that statement, it made me want to read more and as an author that is what you want to do. The subject was presented very well throughout the article, suicide can be a very touchy subject for some, but the way the authors presented it and gave reasoning and ways to help it, it was presented quite nicely for being sometimes such a hard topic to rely on.

Overall, this was a good article to read, it taught a lot of facts and even taught readers what is happening beside the scene and how to work with it and decrease the amount. Because of the CoronaVirus, and activities slowly shutting down, rates of suicide are being highly watched and awareness is being raised to prevent suicide. My thesis was proven throughout the reading, the article was based off of the global pandemic, but it was also giving reasonings to why, and telling us how to fix the problem we are dealing with. The intended audience is a wide view, it is everyone in the world; with more people reading this article and more awareness and help towards the worldwide struggle with suicide, anything is possible to fix and improve. Lastly, the

article did what it was supposed to do, show readers around the world what is happening,

explaining why, and telling us how we can try to fix it with everyone around helping us.

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