



THE YOUNG OPINION

THE VOICE OF YOUR FUTURE

A Summer of Virtual Celebrations

Have a fun summer through the Internet, attending concerts, visiting museums and taking tours all from your home.

Societal Issues

The changes in our society, good or bad but it will be acknowledged by our young voices.

Will we become Martians?

A look on the modern debate of the Mars colonization from a young point of view.

Photo by Anshul Modi

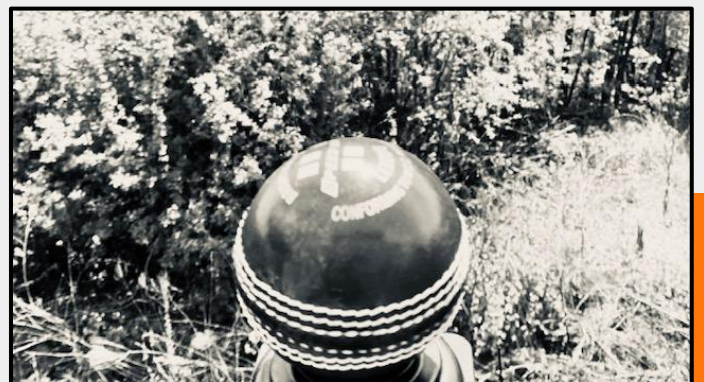
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About Us

As “The Young Opinion”, we are a group of young individuals who strive to express our unique perspectives to the world through this creative medium. We make it our priority to educate and empower young audiences and encourage them to display their talents and thoughts through opportunities presented by our magazine. Our team consists of youths with talents in a variety of facets ranging from journalism, photography to even various types of art. We take pride in being the next generation and try our very best to use the skills we have to spread awareness on topics, we as youth feel need to be addressed. As a group, we collectively feel, that no matter how long it takes and no matter how small each step, we will try to the best of our abilities, to make sure our voices are heard.

Founder's Message - Aarav Modi

I believe that ideas can come from anywhere and anything. For example, Roshni (the co-head) sent me her paintings and one automatic thought came to me, “What if these paintings were in a magazine?” So then Roshni and I gathered all my friends and told them our mission to create a magazine which portrays our opinions as youths. I would like to thank all my friends who believed in this goal and my parents for supporting me. I would also like to thank my brother for helping me and lots of thanks to: Roshni, Siya, Earagan, Dhruv, Varuni, Riya, Sreenita and Jay. I wouldn't have finished anything without their support and tremendous help. Anyone who is reading this right now and has something that they would like to showcase, do not hesitate to contact us on our website. To wrap it up, Jay has one goal and I have the same one, we hope to have a Wikipedia page in the near future. Stay home, stay safe!



A Summer of Virtual Celebrations

By Siya Patel

With the arrival of summer, festivals and celebrations of all kinds are nothing out of the ordinary. We are used to seeing the colourful banners and extravagant attractions, hearing the laughter and never-ending chatter of the crowd. But what about this year? Unfortunately, because of the current circumstances the festivals and fairs we would normally be attending around this time have been put on hold. As discouraging as this news may be, believe it or not there is still a bright side. Many of these celebrations from all around the world have been moved online, meaning you can enjoy them from the comfort of your very own bed. Whether you are a music junkie, an art enthusiast or are looking to just have some fun, there are countless events online just for you!

In the past couple of months, some of the music industry's biggest names have been entertaining their fans, giving concerts from their homes through platforms like Instagram. Often they have even collaborated with other creators, making an exciting experience for the millions watching. Some upcoming live shows to watch out are for "[Together, At Home: WHO-Global Citizen Solidarity Sessions](#)". This initiative was started by Global Citizen, WHO (World Health Organization) and a couple of committed stars to

raise the spirits and produce a sense of togetherness during this tough time. Stay tuned on social media to know whenever a new artist participates and releases a performance. To find more at home concerts that suit your interests, be sure to visit billboard.com.



