

An abstract is not required. This researcher's abstract and introduction together makes for a good introduction. The first and second sentence of the abstract describes the focus of the paper and outlines major topics that will be discussed.

Life in the Time of the Coronavirus

Abstract:

This report is an analysis of the respondents of five African Americans in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The interviews were conducted to better interpret life in the time of the coronavirus and covers staying at home, work life, risks of getting sick, contact with others, the government's efforts and assistance. The reason for conducting these interviews are to learn and show how the coronavirus pandemic effects different people according to their different circumstances. These interviews were conducted in person and recorded by smart phone. The data was analyzed by categorizing topics and the respondent's opinions and found that while during the pandemic they are fairly content with the stay at home orders and the current state of the community but find issues with the government and their efforts in relief and healthcare.

Introduction:

In March of this year, the citizens of The United States were all caught by surprise with the Outbreak of the Corona Virus (COVID-19). The president called for mandatory stay-at-home orders that keep everyone indoors to reduce the spread. Businesses, Government offices, and many other companies and organizations have been affected by this. This report will analyze the interviews of five individuals and their feelings about the COVID-19 pandemic.

Methods:

The interviews were all conducted in person and were recorded with the voice memos application on my phone. My sample included five members of my family all of whom are still working in some way. Three are currently working outside of the home while the other two are working from home. After completing my first two interviews, I noticed that the respondents

weren't as comfortable with answering the questions and were giving very simple yes/no responses. I opted for doing one big interview with four of my respondents in a focus group. This method seemed to do better as the respondents were actually engaged in the conversation more and were able to feed off of one another's answers to allow me to get better qualitative data.

Interview code	NAME	AGE	GENDER	RACE	Occupation	Fulltime/part time/ still working	Etc.
[redacted]	C.T	40	F	Black	Paralegal	fulltime	Working from home
[redacted]	Respondent	45	M	Black	Carpenter	Still working	Shintec Chemical plant
[redacted]	Sabrina	48	F	Black	Behavioral health Program monitor	Fulltime/ Still working	Working from home
[redacted]	Darrell	61	M	Black	Contractor	Full time	Entrepreneur-D.Scott construction
[redacted]	Amanda	27	F	Black	Marketing coordinator	Still working	Non profit agency Counsel on aging

This is a good methods section. It describes how the data was gathered, who the interviewees are, and how the researcher overcame a challenge they encountered while collecting data.

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

The tables do not need to be included in the body of the paper. They can be added at the end.

Tables or figures should be given a numbered label (e.g., Table 1).

Themes and categories table:

Themes	Major categories	Minor categories
occupation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working from home • Changes in spending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spending more time with family • Less money spent on gas, more money on food
Government vs. public health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequacy of healthcare and the government's effort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult to get insurance • Inadequate access to masks • Limited testing
Causes vs. Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new way of living • How the virus spread 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory wearing of face masks • Do masks help? • Causes of the spread?
Community assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community organizations • Church efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R works for a nonprofit organization • R is a member of an organization that has a heavy influence regarding community service

In the results and discussion section, the researcher is organizing their writing around the themes they found; they describe how the lives of each of the interviewees evidences the themes. This is a good approach.

Results and discussion:

The first theme that was explored was work and how each individual was affected. When asked about their thoughts on the current state of pandemic as it relates to work. Most had the same opinion. While they admitted that it was different, it was good. One respondent said, “I like it because I’m a loner. So, I like being a homebody.” As opposed to Darrell, a contractor who is currently out of work, who likes to “go, go, go”. One respondent thought it was good for parents who have children, they are able to spend more time with their children and not have to consider seeking outside help to tend to their children while they are at work, it also changes the way a person’s income is spent. For one respondent, they have a 1-year old toddler in their household while another has three young adults. They are affected differently due to bigger households than the other respondents. Being at home means that you will eat all three meals at home as opposed to one or two, supplying all three meals for one family will cause more spending for food, but one would have saved money by spending less on gas due to not being able to travel.

Another theme that was discovered was the government vs. public health. The respondents seem unhappy with the current state of public health today. They feel as though there needs to be changes all around, but now during this time that the government should do everything they can to protect their citizens. Free healthcare, free testing, better access to masks, and better insurance. There was a slight difference in motivation for this stance due to one of the respondents being a “high risk” for contracting the virus. One respondent said, “Those who make enough can beat the system”. They all seemed to agree with this statement and went on to tell their opinions on how they feel the government should handle the issue. To further explore their thoughts on this theme they were asked about their opinions about the president and his

efforts for relief. They all felt as though the president was inadequate and not competent to fulfill his duties as the leader of this country. This seems to be main point affecting them at this time.

