

DONALD TRUMP'S POLICIES TOWARD THE AMERICAN PANDEMIC COVID-19 CRISIS IN TRUMP'S DOCUMENTARY SPEECHES

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ABSTRACT

The United States is one of the countries with the largest population and strongest economy in the world. In 2020, the world was shocked by the presence of a virus that originated in Wuhan, China. Almost all countries in the world are affected by this epidemic, including America. President Donald Trump also played a big role in the spread of Covid-19 in the United States, due to his slow handling. Ignoring warnings from the CDC and taking this virus lightly has made the United States the country with the highest spread rate and most deaths. Since this pandemic, rates of depression and domestic violence in America have increased drastically. Apart from that, inequality is increasing and the issue of racism is becoming more widespread. Then the impact of Covid-19 on the economy was also felt by American citizens. Many business actors, both large and small, have been forced to reduce employees or even close their businesses. This research is under the auspices of American Studies which is supported by an interdisciplinary approach to problem solving using an integrated review of various relevant scientific perspectives. This research focuses on conservative theory and modern theory of capitalism. Overall, the policies taken by Donald Trump are still not appropriate, because many problems are still unresolved, economic policies during the pandemic did not have a significant impact but were sufficient to overcome the problems in the short term.

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Introduction

In December 2019, the world was shocked by the emergence of a virus whose cause was unknown. This virus outbreak was first discovered in the city of Wuhan, China. The world still thinks that the plague is an ordinary virus that attacks the respiratory tract. However, at the beginning of the year this virus began to spread and China began to implement a lockdown policy for its country, only then did other countries realize that this virus was a fairly serious outbreak (Rothan, 2020).

At the beginning of the outbreak of Covid-19 before the United States confirmed its first case in its country, the WHO had warned President Donald Trump and the governor of New York to be wary of the virus because it was likely to spread quickly and have a large impact. President Donald Trump ignored the warning and considered the outbreak to be an internal Chinese problem and the country's responsibility. That's why since the beginning of the pandemic, President Donald Trump has paid less attention to this virus. Even as the virus hit New York and governor Cuomo tried to warn Trump, he ignored it. Stubbornness, anti-criticism, and neglect of the dangers of early warning and criticism from others, not being anticipatory and responsive, and taking the problem lightly, have made Trump negligent and low in his responsibility to the US public. (Nainggolan, 2020)

Since Covid-19 entered the United States, the situation has worsened due to a very sharp spike in cases every day. The negligence caused by Trump has impact many sectors. The state of health of the United States collapsed and the economy plummeted. The health condition in the United States is very worrying, every day the victims of the Covid-19 virus are falling and increasing. Hospitals are no longer able to accommodate patients resulting in many being neglected and not being treated properly.

The economy during the pandemic also experienced a drastic decline because the business sector was hampered. All activities are strictly restricted both domestically and abroad. As all these actions inevitably lead to the delay of various forms of economic activity (especially services), national administrations simultaneously face the challenge of saving their respective economies to avoid a crisis. This causes the economic cycle in the United States to be severely hampered.

One of the immediate effects of the Covid-19 pandemic has been a sharp decline in aggregate spending and a sharp increase in savings. The personal savings rate peaked at 34 percent in April, the highest level in recorded history. As is the case around the world, spending in the United States has fallen after the Covid-19 related shutdowns. Spending on many types of goods and services fell immediately during the pandemic. Throughout July, savings rates were also boosted by stimulus payments to households, including unemployment insurance benefits and other federal transfers to households. As a result of those payments, even as millions of workers lost their jobs, disposable personal income from March to July exceeded pre-pandemic levels.

Many companies are reacting to the COVID-19 pandemic by reducing their operations. According to analysis from Homebase, a company that provides scheduling and time clock software to service sector clients, it shows that, starting at the end of March, the reduction in total hours worked was mainly driven by layoffs and company closures. That is, the observed reduction in working hours is not driven by cuts in working hours among workers, but by reductions in work and temporary leave. As a result, the economic crisis during the pandemic cannot be avoided. Before the economic crisis hit again, Trump made rules that prevented a continuing crisis from happening and made the United States economy stable. (Zamarripa, 2020)

Due to the many controversial policies during the pandemic in America and the handling which was considered inappropriate during the time of President Donald Trump, the author is interested in discussing this further. The initial policies taken by President Donald Trump greatly influenced the continuation of the pandemic in the next stage. Then looking at the resulting impact, this pandemic had a huge impact on the social and economic life of society at that time. The author will discuss how the decisions taken by Trump have a big influence in many aspects, especially social and economic.

