

Consequences of the pandemic on working habits :

Teleworking :

pros → people are more efficient and less stressed when they work from home

cons → this process is an argument for companies to cut wages et decrease employees' rights

Tech giants during the pandemic :

pros → *BBC*, January 2021 : Amazon offers help to deliver the vaccine in the US, with a 4,0bn\$ investment

cons → They have too big an impact and it leads small independent shops to bankruptcy.

→ online : they can reach everyone, and have a monopoly in several sectors.
NewYorkTimes, November 2020 : =50 % of Amazon sales in France in one year, because of the national lockdown.

→ well-being of workers is not always respected: employees are overexploited.

Consequences → it created a new trend in promote brick-and-mortar shops.

Vocabulary :

bankruptcy = faillite

to lay off = licencier

to cut wages = réduire les salaires

an upswing = une augmentation

GAFAs = les quatre géants américains d'internet : Google, Amazon, Facebook et Apple.