Conclusion:

While slight differences may vary between individuals. It can be concluded that the population is less concerned with the virus and more concerned with the government's efforts towards recovery and restoring the community. While my study is limited due to the small sample size, it seems as though everyone has the same opinions on issues. The United States needs to do better with healthcare. The health and well-being of others and the community is more beneficial to the health of an individual. One respondent said, "it's an epidemic that going to be around until we do our part to help each other. It's not a part of helping ourselves, it's helping each other."

As a whole, the results and discussion section is quite short. Qualitative research should give much more detail. Not all of the themes they identify are written about. On the other hand, what they do have is well written. Each paragraph starts by describing the theme that will be discussed. What the interviewees shared is well synthesized, and quotes are given that add to the writing.

The conclusion is also quite short. It contains the key elements a conclusion should have. Due to the short results section, there was not a lot of concluding thoughts/information to give. Had there been more writing in the results and discussion section, the researcher would have had more to say at the end.

Overall, this paper too short, but the writing is of good quality. If there was more detail, particularity in the results and the discussion, this paper could receive a much better grade (anywhere from a B to an A).

APPENDIX

Interview 1: [redacted]

Consent script permissions:

- Permission to record? [yes]
- Permission to interview for class project? [yes]
- Permission for Dr. Weil to use interview? [no]
- permission to identify by name? [no]
- permission to continue with interview? [yes]

interview outline:

00:00-1:09

- reading informed consent script

01:28-02:02

- respondent gives details about household and occupation
 - does not give very much detail

02:05-3:03

- respondent discusses their experience during the pandemic and expressed no concern with the outbreak.

03:10-05:00

- respondent discusses their experience with assistance.

- While they do not have health insurance or no access to a doctor, they are not concerned with risk of infection

05:05-6:06

- Respondent answers questions about crime and community
 - They are not concerned about changes in crime nor are they concerned with community efforts

06:12-06:21

- Respondent shares their insight on the future
 - They are concerned that once the stay at home orders are lifted and when things go back to normal that people will re-infect each other

07:24-07:59

- Respondent shares thoughts on the recent outbreak
 - Very limited response but believes that the virus was man made by the government as a form of population control.

08:39-08:43

- Conclusion of interview
 - In thought it was best to end the interview due to the lack of interest with the respondent

Interview 2 (focus group): [redacted]

Consent script permissions:

- Permission to record? [yes]

- Permission to interview for class project? [yes]
- Permission to use video?[no]
- Permission for Dr. Weil to use interview? [yes] [one no]
 - One respondent opted out of being included in Dr. Weil's project
- Permission for Dr. Weil to contact in future? [yes] [no]
 - Interviewee's email/ phone-
- Permission to identify by name? [yes] [one no]
 - Recorded names: Sabrina, Amanda, Darrell- all consented to first name identification only
 - One respondent did not want to be identified by name but allowed to be identified with the initials CT

Interview outline

00:00- 03:38

- Reading informed consent script
- Separate audio file

00:00-00:28

- Respondents introduce themselves by stating their name, occupation, and their current working status (still working, working from home, laid off)

00:42-03:31

- Respondents discuss their work life and their perspectives on the current pandemic
- Two respondents are considered essential workers
 - Respondent Sabrina is currently working from home but considers herself to be essential as she works in behavior health.

- Respondent Amanda is working outside her home and considers herself essential as she works for a disaster organization that causes her to leave her home to give assistance to others.

04:49-7:26

- Respondents discuss their fears with the COVID-19 pandemic
- This is a major theme

08:07-15:00

- Respondents discuss their concerns with the government's efforts
- This is a major theme
- Respondents cover issues such as healthcare

15:22-17:22

- Respondents describe community organizations they are involved with and how they are contributing to recovery
- Respondent describes their church's involvement for community support
- This is a major theme

17:38-19:45

- Respondents describe their thoughts on society following the lift of the stay at home orders

19:55-20:53

- Respondents express their feelings about masks, inadequacies of accessing them, and their effectiveness
 - They feel as though every household should have access to masks as they are essential for keeping the virus out as well as spreading the virus

- This is a minor theme

21:33-22:10

- Respondents give their opinion on close contact with others and their plans after the pandemic

22:13-28:10

- Respondents discuss their reasonings for the spread of the virus
- This is a major theme

28:35-33:16

- Respondents discuss the economy

33:24-35:41

- Respondents discuss their issues with the president and their opinions on other government officials
 - They feel as though the president is inadequate, but the governor of Louisiana has been an excellent leader during this time
 - The president has centered his efforts on politics and focus on the economy more while the governor centers his relief efforts around facts and the well-being of humans.

35:52-36:12

- Respondents discuss the stimulus package

36:50-38:04

- Respondents voice their concerns with crime
- This is a major theme
 - Concerned more about domestic violence, child abuse, and mental health

39:28-40:44

- Respondents share what this time has taught them
 - Common theme was that they learned to appreciate little things such as public interaction