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Plan to Reopen Nevada

I listened to a segment that aired on April 27, 2020 that was called, “Elected Officials Express Concern Over Goodman Virus Comments”, and the main idea was the reopening of Las Vegas because many people want life to be back to normal. The corona virus has affected many people in different ways from people who have been infected to people who do not have a job anymore. Therefore, the mayor of Las Vegas, Carolyn Goodman, wants to reopen everything in Las Vegas in order to make life normal again. However, the people talking within the podcast had different thoughts about the Las Vegas mayor’s opinion. The people who were talking in the podcast were the narrator, Doug Puppel, Senator Yvanna Cancela, Las Vegas Councilman Brian Knudsen, and Las Vegas Councilwoman Victoria Seaman. The economy has been declining since people are not spending as much money as stated in the podcast and people are also scared to go out since the corona virus does not show symptoms for up to fourteen days. With the uncertainty for the future, Nevada residents do believe that staying home is what they need to do in order to create a future for future generations. The comments from the Las Vegas mayor have created some fear in the community as stated in the episode, but people do believe that the mayor’s intention is to help the community instead of putting them in danger.

All of the people who talked in the podcast were against the mayor from immediately reopening all of Las Vegas because of the possibility for the corona virus to spread even more within the community. Senator Cancela said, “we became the laughing stock of the country for the week” and she means that because the mayor wanted Las Vegas to be the test to see if the virus would spread rapidly. The Las Vegas Mayor was one of the few people to volunteer Las Vegas as a test site before the rest of the world reopens their cities. Las Vegas Councilman Knudsen said, “he wants the community to reopen, but from the research he’s done the order needs to stay in place for now”. The order he is talking about is the “stay at home” order to try and slow the spread of the virus and save as many people as possible. Some people within the community do not like the idea to be forced into their homes, but the intent of these government officials is to try and keep people from getting or spreading the virus. The last speaker within the episode, Las Vegas Councilwoman Victoria Seaman, mentioned “I don’t believe we should reopen until we have a clear and concise plan and it is safe”. The pattern from these government officials is for people to stay away from other people in the meantime. The research on the virus has just started so human beings do not know everything about the corona virus yet, which scares many Nevada residents. As stated within the podcast multiple times, people want “normal” to come back again because life has changed dramatically since the corona virus came into existence.

An idea that comes up in the podcast and the regular class is the concept, federalism. Trump and his administration have been telling the state governments to come up with their own plans or follow his plan to reopen or keep their communities at home. American’s do not like being told what to do as Professor Phelps has mentioned

multiple times in class and the stay at home orders are causing some people to rebel against the state government. Trump and the mayor of Las Vegas want to reopen communities, but there will be rules in place in order for people to not get infected with the corona virus. Federalism deals with the state and federal government relationship to benefit the American way of life. Since the state and federal government have the same amount of power, then both entities are forced to work together in order to preserve the American way of life. If a state government is going against the president of the United States, then problems could possibly arise due to the fact that a state is rebelling against the federal government.

At the end of the day, the main goal is to protect American citizens from getting infected from the corona virus. The Las Vegas community has not been as affected as other places in the United States, but Nevadans do not want the virus to spread quickly within the community. The “normal” way of life might not ever be normal anymore, but at least the state and federal government are taking actions to help and protect the citizens.

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