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Covid Mandates: Plan or Panic — Your Choice

Alex Jones of InfoWars recently revealed that government insiders told him that the federal government had been preparing to bring back Covid mandates as early as mid-September. We would be foolish to think that government wasn't already preparing for the next ratcheting down of American society, taking advantage of either planned or natural pandemics. As should be expected, the reaction from many Americans regarding talk of mandates returning has been rather visceral. Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds summed it up best when she exclaimed, "Not on my watch!"



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Human nature is a bit funny. When we are prepared, we have confidence. When we are not, we tend to panic. Remember the "old days" of the "pandemic"? Misplaced trust and undeserved confidence led many to do whatever the government told them to do. Lock down, mask up, social distance, get tested, get jabbed — once, twice, thrice, booster, booster, booster! Many who lined up like lemmings were, and continue to be, treated like lab rats, as long-term consequences of the shots have yet to fully be realized.

Many died, many are dying, and many will continue to cut their lives short because of government control. Nowhere does the Constitution offer even a smidge of power to the federal government to have that level of control over you.

Understanding the nature of government and its propensity to grow and tip the scales of control its way allows us to plan and prosper. Government will quickly grow outside of its constitutional limitations unless there is a force that keeps it shackled to those limitations. "We the People" are that force that must hold elected officials accountable.

Confidence comes from knowing the truth, having a plan, and successfully executing that plan. And just what is the plan? It is *not* an alleged government insider sending out "drops" of information to convince you to do nothing. Doing nothing leaves a vacuum to be filled by the opposition. Likewise with dropping out. Thinking you can avoid government by heading for the hills with your guns and groceries is a fallacy. You merely remove your participation from efforts to hold elected officials accountable. Again, you leave a vacuum.

Knowing your rights and the necessity of limiting the size and scope of government is essential. Either you can plan or you can panic. Those who panic make for a population that can be molded by government bureaucrats into slaves. Indeed, Big Government is a fearful master. Yet, the Founding Fathers envisioned a free republic with guidelines that placed the levers of control among "We the People" — if we could keep it.

The Founders knew firsthand the ills that befall a society under government tyranny. For them, freedom



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was the cure. Getting government out of the way (but not to the point of anarchy) has demonstrated time and again that a free people will accomplish much. Constructive action involves learning the constitutional limitations and knowing what tools you can utilize to protect your rights.

Those who understood this demonstrated it throughout the country during the 2020-21 Covid lockdowns. They utilized the layers of strength that reside within the governmental structure that protect God-given rights. Namely, they interposed themselves between the offending force and their constituents, protecting the latter from the former.

Governors, state legislatures, and county sheriffs stood up against federal mandates. Mayors, city officials, state prosecuting attorneys, and county sheriffs stood up against governors and state legislatures. And business owners, county sheriffs, and city, town, and county officials stood up against mayors and other local government entities who passed unconstitutional mandates in the name of “health” and “safety.”

At The John Birch Society, we’d rather plan than panic. You *panic* when you don’t know your rights; you *plan* when you understand your rights and how to exercise them. What will you do when mandates return? Get active today by joining The John Birch Society, and implement freedom as the cure! Start at [JBS.org](#).



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