Methodology

In this study, the researcher uses qualitative methods to analyze the impact of the policies taken by President Donald Trump at the beginning of the pandemic and the economic policies taken to prevent the economic crisis during the pandemic. Qualitative research begins with assumptions, world views, possible use of theoretical lense and study of research problems that investigate the meaning of individuals or groups considering human social problems (Creswell, 2014). Through the above approach, data sources such as data collection, main data, supporting data, and data analysis were created so that the researchers explained as follows:

1. The Sources Data

a. Main data

In this study, researchers used data sources from the Washington Post Youtube channel entitled "An inside look at Trump's failed coronavirus response | America's Pandemic" which discusses Trump's statements regarding the condition of the United States and the economy during the pandemic as the main data source.

b. Supporting data

Then researchers need supporting data as data that will be used to support the main data. Researchers use official news about the issue of Covid-19 pandemic as additional data taken from various sources such as articles, journals, books, internet, and other supporting data sources related to the object being studied. All of these sources are taken as supporting data to analyze Trump's economic policies in the pandemic era.

2. Method of Collecting Data

The instruments used in data collection are observation, documentation and use of literature study. Observations are made by watching videos which are the main source of research. This observation is used to pay attention to every word Trump used in his speech when announcing the initial policies taken during the pandemic and regarding the restrictions on activities during the pandemic which triggered economic paralysis in the United States which resulted in the economic crisis. This study also uses a literature study to find data that is relevant to what is needed in the research. Documentation in this thesis is done by highlighting the transcript line which is the answer to the problem formulation.

3. Method of Analyzing Data

In the data analysis process, researchers use the observation method to analyze the impact of Trump's policies during the Covid-19 pandemic in the United States. Then the author also uses the literature study method with secondary data such as journals, articles, and other relevant sources as supporting arguments in research. The researcher watched the film several times by taking some keywords in the scripts. Then those keywords were analyzed by Theory of Conservative and Theory of Modern Capitalism supported by the American Studies approach. .

Result and Discussion

The aim of this research is to analyze how President Donald Trump responded to policies in dealing with the pandemic. The researcher will explain how the United States performed during the pandemic and the government's response to the pandemic problem in the United States. Then what is the impact of the policies taken by President Donald Trump and their influence on economic conditions during the pandemic.

A. United States conditions during the pandemic Covid-19

In the first three months the Covid-19 outbreak attacked almost all countries in the world, but the United States quickly became the center of the outbreak. The United States was detected to be the country with the highest total infections and number one in the number of deaths in just three months. This cannot be separated from the policies taken by President Donald Trump at the start of the pandemic. The United States confirmed the first positive Covid-19 patient on January 21 2020, namely a 35 year old man who came from Washington State where he had just traveled from Wuhan, which is the center of the Covid-19 virus. The government just ignored it and thought that it was just a harmless common cold. Trump's unpreparedness can be seen from his initial response to the pandemic. As

President Trump did not prioritize public health as something that needed more attention, he even started cutting the budget for emergency health needs and health research. This discussion of United States conditions during the pandemic will be divided into three parts.

1. Social condition

The United States is one of the countries with the highest rate of virus spread and deaths in the world. This inappropriate initial handling resulted in an increasingly uncontrolled spread. This increasingly widespread distribution has resulted in many social problems in the United States.

"There was one point where she said, "Are you just gonna let me die here?" and I said, "No, Mom. Of course, not." But I could tell she was very scared and serious about that. I've talked to the owner of the funeral home, and they're just overwhelmed with not ready for all this to happen."(Data 1)

America experienced its first major outbreak in late February at a nursing home near Seattle. Teddy Tyler lost his mother on March 6 2020. Teddy said his mother was very afraid of the Covid-19 outbreak which would take her life. Teddy has spoken to the funeral home and they are overwhelmed because they are not ready to face everything that has happened. Many people have died because of this epidemic. Meanwhile, President Trump and his allies will insist that this crisis has been overblown, and that the pandemic is just political theater. In fact, this pandemic is really happening and has claimed many lives in America. Trump's lack of trust is what led to his lack of response in handling Covid-19, even though America was starting to lose control. As time goes by the spread of the virus accelerates, but the lack of testing makes it almost impossible to trace. The Centers for Disease Control has taken steps to develop diagnostics and conduct testing but failed because the results were inaccurate. Even when many people say they have some symptoms they are unable to get tested because the system is inadequate.

