

Celebrity luxuries stay afloat during quarantine



I Will Rise

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It is an incredibly hard time for everyone right now. COVID-19 has taken over the world and people are doing everything they can to avoid the virus. There have been over 850,000 confirmed cases in America alone and over 47,000 deaths.

The media largely focuses on how celebrities are coping when there are people struggling. During this time regular people need to hear other peoples' stories, good or bad. People need hope, but it is also important to know what we are really dealing with right now. Celebrities cannot give us the right hope we need because they are more privileged than we are and do not have the same worries.

The celebrities in their mansions with movie theaters, pools, and security could never have it harder than the people that are struggling to get food for their families. And celebrities could be helping so much. They have so much money they could use to help but donate so little.

Average people are possibly getting the virus because they are an essential worker but they need the money so they cannot quit for their safety and their family's. Essential workers struggle to get proper safety gear. Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos took a long time to get his workers masks, and only did something when too many of his employees contracted

the virus, even though he is the richest man in the world. Senator Elizabeth Warren wants Congress to enact a protective order for these workers so they can get the protective gear they need to protect themselves and their family. These people would have had protective gear sooner if this was enacted.

Some celebrities like Ellen and Wendy Williams are filming their shows from home. They are already fully stocked on food. For example when Kylie Jenner did her fridge tour it had everything she could ever need.

Seeing how celebrities are complaining about the simplest problems is annoying. These problems are something that most people wish they had to deal with. Most people are struggling to get food because everything is sold out. This is especially hard for homeless people who have nowhere to self-isolate.

A few celebrities have come out and said if they have the virus and some have come out and said they tested negative. Labs are testing 1 0 0 , 0 0 0 people per day, according to *USA Today*. It is still difficult for people to get tested for the virus. Celebrities are considered

important and are rich, so they would be the first to get the cure. They will also be the first

non-celebrity patient," said the president of the *National Center for Health Research*, Diana Zuckerman.

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people to receive the vaccine. “I think there’s a lot of benefit for a physician to have celebrity patients, and that means that those physicians are going to do their very best to please their patients in ways that they might not work quite so hard for in a

The media is making it seem like celebrities have more value than normal people. Normal people are equally important in our society. According to *The Atlantic*, celebrities only

make up 0.0086 percent of the population of the Earth. There are so many stories for the media to cover but the vast majority want to focus on the celebrities.

It does not seem like celebrities even realize they have it easier than the rest of

the world during this time. Sam Smith filmed a video of them crying because they are afraid of change and they were bored. Smith was filming in a 12 million dollar mansion. Celebrities feel like they have it just as hard as everyone else when they do not.

The media needs to be focusing on how regular people are dealing with this virus. This is a serious time and if people have tips and stories from people like them who are surviving this virus then the media needs to cover that. Regular people can not get tips from celebrities. Celebrities can easily quit doing their job to stay home because they have enough money to sustain themselves. It is time for celebrities to wake up and realize the world does not revolve around them.



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