## COVID EFFECTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

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#### **Positive Effects**

- Reduced pollution
- An increase in inclusive virtual events
- More time spent with our families
- Empathy towards others
- Gratitude for what was previously taken for granted
- People learnt new skills

### Negative Effects

- Health Issues
- A massive decrease in population and death
- Isolation which led to a lot of mental issues
- False information and propaganda
- Lack of employment and a drop in economy
- Small businesses were shut down
- A lot of people could not travel in order to see their families
- People had to accommodate to an abnormal lifestyle
- Lack of education for those who had no access to proper internet



### **Green Impact**

- Because of the restrictions people were confined to their homes and therefore a smaller threat to the environment.
- Less driving.
- People took up gardening in order to provide their own food.
- Less trash was scattered.
- Less travelling which led to reduced air pollution and a smaller waste of gas.



#### Media Coverage, Censorship & Propaganda

- In all our countries media was extremely biased.
- In Romania and America the mortality rate was falsely represented due to political interests during the election period.
- Media representation of the pandemic became highly political everywhere.
- A lot of false information was transmitted online which led to a lot conspiracy theories.



# Virtual interactions

- Education had a lot to suffer due to the restrictions.
- Cancellation of in-person events led to a common sense of isolation and anxiety.
- All exchange programs had to move online which made them both more accessible and less personal.







# Our Plans for After the Pandemic

Socialize without the fear of potential consequences

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Travel

Regain in-person interactions such as education, work and volunteering

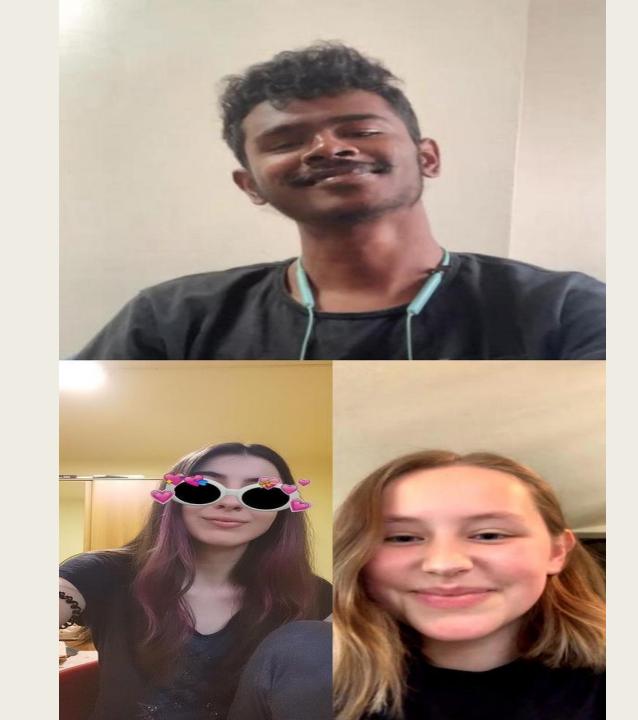
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### Our Journey Together

We learnt a lot about each other's countries and cultures and we embraced our diversity!

We surely enjoyed our time together and had a lot of fun sharing our experiences and stories.

Although we lost a member we still managed to fulfill our exchange successfully.



## THANK YOU

We really enjoyed this opportunity!