Ayne Amjad, a doctor in Beckley, West Virginia, set up her own testing site. He said there was no other place nearby to send his patients. He is thinking about doing more tests to test those who are already infected. However he couldn't test any staff members because they didn't meet the criteria so they had to self-quarantine.

In March the new government imposed social restrictions and lockdowns for all regions in the United States. This policy is one of the steps taken to prevent the virus from spreading further. On the other hand, with this lockdown, tens of millions of people suddenly lost their jobs, entire industries went bankrupt, and small businesses struggled to survive. The American economy was greatly impacted by this policy. The entertainment industry and other gathering places also had to be closed so that brands also experienced an unprecedented downturn. This is also the cause of increasing unemployment and economic difficulties.

Apart from the economic impact, the pandemic also has other impacts on society. The elderly and disabled are the people most vulnerable to contracting Covid-19 and have a high risk of dying. After the lockdown and all activities were stopped, people had to quarantine at home. School activities were temporarily stopped and replaced with online learning. The impact of this new system resulted in a decrease in student achievement levels because they had to study independently. Then there are gaps in this system, where equal distribution of facilities for learning is still lacking, and the environment for each child is different so that online learning becomes very ineffective. For some children who have a supportive environment, they even have personal tutors and extra hours to review what they have learned, but for some children who do not have sufficient facilities, they find it difficult to get proper teaching. The risk of depression in students is also increasing because they are worried about their

future. There are even some children who have to give up their dream major because they think that it will not help them in the future.

The pandemic has caused many problems in the household. Since all people have to carry out all activities at home, many cases occur in households for a long time. During the pandemic, domestic and child violence increased drastically. The intensity of meetings frequently makes conflicts in the household even greater. Then the potential for anxiety also becomes greater. Those who feel confined and afraid will cause anxiety. Apart from that, many of them have lost their jobs so there are many fears such as hunger and the inability to pay all bills and loans. Many people have lost their property because they cannot pay their bills. Apart from that, the allowances provided by the government are a little late and cannot meet all existing needs. If we talk about allowances from the government, there are still gaps in their distribution. Not all people in the United States receive support from the government. Black people and illegal immigrants in the United States do not receive benefits, so this causes more and more people to become homeless in the United States.

In the United States, as we know, racial problems between Black Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans are nothing new. Apart from sometimes having difficulty getting a good job, they also have difficult access to the health system, care, treatment and insurance. This is in stark contrast to white people who have access to very good health and very good insurance. During this pandemic, we can see that most of those affected by Covid-19 and the victims who died were mostly from the black, Hispanic and Native American races. This shows that there are gaps in the handling of Covid-19 in the United States. One example is measuring using an oximeter to obtain oxygen and treatment. Some of those who were black were sent home without any treatment. Based on the oximeter results, most of those with black skin had enough oxygen when tested so they did not need intensive care. Apart from that, intensive care is also mostly used by those with white skin, so many people of color do not receive help. Economic inequality is also the cause of this gap. The areas that have the highest rate of spread of Covid-19 are mostly slum areas or areas with a majority black population.

Apart from racism against black people, since the Covid-19 outbreak which originated in China, the level of racism against Asian people has also increased. Americans assume that those of the Asian race are the cause of all this epidemic. Many Asian Americans have received hate speech after the Covid-19 outbreak. In fact, most of them are afraid to be in public places or use public transportation. The threat of verbal and physical attacks is the main reason why they avoid public places a little. Some also experience anxiety and depression due to attacks from outside society. Even though most of them are the second generation of their predecessors, who are only of Chinese descent, they are a large body in America. There are even some who may have only been to China once or twice. However, with the outbreak of this pandemic, hatred towards them has increased and they are blamed for the spread of the virus.

2. Economic condition

As we know, the Covid-19 pandemic has caused many problems in various countries. As president, Donald Trump has made several policies during this pandemic. Lockdown is one of the policies he created to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus. However, this lockdown has had a major impact on economic conditions in the United States.

