**Misinformed Capital**

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*Misinformed*. On this canvas, I displayed conflicting perspectives on responses to coronavirus from newspapers and editorials/social media posts. I then used black paint to enhance phrases that I found most directly in conversation with one another. By only using black to cover, white to expose, and red to highlight, I juxtapose the simplicity of language with a complex paradigm that incorporates misinformation and panic together, eventually leading to the expression of unfair prejudice against vulnerable populations such as those who are immunocompromised. The nature of COVID-19 that disproportionately predisposes vulnerable communities to illness lends itself to this problem because able-bodied individuals feel a sense of separation from these communities. When individuals with a large degree of mobilizing power on social media express these perspectives, it ameliorates panic from some communities while completely displacing others.

*Capital*. Here, I display how misinformation, panic, and urgency can allow for some to capitalize on fear, using it to further their business-oriented goals. Once again, I begin with a canvas filled with information from a variety of mediums that have erupted in the past few days. I then expose rhetoric that most compellingly forms a dialogue within these sources. Otherwise common, mundane objects such as toilet paper (attached throughout the canvases), hand sanitizer, and soap have suddenly become scarcities. Stock value for Alpha Pro Tech, a company that sells face masks, has risen by 40%, allowing for stockholders to continue profiting from this pandemic. Craigslisters are selling Purell for 10 times its original price. To create resources from a pool that does not yet have the capacity to fill the demand, governmental bodies will utilize ethically questionable tactics. New York is paying incarcerated individuals $6.50 per hour (less than minimum wage) to generate hand sanitizer that will be distributed throughout governmental bodies, prisons, and schools for free.