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For all those film fanatics out there, there are some great film festivals you can check out online. [Talking Shorts](#) is a magazine dedicated to short films, that has produced a festival inspired by this pandemic by the name of My Darling Quarantine Online Film Festival. Viewers of these films are encouraged to donate funds to support Medecins Sans Frontieres as well as other workers through a [GoFundMe](#) page. The DC Environmental Film Festival is also another great option. This program is set to offer links to several films, so get ready to binge!

Summer does not feel the same without a trip to a museum, so feel free to visit these breathtaking online museum tours to get a start you will never forget. You can not only visit museums in the same country but also from all around the world. [The Louvre](#), [The Van Gogh Museum](#) and [The Metropolitan Museum of Art](#) are only some of the many museums that are offering these tours. The goal of these tours is to bring some excitement into what we consider to be a boring quarantine routine.

Remember, these are just a few of the many online celebrations you can partake in to kick off your summer. With a few clicks on the internet, you can find a wide variety of live concerts, programs and performances to name just a few. In this situation, it is safe to say that the sky's the limit, you can find just about anything! For those Canadians reading, be sure to look out for this year's [Canada Day](#), as it will be one worth putting on to your calendar. Remember, stay home and stay safe!

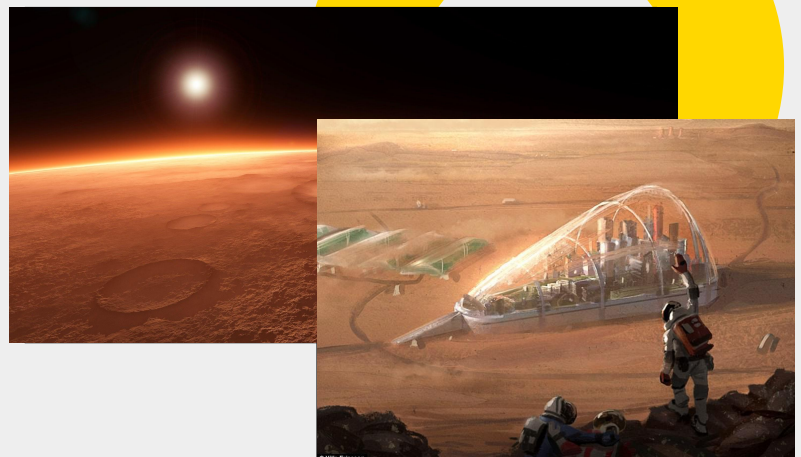


Will We Become Martians?

By Aarav Modi

There have been many movies about the incredible red planet, Mars. People have named the non-existent species that live on Mars, "Martians". We as mankind have been attempting to research and discover new facts and benefits about this planet since 1960 when the Chinese had first attempted to land a rover with the title of Marsnik-1. Today many people know it as a planet where Marvin the Martian from Looney Toons lives. It was, however, believed to actually host life similar to ours in the 1960s. Scientists at NASA believed that because of the colour of the planet, there could have been water, which might have led to the growth of plants and that is where the conclusion of life on Mars came from. But something that most people do not realize that is not a rumour is about sending people to Mars to inhabit it.

On March 21st, 2017, President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, has officially set a year for when people get on the surface of the blood-red planet, which is 2033. One week later, NASA responded with a detailed five-phase plan of how they intend to get there. Billionaire and CEO of Tesla and SpaceX, Elon Musk, has very interesting ideas on how to send our people to the red planet. He came up with a rocket that can carry up with one hundred people to construct a launch pad on Mars. Then he will construct another rocket for carrying people and resources in particular. It's a brilliant plan because of the need to colonize Mars. As many scientists have said, this colonization is of pure curiosity and wonder. We could look into interesting things such as unmanned rovers, source of natural resources and others. But the main reason is that Mars is a perfect way to prevent human extinction.