According to the data above, during the pandemic, the stock market experienced quite an alarming decline every day. This decline in shares will have an impact on an economic recession like the one that occurred in 2008. But President Donald Trump

still ignores all the warnings and says that everything will be fine. The situation is getting worse with the new policy regarding the closure of social activities. The lockdown policy issued by this government had very bad consequences for the United States economy. These activity restrictions require that various economic activities have to be stopped, many shops have to be closed, factories have reduced production, and various other industries have had to be closed as well.

“In seven years running the company, one of the things that I was most proud of is I never, never laid anybody off, and we added to benefits, didn't decrease them, and I never cut anybody's wage. And in that day in March, I did all those things, and...that's hard. It's hard with a group of people you really care about to do that.”(Data 3)

Jon Blumenauer is the owner of the furniture company The Joinery. He said that as long as he ran the company, he never once laid off or laid off any of his employees, but in March after the pandemic started to hit, he had to lay off workers and cut their salaries. This shows how detrimental the impact of this pandemic is in many aspects. Both large and small scale companies have had to reduce workers or even go bankrupt. Apart from that, the entertainment industry and other gathering places also had to be closed so that brands also experienced an unprecedented downturn. This is also the cause of increasing unemployment and economic difficulties.

3. Education condition

The education sector is one sector that is also affected by the Covid-19 virus. The pandemic has caused very significant changes not only for students but also in the learning system and also new environmental conditions that must be adapted to. In the education sector, students are required to study independently at home and are not allowed to go to school temporarily. Students are only given material from school and have to study independently, this causes a decrease in student learning achievement. Apart from that, it also causes a high level of inequality. Those who come from upper middle class families do not have any obstacles in studying, all facilities will be met including adequate equipment, a supportive learning environment and it is not uncommon for them to even get private tutors who can teach them the material in more depth. Those who have a lower economic level do not get this, even just to get access to online education, it is difficult for them to reach it. Apart from that, a less conducive learning environment also causes them to have difficulty learning.

Some students at universities have also suspended face-to-face learning. They were all sent home and studied through the online system. With this system change, the learning environment and the system used also automatically change. As a result, many students are worried about their future. The current pandemic situation has spurred them to think about what conditions they will face in the future. Many of them are changing their majors and reconsidering what majors might be more needed in the future. They even sacrifice the major they previously liked and choose a new major that may have a greater chance of getting a job.

The Covid-19 pandemic in the education sector also has an effect on students' mental health. For those at university, it causes anxiety about their future. They feel that the major they have taken is not appropriate and many change the major they have taken. Apart from that, learning also becomes less effective. Apart from that, many students from kindergarten to school experience a little depression. They had to be locked up in the house for days without any entertainment and couldn't meet each other. This results in mild depression for students. Apart from that, the learning process is also less effective so that students feel bored and find it difficult to concentrate.

B. Trump's policies to save the United States from the crisis

To save the United States from the crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, Trump made several policies. Some of these policies had several impacts on the United States. In this section the policies taken by Trump will be divided into two parts.

1. Trump's conservative policy

“those are all the things that a functioning CDC does and they do it very very well with good leadership”

In the video Dr. Rishi Desai (Chief Medical Officer at Otmosis.org Former CDC Intelligence Officer) explained that the CDC is carrying out its duties well under good leadership. CDC is the most prominent data-based public health service organization in the United States and the largest government agency working in the field of disease control and prevention. CDC produces strategic information by applying advanced science and technology to protect the public's health, safety and security. CDC works with ministries of health to prevent disease, build defenses against emergencies and respond quickly if an outbreak occurs. This organization is responsible for preparing the country to be ready to face a pandemic. In the first 100 days of President Donald Trump's leadership, Donald Trump was given direction and guidance to deal with the pandemic for years. The CDC has also been warning of an influenza pandemic and other warnings for years but the government has simply ignored them. Then after taking office as president, Trump proposed making budget cuts to the CDC even larger than any previous president. For more than two decades he has proposed massive cuts, in 2017 he proposed to cut 1.2 billion dollars, then in 2018 by 1.3 billion dollars, then in 2019 by 750 million dollars, even in the midst of the pandemic in 2020 he also proposed to propose cuts of 693 million dollars but none of that passed through Congress.

