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How covid-19 changed my life

Covid-19 shifted my life in the most drastic way and showed how vulnerable my situation was. I am a college graduate who has had to settle for a minimum wage job without benefits simply because that was the only way to sustain myself and pay the bills. Concerns I had about health care, my future in terms of savings and feeling secure about retirement, having a sense of security and accomplishment were further highlighted as covid-19 made it even more apparent how dire that situation was. The shutdown happened and I immediately lost that job, causing me to tap into what I had saved. The stress of uncertainty is continuous because it does not seem like things will ever be the same, the jobs that were never there before will never be as companies have found ways to use more technology and less people. There is also the struggle now to quickly adapt to this new way, but the question is will that adaptation guarantee security? I am an immigrant, I am a minority, I am a woman these are things that already put me at a disadvantage.