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Humans are not treating the planet very well and we have been talking about it for the last decade. One thing that must be on a limit is the population. In the last hundred years, the Earth's population has more than doubled its population. If humans inhabit Mars, then we could make a small dent in the big problems. Sometimes something small can lead to a big change. If we can handle life on Mars, our quality of life as a species will definitely improve and grow. We can have middle schoolers learning about the rocket that took them to the planet that they would be living on. Also, imagine such environmental changes if this happens. People will finally realize that there is a problem and they can do it if the government accepts that the world was at its peak before we came. Many young people in this world have visions about our new red world. The world relies on its youth and strong voices like Greta Thunberg to get the message out. If the world doesn't allow the youth to speak then the world will be an unfixable problem that is left for the next generation.

One of, if not the most, innovative ideas to explore Mars is the Mars rover. Since the 1970s, the rover has been an exciting way to find out new features and characteristics about the red planet. There is an annual worldwide university Mars rover challenge. This is called the 'University Rover Challenge' (URC for short). This is a premier challenge for college students around the world to build Mars rovers and compete for first place with 34 other teams. Captain of the Manipal Institute of Technology based in India, Tushaar Neb, shared his thoughts with The Young Opinion on the Mars colonization, "It will not happen soon but it will happen for sure.

If we keep up the pace of green ideas and as well as making sure these ideas reach all corners of the earth, we could be on Mars in the near future. Mars is known to be habitable (due to the findings of traces of water) and will be useful to our rapidly increasing population. However, we should not arrive on the surface of the red planet at the cost of earth." Mr. Neb has led his team to seventh place out of 34 teams worldwide, also making his team the first in India.

Tushaar Neb has mentioned something very important, "We should not arrive at Mars at the cost of the earth". This means many things and it is something that all of us should understand. We should not go to Mars just when our Earth is about to die. We must start by taking care of the blue planet first and then we can focus on the red one. Colonization of Mars is a must but only for experimentation at first. We have to take care of our own issues such as climate change, poverty, overpopulation, world hunger, pollution and the list goes on. Our beautiful blue earth is more important than something that is thousands of kilometres away.

We will be Martians soon but let's be good humans first.



Societal Issues

By Earagan Nimalan

Society is the fundamental substructure creating a world for mankind to strive in. However, we must question ourselves. Why is society the way it is? Why have hundreds of societal issues gone unaddressed? Why has society disregarded societal issues? Why does society behave the way it is? Ultimately when will society change? Us, The Young Opinion feel the need to label out how we, “The Young” feel based on this.

Humans and society have constantly been changing and have without a doubt made evolution. Some issues, however, we just “blind-eye” and completely disregard. Some of these issues are LGBTQ marriages, LGBT adoption rights, Gender Identity, Animal abuse, Children Abuse, Poverty, Depression and Suicide, Children that deal with trauma from young, and Children that have to deal with parental divorces. There are tons of tons of societal issues to list on but what is important is how we as a society act proactively yet cooperatively in order to solve these problems.



Change always requires action, and action requires effort, and effort requires initiative. It is up to us to make a change. An example, we as the young would like to point out specifically is the number of times people have been told to make green changes and become sustainable but the question is have we really made the change? Yes, sure maybe one of us has made the change to become green and sustainable but we must as a society proceed collectively in order for us to really make a difference. We have the potential to do amazing things, extraordinary things, unimaginable things however no matter how many times we repeat something, the change will never occur until the initiative is taken on. Teachers have been teaching students about sustainability, and a green future to inform how we should shape our future. Society must push on each other to think green, think sustainable, be considerate, value all societal issues, make a change, and etc.

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Us, The Young Opinion wants you to know that society must learn from the past, implement in the present, and benefit for the future. Rather than disregard important societal issues, we must value them and seek a solution for them in order to benefit the future which is us the young. Our future must be bright, justice, strong, green, sustainable, fair to every person of society, all voices are projected, and many more. Society can really make a change and has such potential to. Ignoring each other “blind-eyeing” certain problems creates an unfaithful, unheard, bias environment.

Everyone should be able to live in a strong, positive, changing society and that is the type of society everyone one of us should want and aspire for. We cannot let issues go unheard because the future societies will work collectively, and won't let one person suffer. The future should be something better than the past and present even if that requires constant change. The youths of today should be happy that their future will be bright. While children are maybe 20% of our population, they are 100% of our future.



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