However, looking at the decisions that President Donald Trump tried to take, it can be concluded that he felt that public health services were not very important, even though if we look again at the many warnings from the CDC that were given to President Donald Trump at the time of the pandemic that occurred in America. The impact can be minimized because the country is prepared. Nevertheless, in reality Trump only underestimated the disease outbreak and simply ignored it. Apart from cutting the budget for the CDC, Trump also eliminated the National Strategic Stockpile, which is a variety of supplies for national emergencies. Medical supplies that are very important for emergencies are also running low, this is one of the reasons for the government's poor response to the pandemic. This has very fatal consequences and slows down the handling of the pandemic.

“one of the many reasons for the bungled response and the poor preparedness for them this pandemic was that sometime in 2018 the strategic national stockpile was moved from CDC's management to Washington for so-called efficiencies.”

Dr. Bruce Winiger (Former CDC Medical Officer) said that in 2018 Trump made an efficiency where he moved the national strategic stock which contained various kinds of emergency medical needs to Washington. The role of the CDC in hotspot countries like China is very important because it can act as a supervisor. Over the last three years, the CDC team in China has shrunk from 47 staff to only 14 staff. Then in September 2019 the United States government ended a \$200 million pandemic early warning program called Forecast that focused on monitoring new diseases in China and other high-risk countries. However, budget cuts cause viruses such as Covid-19, which should have been predicted, to become uncontrollable.

The Covid-19 virus began to spread in America in January 2020 and continued to spread rapidly in just a short time. The most powerful country in the world has even been overwhelmed by the Covid-19 outbreak. America went from having only 15 positive cases of the Covid-19 virus in the last week of February to becoming the country with the highest number of deaths in the world, now reaching tens of thousands of people. This cannot be separated from Trump's responsibility as head of state who is less firm. The spread became more massive after a few weeks, many Americans flocked to beaches in Florida in the spring, this caused a fairly large explosion of cases in America. Elmhurst Hospital in Queens, where there has been a surge in outbreaks in one of New York's poorest neighborhoods, saw long lines of patients waiting to be tested. Now the number of hungry people is skyrocketing, millions of people are out of work and looking for food, which is the scourge of the Great Depression of the 21st century. The Covid-19 virus is now increasingly out of control. Many hospitals are starting to run out of medical equipment and medicines. Hospitals already lack facilities because of the overflow of patients, many patients die before being treated because of the lack of facilities. Now it's not only elderly patients who are in hospital, but also young people who have been infected by this virus. According to several surveys, those who have congenital diseases such as diabetes or heart disease are more at risk of dying than those who have no previous history of any disease.

Trump's policy of cutting costs for emergency allocations is reckless and has long-term impacts. The cut funds could have prevented the pandemic from getting worse, but it was too late and the pandemic spread further.

"We have it totally under control. It's one person coming in from China, and we have it under control. It's, uh, gonna be just fine"

Trump always says that everything is fine and everything is well controlled. In fact all of that is not entirely true. In February, the spike in Covid-19 cases increased and became increasingly uncontrolled. From the start he continued to downplay this virus and did nothing. Even when Minister Azar called him and said about the virus, Trump didn't seem interested. Minister Azar continues to try to track him down and find out how to gain access in the field. The Minister of Health and other staff attended the meeting and sought a special meeting to discuss this outbreak where the virus was spreading very quickly. But inside the White House, the main concern is the pending trade agreement with China. Trump only cares about the economic problems that are happening with China and continues to ignore the bigger problems.

The warnings kept coming, even people in the government started to take the warnings given by the CDC and people at HHS seriously, but they still couldn't get the president's attention. On January 28 Trump's national security adviser told him in no uncertain terms that this could be the biggest crisis of his presidency. Trump knows how serious the virus is, he even asked how serious the virus is and how it spreads, he looked very serious and a little surprised by that. In late January the White House created a coronavirus task force and imposed travel restrictions on China. Later, they will expand to Europe. This policy buys a little time, but it cannot be the final solution for epidemic prevention in the United States.

"They tried the impeachment hoax that was on a perfect conversation. They tried anything. They tried it over and over. They've been doing it since you got in. It's all turning. They lost. It's all turning. Think of it. Think of it. And this is their new hoax"

At this stage the president is still very much in denial and still thinks that everything is fine, and nothing has happened. The news that is happening in the media is just exaggerated nonsense and they are just trying to vilify Trump. The president could downplay meetings with the coronavirus task force he leads, ignoring the fact that people are suffering, and suffering is still to come. As time passed, the spread of the virus accelerated, but a lack of testing made it nearly impossible to trace. The Centers for Disease Control took steps to develop a diagnostic but used new methods and failed. During February the virus continued to spread and it is not yet known where the source came from. The government says anyone who needs a test will get one immediately. Tests carried out in the field did not produce the desired results, because a third of the system defects produced wrong tests. As a result of this failure, those who already had symptoms and needed to be tested did not get it, and doctors did not even have access to carry out the test.

