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The U.S. is now seeing a rapid growth in the number of preppers, with the Wuhan coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic contributing to that increase.

Prior to the pandemic, only to two or three percent of all Americans were preppers. Now, that number has soared to about 10 percent. While the fear brought about by the pandemic has passed, most people's eyes were opened to the importance of preparedness when SHTF.

Prepper John Ramey, who runs a website for preppers called *The Prepared*, believes that around 15 million Americans are actively preparing for the worst. "Broadly speaking, more and more people [are] realizing that they are their own first responder," he said.

Not so long ago, the mainstream media (MSM) – whose job is to keep people's eyes closed – openly ridiculed those who were readying for the inevitable collapse. It mocked these people as "doomsday preppers" and "survivalists," even creating TV shows to lambast them.

But now, even the MSM acknowledges preppers, with one episode of the *CBS News* program "60 Minutes" running a story about them. It mentioned that these preppers were ordinary people from all walks of life getting ready for when SHTF.

"It was COVID-19 that turned abstract apocalyptic scenarios into a reality. Modern preppers come at it from all angles and for all kinds of reasons," the episode stated.

Need for prepping goes beyond party lines

Formerly subjects of MSM derision, "survivalists" can now be found all over the world stockpiling goods

and honing their survival skills for extreme calamities. In the past, the majority of preppers were conservatives. But now, people who espouse a liberal political belief are joining the growing prepping community.

These liberal preppers are of the belief that the government would not be able to manage the apocalyptic scenarios that may come. When things become worse, a great deal of people can only turn to themselves for support.

Prepper Larry Hall attested to this, saying that Americans interested in survival are united by the goal of keeping their families safe when disaster strikes.

"I know that there's Independents, I know there's Democrats and Republicans. You've got the whole mix here," he remarked. "But what they have in common is they all [want to] have a safe place for their family."

The rise in prepping also comes amid the rise in the world's population, which would hit the eight billion mark soon. The United Nations' Population Division said the number of people would increase in the decades to come, with life expectancy slated to hit an average of 77.2 years by 2050.

However, not all of these people will survive what lies ahead – natural disasters, nuclear war, pestilence, hunger and others. The global organization even warned that "multiple famines" are possible in the coming years.

Mankind is living in such challenging times, and a larger number of people are now getting prepared for apocalyptic situations. While the best time to learn about prepping is yesterday, the second best time to learn about it is today.

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