

Toilet Paper: The New Gold?



Rachel and Tracey fight over the last roll of toilet paper as if it was gold.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected American lives in unprecedented ways. Everything is being cancelled, from sporting events to schools to businesses. Even the stock market is tanking. Social distancing is likely to become the new way of life for at least the next month, and Americans are preparing for the worst. These dire circumstances make it valid to brawl with other customers over the essentials. After all, if they aren't able to shop anymore, how will they clean their asses without toilet paper? Intellectuals, such as the ones pictured above, have realized this and gotten a headstart on their stockpile. They can't risk going shopping and contracting the coronavirus since their unvaccinated children are most at risk of death from the illness. If toilet paper is worth so much, it's only a matter of time before people auction off sheets of toilet paper for ridiculous amounts. I mean, who is going to expect Karen to utilize bidets, lotas/bodnas, tabos, or any other method of toilet hygiene?

However, there is no need to fear. I'm sure they will be the same people to push people out of the way for a vaccine the moment the government hastily produces one available for the public.

What are you waiting for? Go fight for the essential whites! Don't be afraid to throw hands on site, there's no need to be polite, and remember: you can always bite, even if it doesn't seem quite right. Everything will be alright, and the future's looking bright. ~~Period.~~

I agree with de Botton's claim regarding satire, since humor is necessary in order to address topics that may be too controversial to directly state one's opinion on. In the news article, the coronavirus is being referenced for changing people's priorities. This is a touchy subject, since this is nothing to joke about and social distancing is a rule people should be abiding by, but people stockpiling toilet paper instead of more vital items for survival show just how crazy people have become under the current circumstances. For example, people have been waiting on lines that last over two hours just to get into Costco because they want to leave their homes as little as possible. Parents have been taking items from shopping carts merely guarded by children on line if they can't get items off the shelves. Customers have been wearing masks and gloves the moment they step outdoors. This every man for himself kind of scenario may seem absurd, in these stressful circumstances, someone with an at-risk family member would do anything to ensure their family stays healthy and happy in quarantine. Not to mention, more people having free time means more people are able to criticize and share improper news articles.

I had too much fun writing this.