In mid-March Trump changed his statement and began to take the threat of the Covid-19 outbreak seriously. He said that the previous statement regarding Covid-19 which was not paid much attention to was a precaution so that people did not panic. Trump's previous decision to try to hide this pandemic actually made conditions worse for society, and caused America to become one of the countries with the highest spread rate in the world. After changing his statement, Trump began implementing a lockdown policy that required residents in all states to stay at home. When the country goes into lockdown, it will experience the biggest economic collapse since the Great Depression. Tens of millions of people suddenly lost their jobs, entire industries went bankrupt, and small businesses struggled to survive.

Trump's denial attitude shows how he is dealing with this virus. If we look at the characteristics of conservative attitudes, Trump's attitude reflects how conservative people behave. Apart from denial, he also shows his distrust of science where he always ignores the CDC and often makes policies that conflict with his science.

"The CDC is advising the use of nonmedical cloth face covering as an additional voluntary public-health measure." So it's voluntary. You don't have to do it. They suggested for a period of time. But, uh, this is voluntary. I don't think I'm gonna be doing"

As president, Trump should set an example and instill confidence in the CDC which has implemented scientific prevention against this virus. However, in his speech Trump actually said that the use of masks was only voluntary and he said not to wear masks. This is the same as setting an example for society not to obey the rules and take these things lightly. As president the attitude he took was very bad. This crisis is real, the virus is real, people are dying. It took a long time before Trump finally wore a mask in public. This is an indication that people should do what they should do. The president has a very important role in the policies he puts forward.

In late May, Trump tried to reopen some areas. It's concerning, to say the least, now to see Southern states and some states in the West deciding not to really adhere to federal guidelines for reopening and continuing to have these large outbreaks over the summer. The three states worst affected are California, Texas and Florida, each of which recorded the highest daily death toll. And growing evidence suggests the surge has something to do with reopenings. Trump is trying

to reopen states with the aim of continuing his campaign. From the start he had planned to serve for two terms, that's why he was so obsessed with reopening the country which had been locked down to carry out a campaign. The president said that everything was fine and could return to normal operations. The President even appeared in public without a mask with thousands of his supporters. The president pressed the CDC this summer over school reopening guidelines. When he says open, he means completely open where children can be present every day at their school. When Trump said everything was under control, 200 thousand people died from this outbreak and more than 7 million people were infected in the United States. In fact, the United States has 5%, 4% of the world's population, 20% of the deaths. If we continue to listen to Trump, this country will be left wide open, millions of people will die, not 200,000 but many more.

This seems to show the way President Trump handled this problem from the start, namely by ignoring science. Later that week, everyone was aware of the breaking news, namely that the president and first lady had tested positive for the coronavirus. However, after receiving treatment, President Trump returned to the White House. And one thing is for sure, we are still in the midst of a dangerous virus, people continue to get infected, people continue to be hospitalized and people continue to die from this, yet the President of the United States continues to act as if this is just a thing that happened for a while. This outbreak has rocked America to the brink and we are not yet completely out of the woods. It will take a long time to recover and it would be much better if we were prepared.

Trump's policies, such as not requiring masks to be worn, advising people to use disinfectants and relaxing other policies, have caused this virus to spread more widely. The policy taken by Trump does not think about the long-term impact on the people of the United States. This is a policy taken in an inclusive way without considering the possibilities that will arise in the future.

2. Trump's capitalism policy

"I think it's very hard to be in a situation like this when you have someone at the very top who is focused solely on what benefits him."

Olivia Troye, a former member of the coronavirus task force, said that it is difficult to be under a dreamer who only focuses on what is profitable for himself. From this it can be seen that all the policies taken by Trump do not consider the impact on society. Even Trump often clashes with his own scientists. Previously he stated that the pandemic would be over in April, but in fact this was not proven.

