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Hi, I'm Kate Holland and this is Newsreel.

Coming up:

Should we be doing more to close the pay gap between men and women?

PERSON: Definitely. Because at the moment it feels like women have to fight for this right. Which is absolutely ridiculous.

But first.

Panic Buying

You might remember that a few weeks ago I brought you this.

KATE ARCHIVE: The outbreak of a new virus has been declared a “global emergency” by the World Health Organisation.

Well, the coronavirus has now spread to more than 100 countries across the world.

Europe has been declared the epicentre of the pandemic by the World Health Organisation. And here in England, we're being asked by the government to “self-isolate”, by staying in our houses and not seeing anyone for seven days if we have a cough or fever. This is to try and stop the virus spreading.

With many of us facing a week at home, there have been reports of people “panic buying”. This means they're buying huge amounts of basic products, such as toilet paper and pasta. And people have been posting pictures of empty shelves in supermarkets.

To find out what it's like in the shops at the moment, I went to meet Hitesh, who manages my local corner shop.

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He told me it's been very quiet in his small shop, because everyone's rushing to big supermarkets.

HITESH: *It's definitely been quieter than usual. Yeah, we're, probably 20 to 25 percent down in sales. We're starting to get like a few customers popping their heads in to see if we've got any toilet rolls, any hand wipes out. You're talking about the basic stuff.*

And Hitesh thinks people who are buying everything in supermarkets are putting more vulnerable people, such as old people, at risk.

HITESH: *They don't know what they're doing. People got a house full of toilet rolls for God knows what reason. People are like stocked up on pasta for probably two years' worth of supply. But then obviously you got people out there like the older community, they're going out and obviously there's nothing there for them as well.*

Outside his shop though, most people don't seem to be too worried about the need to go shopping.

PERSON 1: *I am not panic buying. I just don't think there is really a reason to. And also, what is buying a bunch of toilet paper going to do for you?*

PERSON 2: *I went to the supermarket last weekend and I'd heard other people were, so I bought more toilet roll than I normally would. Purely on the basis that other people I'd heard were doing the same.*

Women's History Month

Every March, in the USA, UK and Australia, we celebrate Women's History Month.

Over 31 days, events are held to highlight what women have contributed to history and modern society.

Now This, an organisation in America, made this video explaining what it's all about for them:

NOW THIS: *We need Women's History Month so we can remember all of the strong, unbreakable, empowering, disrupting women who play a vital role in history. We need to acknowledge the women, the relentless pioneers, who didn't back down in a room full of men.*

Here in the UK, the 2020 Women's History Month has special importance. It's fifty years since the Equal Pay Act came into being. The law was designed to prevent anybody from being paid less, because of their gender.

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However, according to the UK government, women in this country are still paid less than men - with the gender pay gap, as it's known, currently at around 17%.

I've been asking people in London if they think we should be doing more to close the pay gap - and how:

PERSON 1: Definitely. Because at the moment it feels like women have to fight for this right. Which is absolutely ridiculous. We share the same skill sets in the workplace.

PERSON 2: It's up to businesses to look after and to promote all of the members of that business. And I think that includes how women can access and work in all areas of the organization, all the way up to board member and CEO positions.

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That's all for today. I'll be back with another Newsreel in two weeks' time. Goodbye!