Living in a time when you can't believe going to the supermarket or store is restricted with number of people in addition to the scarcity of items available was surreal. For the most part I felt like I was dealing with it well and trying to manage a family during a pandemic. My most vivid personal impact was one day in May 2020 I went to Costco (a warehouse store) to get some shopping done and the line was around the store, prob 300 people deep. I couldn't believe it and it broke me. I went back to my car and cried because I couldn't believe we were at a point where we couldn't even go to a store and shop. There were so many bigger things happening around me but at that moment it really hit home that this was our reality for the next few months (or longer). It was day that really got to me.

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