One of the most memorable press conferences was at the end of April when the President gave a speech about bleach, if people inject bleach and U.V. light, whether it can remove viruses from the body. He said that if disinfectant is injected into the skin it will kill the virus, but this statement cannot be justified and there is no scientific testing. Responding to this, Olivia Troye commented that there would be people who would actually do what the president said. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency said they received about 100 calls regarding the use of disinfectants. Even the CDC weighed in, tweeting a picture and saying, "Household cleaners and disinfectants can cause health problems if not used properly." According to Frances Townsend, a former homeland security and counterterrorism adviser, in a crisis, consistency is important, stability is important. People are scared, when people are scared, what they want is someone who gives them comfort and confidence. And I think that's a lost opportunity in this pandemic. That's why there are some people who really follow what Trump says without knowing the impact.

From Olivia Troye's statement it can be concluded that the policies that Trump has taken are more profitable for individuals. As we know that Trump has a background as an entrepreneur, of course economic policy will be more pro-entrepreneurs and individuals. Apart from that, the policy of reopening small businesses, apart from reviving the economy, is also a guarantee for all industries to have complete freedom in doing business.

C. Economic policies during the pandemic

As a president with a business background, Trump certainly has different policies from most people. During his term in office Trump focused more on economic development in the United States. This can be seen from the trade war between America and China and the agreements they agreed to. However, with this pandemic, the American economy has been greatly affected and quite shaken.

During the pandemic, the president must think about policies that can help society deal with Covid-19 and make policies that support society. However, when this pandemic took place, Trump's concerns were focused on the previously unfinished agreement with China. Even though China is the center of the Covid-19 outbreak, Trump is still determined to meet Xi Jinping at the White House to discuss trade agreements that are still not finalized. This is in line with the president's trade, jobs and economy platform. Those were his strongest points and things he was most proud of during his time as president, of course they wouldn't mess with this. Trump even ignored various warnings from the CDC, he focused more on developing the economy and thinking about what might be more economically profitable.

After Covid-19, the stock market in America started to fall and fell even more drastically. Many Americans have lost their jobs, small and large-scale companies have had to reduce workers and are threatened with bankruptcy. They have difficulty carrying out production. Apart from that, many entertainment venues, cafes, restaurants and bars have had to close due to this pandemic. All economic wheels began to collapse and stop slowly.

The start of the lockdown policy in the United States caused the economy to immediately stop. Various industries cannot continue their work. Rising unemployment also makes the economy increasingly difficult. Many residents are forced to sell property to pay their bills. Even benefits from the government are not enough to cover their needs. America almost experienced a recession that previously occurred during the Obama era.

President Donald Trump has planned to reopen the economy in the United States. He launched several programs such as providing financial assistance for loans to small businesses amounting to 250 billion and the Democratic Party proposed doubling that amount with additional food, hospital and state vouchers. Apart from that, the state will still pay for various drive thru tests which are still being carried out today. With this assistance, it is hoped that small business actors can get back on their feet and open their businesses. This is also an effort to grow the economy and provide opportunities for new job opportunities.

In addition to providing benefits to laid-off employees, the government is also deferring loan interest for students and providing relief in the form of check cuts of up to \$400 for states that extend the eviction moratorium. It is hoped that all this assistance can reduce the burden on people affected by the pandemic. Apart from that, the governor of New York, Andrew Cuomo, said that the president had provided appropriate costs for handling Covid-19 for New York. New York is one of the states that is the center of the greatest spread due to the pandemic, and it is the center of the American economy. Assistance from the government really helps the people of New York, all costs provided are distributed effectively. Health and medical facilities are very adequate so that New

York can recover quickly. One of the reasons for this assistance from the government is to help New York quickly recover from the pandemic and be able to reopen immediately as a driving force for the American economy. Trump hopes that all the policies he implements can help the American economy recover quickly and can run as before.

Conclusion

The aim of this research was to identify and investigate the condition of the United States during the pandemic and what policies were taken by President Donald Trump. Based on the results and discussion, it can be concluded that the beginning of President Donald Trump's failure in dealing with the pandemic was due to neglect and lack of trust in scientists and ministries who had given previous warnings. Trump is taking this case too lightly so that his policies tend not to consider the long-term impacts so that the economic and social losses are even greater. This pandemic almost caused a major recession in America, but the existence of aid and policies to reopen several industries was quite effective in preventing the economy from getting worse. Loans also help small industries get back on their feet.

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